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Submitted by Lead Organization	
Name of the lead organization	Canadian Environmental Network
City and country where the lead organization is based	Nation-wide
Title of the event	Public engagement for healthy, resilient and sustainable cities
Date	10/20/2016
Room number	Room R12 "Benjamin Carrion"
List of partner organizations	We did not have a specific partner organization.
Number of attendees	41-60
Percentage of women participating	51-60%
Background information on the event (themes, issues, context).	We showcased a multi-stakeholder decision making process (MSDMP) particular to the Canadian Environmental Network and Environment Canada. Then we looked at indoor air quality and how this process could be applied to improving indoor air quality in the face of continuing industrial pollution and extreme climate events which force people to spend more time indoors.
Concise summary of the event proceedings, including key points discussed	This MSDMP model recommends an independent facilitator, distribution of information to all participants, which includes all levels of government, NGOs, industry, and academia. A gender balance is desirable. All players will have time to comfortably view their concerns and suggestions for solution. The intention is to arrive at policy and legislation that reflects the input of all participants. We circulated resource materials on the MSDMPS, Chemicals in the Indoor Environment, and Healthy building materials. In all we have circulated these resources to 90 people (those who attended the event and also those that I spoke with individually who expressed an interest in this work) and have encouraged them to share them generously with their colleagues and networks.



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Recommendations that emerged from these discussions.	<p>One participant said our message should be circulated all over the world!! Another wanted to know what you should do if the desired outcome of an MSD MP is not achieved. Another wanted to know what to do if the outcome was not what the group decided on. Several others said they were attending due to the emphasis on health which they did not find available in other sessions. They also appreciated the fact that the session was interactive, discussion was encouraged and all questions were answered. In general, many people feel shut out of decision-making processes. We encourage them to become active even if there are only a couple of people in their group or local community to get things started. Examples were given as to how positive environment and health outcomes have been achieved in a number of Canadian cities.</p>
Partnerships or collaborations that emerged from the event.	<p>WHO, many NGOs around the world, UN Habitat officials, all the members of our large Canadian delegation, including Minister Duclos and his Deputy, architects, city planners, professors, students and municipal officials.</p>
Name, nationality, title and organization of the 1st speaker at your event.	<p>Sheila Cole</p>
Name, nationality, title and organization of the 2nd speaker at your event.	<p>My colleagues, Sandra Madray and James Elliot, who had intended to also present, were most unfortunately unable to join me for this event as planned due to funding constraints. We are beginning now to fund raise in anticipation of participation in WUF 8 in 2018.</p>
Dissemination of the outcomes of your event?	<p>We have distributed our resources to some 90 people worldwide. They will also receive a formal report which I am preparing. In addition, we are sending them a copy of the article in Halifax Magazine. The Health Caucus has invited all of these 90 people on our email list to stay in touch And where possible to let us know how our information and resources have benefited them and their communities.</p>