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HABITAT III ASSEMBLIES

Children and Youth Assembly¹

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Teatro Nacional, Casa de la Cultura

Key Words

[Children, youth, inclusion, solutions, innovation, participation, engagement, governance, sustainable urban development, youth initiatives, right to the city, Major Groups, Quito Youth Commitments, partnership, New Urban Agenda, stakeholders, engagement, implementation, General Assembly of Partners (GAP)]

Children and Youth Assembly and the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda

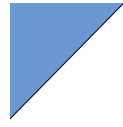
The Children and Youth Assembly is a one-day inter-generational and inter-stakeholder forum which aims to provide a platform for young people to share experiences and knowledge, showcase solutions and initiatives, and develop partnerships to make cities and human settlements more equitable, inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable. The event aims to change the perception of the role of young people in shaping sustainable urban development, and to explore opportunities for them to play meaningful roles in the implementation, follow up, and review of the New Urban Agenda.

The Assembly will consist of plenary sessions, roundtables, and break-out sessions for group discussion and training. Participation in the Assembly will be split into two sections: one for child participants (under 16 years old) and the other for youth and other stakeholders.

The “Children’s Section” will focus on urban issues and solutions impacting urban children, and will feature art and design, technology, and debate. The “Youth and Other Stakeholders Section” will divide into three streams: “Science, Technology and Innovation,” “Children and Youth in the New Urban Agenda,” and “the Stakeholder Stream,” which will enable a diverse range of youth activists, young scientists, and urban experts to network, exchange ideas, and to develop partnerships toward the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.

Ultimately, this Assembly will highlight how -- as leaders of today and tomorrow -- young people should be empowered, included, and recognized as agents of change in fostering a more sustainable urban future for all. The key recommendations and outputs of the Assembly will inform a “Children’s Charter” and “Quito Youth

¹ In collaboration with the Coordinating Partner Constituency Group: Children and Youth, General Assembly of Partners (GAP). More information on the GAP Executive Committee is available [here](#), and the GAP contribution to the Habitat III process and the New Urban Agenda, “Partnerships for the New Urban Agenda,” can be read online [here](#).



Commitments,” to be shared at the Habitat III Conference.

Objectives of the Assembly

- Highlight and celebrate the contributions of children and youth to the Habitat III process.
- Provide a platform for youth around the world to share knowledge and solutions, and to make commitments toward the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.
- Provide a space for partnerships to be established across generations and stakeholders toward sustainable urban development.
- Promote the role of young people in shaping sustainable human settlement, and create awareness of the importance of their meaningful engagement and contribution to just, equitable, and sustainable cities and human settlement.

Guiding Questions

- What is an “inclusive and smart city,” and what is the role of young people in its design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation?
- What does the “right to the city” mean? What are the rights of children and young people in cities?
- How can young people, the community, and local governments improve urban safety and prevent crime and violence?
- Why is it important for local governments to include children and youth in urban planning, and what mechanisms can the government create to ensure their meaningful engagement?
- How can science, technology, and innovation play key roles in building the evidence base to implement the New Urban Agenda?
- What are the mechanisms available for young people to engage in the follow up and review of the New Urban Agenda? How can we create mechanisms for the engagement of young people into municipal governance systems?
- How are young people already active in developing and implementing sustainable urban initiatives in their communities?
- What are approaches that can be adopted to build partnerships across stakeholder groups and generations to enhance and increase the effectiveness of our role and work in sustainable urban development work and the implementation of the New Urban Agenda?
- How can the outcomes of this session tie into and be reported back to the High Level Political Forum (2017, New York, United States)?

Assembly Follow Up

- How do you propose to monitor the outcomes of this session in order to report back on progress at the 9th Session of the World Urban Forum (2018, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)?

