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Submitted by Lead Organization	
Name of the lead organization	the International New Town Institute
City and country where the lead organization is based	Rotterdam, the Netherlands
Title of the event	New Towns: Laboratories for Implementation of the New Urban Agenda
Date	10/20/2016
Room number	Room 12
List of partner organizations	LHI, Jinju, South-Korea and UN Habitat, Nairobi Kenya
Number of attendees	61-80
Percentage of women participating	41-50%
Background information on the event (themes, issues, context).	<p>In partnership with the Korean Land and Housing Institute (LHI) and UN-Habitat, this event is an action-oriented initiative that aims to produce realistic and concrete future projects by creating partnerships between New Towns. What are the most important challenges and opportunities on the agenda of New Towns? How can questions of livability, demography, participation, work, accessibility and mobility be transformed into guidelines for the design of new towns? By creating and extending the platform in synergy with other international urban professional networks and organizations and by linking the questions raised by those cities, INTI aims to get stronger answers for the implementation of the new urban agenda. The ultimate goal of this event is to connect professionals and representatives from New Towns worldwide and nourish a solid process of mutual learning. With the network and platform that INTI creates, examples of implementation will become accessible for similar cities, universities and design professionals.</p>



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<p>Concise summary of the event proceedings, including key points discussed</p>	<p>After welcoming speeches by Kyunghwan Kim, the vice-minister of Land, Infrastructure and Transport of Korea and Henk Ovink, Special Envoy for International Water Affairs at Kingdom of the Netherlands, the 10 priorities for New Towns from the New Urban Agenda were presented by INTI's executive director Michelle Provoost: 1. Emphasize innovation, 2. Base regeneration on existing qualities, 3. Take the bigger spatial context into account, 4. New Towns should be inclusive, 5. Infrastructure and mobility for all, from the start, 6. The urban plan should be flexible, 7. Adopt green and water networks as the basics for the urban plan, 8. Combine Top Down and Bottom Up, 9. Use no universal model and no export of urban models, 10. Stimulate Exchange and Education. Followed by presentations of LHI and UN Habitat on the implementation of the NUA in new towns and a platform to support sustainable new town development. A panel with experts (Nadine Bitar, Markus Appenzeller, Didier Vancutsem, Christine Auclair and Germanico Pinto) discussed the central question: What steps and instruments are needed to implement the 10 priorities for New Towns? Also the audience entered this discussion by emphasizing the need for real recommendations on implementation. The event was moderated by Bert Smolders from Arcadis and Board member of INTI.</p>
<p>Recommendations that emerged from these discussions.</p>	<p>New Towns are laboratories for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, with a focus on the 10 priorities presented. The importance of design is being stressed, also the sense of community and capacity building are indicated as of great importance. New towns/cities are and will be part of the rapid urbanization, so they should be planned inclusive, but also 'new slums' shall be part of these urban dynamics and must be part of and included in the development of new towns. New towns are the frontrunners in the implementation of the NUA, frontrunner cities.</p>
<p>Partnerships or collaborations that emerged from the event.</p>	<p>-Ideas to start 'The New Town Coalition' together with suggested partners (most of them to be confirmed): INTI, Dubai Real-estate Institute, LHI, Isocarp, Arcadis, Ciudad Smart, OMA/AMO, MLA+, Urban Labs (UN Habitat) -An agreement on organizing a Urban Thinkers Campus (WUC) on New Towns in Dubai in March 2017, hosted by the Dubai Real Estate Institute and organized by the following partners: WUC, INTI, Dubai Real Estate Institute -Platforms of INTI, LHI and UN Habitat will be combined on the topic of New Towns and together research will be done on New Town development, which will result in a policy guideline and a handbook.</p>



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Name, nationality, title and organization of the 1st speaker at your event.	Michelle Provoost, executive director International New Town Institute
Name, nationality, title and organization of the 2nd speaker at your event.	Jeongjoong Yoon, research director LH Research Institute
Name, nationality, title and organization of the 3rd speaker at your event.	Seongho Kim, UN Habitat
Name, nationality, title and organization of the 4th speaker at your event.	Markus Appenzeller, urbanist and partner of MLA+
Name, nationality, title and organization of the 5th speaker at your event.	Nadine Bitar, senior advisor, Dubai Real Estate Institute
Name, nationality, title and organization of the 6th speaker at your event.	Christine Auclair, World Urban Campaign, UN Habitat
Name, nationality, title and organization of the 7th speaker at your event.	Didier Vancutsem, secretary general Isocarp
Name, nationality, title and organization of any additional speakers at your event.	Germanico Pinto, Ciudad Smart
Dissemination of the outcomes of your event?	The websites of the organizing partners, the INTI newsletter, and the social media facilities of the partners.