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HABITAT III

STAKEHOLDERS ROUNDTABLE

Children and Youth Roundtable¹

Thursday, 20 October 2016

8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Room 21, Casa de la Cultura

Key Words

[Agents of change, meaningful engagement, children, youth, Major Groups, stakeholders, General Assembly of Partners (GAP), implementation, New Urban Agenda, partnerships]

Quito Children and Youth Commitments: Contributing to the Implementation, Follow-up, and Review of the New Urban Agenda

The New Urban Agenda recognizes young people as “key agents of change in creating a better future.” This Roundtable will discuss the actions of different participating stakeholder groups to promote and implement the New Urban Agenda, including those related to the well-being of children and youth, aligned with the Quito Implementation Plan.

The Quito Youth Commitments will provide the framework for continued global youth engagement in the Habitat III process for the years to come. The Quito Youth Commitments consist of three pillars:

- Engagement Mechanisms for Follow Up and Review of the New Urban Agenda
- Young Professionals Programme
- Sustainable Urban Development Youth Initiatives

Objectives of the Roundtable

- Highlight and celebrate the diverse ways in which young people have contributed to the Habitat III process
- Showcase children and youth engagement
- Identify the role of children and youth and other stakeholder partners in the follow-up and review mechanisms of the New Urban Agenda
- Propose mechanisms to empower local governments to socialize and progress the New Urban Agenda

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](#).



Guiding Questions

- What should be the role of the children and youth constituency in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda?
- Which mechanisms should be created to ensure urban policies are designed and implemented with the contribution of children and youth?
- How can national and local governments strengthen the engagement and contributions of children and youth in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda?
- Which initiatives can support the engagement of children and youth in the implementation, follow-up, and review 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)?

Roundtable 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)?

