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Submitted by Lead Organization	
Name of the lead organization	TECHO
City and country where the lead organization is based	Santiago, Chile
Title of the event	The Reality of Informal Settlements in Latin America: Experiences from Communities for the Social Production of Habitat
Date	10/17/2016
Room number	R7
List of partner organizations	TECHO International
Number of attendees	41-60
Percentage of women participating	41-50%
Background information on the event (themes, issues, context).	Favelas, shantytowns, slums, or settlements known locally by other names are manifest in each of the countries in Latin America. One of the big issues is that there is only a limited, deficient understanding of where settlements are, what features they have, and how local residents relate to one another. This information is key to the development of solutions from the perspective of those living in these territories, so that policies and national and local programs meet real diagnoses for effective and coherent designs. When projecting the new global urban agenda, it is essential to identify progress and experiences that have evolved from selfmanagement, mobilization and grassroots organization of those territories where public policies are absent, those spaces which remain unknown by society in general
Concise summary of the event proceedings, including key points discussed	From informal settlements there are experiences, knowledge, voices, challenges and opportunities that should translate into Habitat III agreements. Faced with this reality, social production of habitat, such as construction and transformation of spaces by citizens, is a reality that determines concrete actions in settlements in the region. Community leaders, from their experience, work and opinions, are those who can describe and reflect from their own paths, which have transformed territories and lives.
Recommendations that emerged from these discussions.	Incorporate citizenship in the discussion of the new urban agenda.



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Partnerships or collaborations that emerged from the event.	Civil society organizations and universities in Latin America
Name, nationality, title and organization of the 1st speaker at your event.	Juan Pablo Duhalde, Chile, Executive Director Of Social Programs, TECHO
Name, nationality, title and organization of the 2nd speaker at your event.	Luis Bonilla, El Salvador, Chief Operating Officer, TECHO
Name, nationality, title and organization of the 3rd speaker at your event.	Luisa Polo, Perú, Community leader La Pradera.
Dissemination of the outcomes of your event?	TECHO, as a civil society organization, will mobilize its social networks that reach more than 700,000 users in Latin America - detailed profiles at www.techo.org - as a means of mass communication through the alliance with public relations agency Burson-Marsteller, as well as TECHO's website, which has over 1 million visits annually.