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STAKEHOLDERS ROUNDTABLE

Civil Society Organizations Roundtable¹

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Key Words

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Inclusive and Equitable Cities in the New Urban Agenda: How Can Civil Society Contribute to and Realize this Vision?


This roundtable will focus on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and explore how civil society can catalyze actions around inclusion. Organizations will come together to find common ground on addressing the key issues of discriminatory practices and affordability disparities in cities.

It will focus on the importance of social inclusion and turning commitments made in the New Urban Agenda into action through the Quito Implementation Plan. The review will be followed by an examination of effective approaches with respect to stakeholders' meaningful participation. To this end, the panel will present best practices and models of community responsive local governance, as well as how to ensure sufficient resources are equitably accessed by all. Civil society organizations will explore how to ensure that cities are socially inclusive by holding governments accountable and promoting transparency through advocacy efforts.

Objectives of the Roundtable

- To create an enabling environment for meaningful and effective engagement and inclusion of stakeholders in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda at local, subnational, national, and global levels.
- To discuss how to put the elements of the New Urban Agenda into practice from the perspective of key constituent groups.
- To replicate models of best practices applied to local contexts.

¹ In collaboration with the coordinating Partner Constituency Group: Civil Society Organizations, 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](#).

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- To discuss how civil society will monitor progress in the New Urban Agenda.

Guiding Questions

- What policy measures have promoted equitable and inclusive sustainable urbanization for your constituency, and how can these be replicated in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda?
- What innovative and affordable tools and approaches can effectively implement the New Urban Agenda?
- What mechanisms, practices, and tools have been proven successful (or not) in creating meaningful engagement and participatory processes in urban policy decision-making?
- What will be the role of civil society organizations in monitoring and evaluating progress in the New Urban Agenda?

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)?

