

Side Event: Prioritizing Children And Youth Within The New Urban Agenda	
ORGANIZATION (PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS)	National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) Bernard van Leer Foundation Cities Alliance UCLG ASPAC UN-Habitat World Vision International
DATE/TIME	27 July, 8:30 a.m.- 9:30 a.m.
VENUE	Crystal 1
DESCRIPTION	<p>Children and youth form a large and important demographic group living in cities. Given that 50% of the world's population comprises of children and youth under the age of 25 live in urban settings, it is imperative that we plan and build sustainable and inclusive cities from their perspective - ultimately making cities better for everyone. Design of cities not only has a direct impact on their health but also act as critical facilitators of fundamental thinking on how children and youth perceive and become an active part of their urban environment.</p> <p>This side event will aim to prioritise children and youth within the New Urban Agenda, highlighting their needs in cities across the globe around issues such as housing, sanitation, education, health, transportation, mobility, environment and leisure to bring them into the centre stage of discussions within the New Urban Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals.</p> <p>Children and youth have been active at all stages of the Habitat III and Sustainable Development Goals processes. Given their status as current and future citizens and leaders, it is imperative that their perspectives, experiences and contributions relating to sustainable urban development are highlighted and acknowledged. This side event will provide a space not only to recognize how children and youth have been active in the Habitat III process, but also to highlight and advocate their priorities and recommendations towards the New Urban Agenda, and to identify the potential ways they may contribute toward its monitoring and implementation after its adoption. This event will feature a diverse range of speakers - including one child leader and two youth - drawn from our strong affiliate of partners.</p>

