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Submitted by Lead Organization	
Name of the lead organization	GRET, Professionals for Fair Development
City and country where the lead organization is based	Nogent-sur-Marne, France
Title of the event	Co-production of knowledge on diversity in precarious neighborhoods: a key to renewed urban thinking and policies
Date	10/17/2016
Room number	R10
List of partner organizations	IRD- French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development / CESSMA- Centre d'études en sciences sociales sur les mondes africains, américains et asiatiques, France; LAVUE – Laboratoire Architecture Ville Urbanisme Environnement-CNRS - Centre national de la recherche scientifique, France; Takween Integrated Community Development, Cairo, Egypt
Number of attendees	41-60

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Concise summary of the event proceedings, including key points discussed	The New Urban Agenda calls for an urban paradigm shift. The scope and rhythm of urban expansion, 40% of which is informal, call for renewed thinking and policies about the future city. Popular neighborhoods show many examples of adaptation to climate change or innovative urban forms. Inner resources, skills and capabilities of the residents to improve living conditions and spatial justice are a source of inspiration for new urban interventions, beyond the references to the "classical" city used by most policy makers, experts or donors. Finally, precarious neighborhoods should not be reduced to homogeneous groups of residents, to be "treated" identically while diversity is key to integrated urban development. Each neighborhood is unique and has an original urban pattern and social and economic features. Shared knowledge of these diverse areas is a considerable challenge for local authorities, residents, professionals, NGOs and researchers. It opens up the way for recognition of these areas' potential for inspiring the future city. The possibility of managing urban development depends on a co-produced understanding of social and spatial realities. It is a key to grasp new paths for participatory upgrading strategies. This requires using adequate methods, tools and co-training dedicated to professionals, researchers, CBO's and city dwellers. The event will explore innovative approaches to coproduced knowledge ; It will provide focus on better spatial interactive cartography and planning involving communities (Takween Integrated Community Development, Egypt); In-depth diagnosis of existing situations and their links to policies and action (GRET Haiti, Confederación nacional de barrios del Ecuador, Agence Perspectives Burkina Faso) ; Challenges towards recognition and adapted policy (Yangon City Development Committee, Myanmar); Inflexions revealed in the categories of thought from field research and applied research (IRD and LAVUE/CNRS, two main French national research institutes). A book will be launched, Rethinking precarious neighbourhoods, by AFD.
Recommendations that emerged from these discussions.	1. Develop training programmes for students, professionals, NGOs, and local authorities on these methods; 2. Finance research-action and operational programmes encouraging researchers, professionals/NGOs and precarious neighborhood residents to work together; 3. Make field work and participatory methods mandatory in the elaboration and implementation of urban operations and policies and evaluate these operations and policies accordingly

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Partnerships or collaborations that emerged from the event.	New partnerships and collaborations did not really emerge but were reinforced among the speakers : Léandre Guigma, urban planner and architect at Agence Perspective, Burkina Faso, Kareem Ibrahim, funder of Takween ICD, Egypt, Toe Aung, Director of Urban Planning Urban Planning Division, Yangon City Development Committee, Myanmar, Antoine Ciguené from Gret in Haiti and Serge Felix from the Baillergeau Neighborhood Committee, the co-organizers and also with the French Development Agency, as well as a Professional from Mexico.
Name, nationality, title and organization of the 1st speaker at your event.	Irène Salenson, French, Research Officer, AFD
Name, nationality, title and organization of the 2nd speaker at your event.	Agnès Deboulet, French, Researcher and professor, LAVUE-CNRS
Name, nationality, title and organization of the 3rd speaker at your event.	Valérie Clerc, French, Researcher, France, IRD-Cessma
Name, nationality, title and organization of the 4th speaker at your event.	Kareem Ibrahim, Egypt, Funder, Takween ICD
Name, nationality, title and organization of the 5th speaker at your event.	Serge Felix, Haiti, General Secretary, Baillergeau Neighborhood Committee
Name, nationality, title and organization of the 6th speaker at your event.	Léandre Guigma, Burkina Faso, Architect and Director, Agence Perspective
Name, nationality, title and organization of the 7th speaker at your event.	Toe Aung, Burmese, Director of Urban Planning Urban Planning Division, Yangon City Development Committee
Name, nationality, title and organization of any additional speakers at your event.	Virginie Rachmuhl, French, Urban Progamme Manager, GRET
Dissemination of the outcomes of your event?	Gret newsletter, presentation to colleagues, videos on daily motion, twitter account