

Side Event: Key UN-Habitat Initiatives To Support The New Urban Agenda	
ORGANIZATION (PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS)	<p>United Nations Human Settlements Programme INFONAVIT ISOCARP Habitat for Humanity International Asia Pacific Network and Platform for Safer Cities</p>
DATE/TIME	26 July, 1:30 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.
VENUE	Crystal 5
DESCRIPTION	<p>UN-Habitat has recently developed a set of new initiatives to position the agency as a key actor in the implementation and monitoring of the New Urban Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals. This side event will briefly introduce some of these initiatives and exchange experiences from countries where they are being applied. These initiatives include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - City Prosperity Initiative. The CPI enables cities to identify opportunities and areas of intervention to become more prosperous. The CPI is a global monitoring mechanism, adaptable to national and local levels, that allows cities, countries, and the international community to measure progress. Its composite index made of six dimensions can support the formulation of evidence-based policies. The CPI has been applied in more than 300 cities across the world. - International Guidelines on Urban and Territorial Planning. The IG-UTP are designed to support reforms in planning processes and to reorient the content of plans. The guidelines contain recommendations for national governments, sub-national governments, civil society and planning professionals to incorporate IG-UTP principles into urban planning systems and adjust urban policies, plans and designs in their contexts. - Housing at the Centre of the New Urban Agenda. ‘Housing at the Centre’ is UN-Habitat’s new housing approach that highlights equity and reorients cities towards adequate and accessible housing. This constitutes a paradigm shift from simply building houses to a holistic framework for housing development that is



	<p>integrated with urban planning practice and places people at the forefront of sustainable urban development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Safer Cities for an Urban Century. Promoting a culture of lawfulness and building resilience to crime and violence are key requirements to achieve sustainable urban development. The event will promote an implementation platform for Safer Cities in the New Urban Agenda, as an essential component of city growth strategies and national urban policies.
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