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HABITAT III
SIDE EVENT REPORT

| Submitted by Lead Organization | |
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| Name of the lead organization | Civil Association for Equality and Justice (ACIJ) |
| City and country where the lead organization is based | Buenos Aires, Argentina |
| Title of the event | The use of law to encourage an effective access to habitat: legal empowerment and access to justice |
| Date | 10/20/2016 |
| Room number | Room SR2 |
| List of partner organizations | National School of Urban Law (México DF, México); Namati: Innovations in Legal Empowerment (Washington DC, USA); Institute Polis (São Paulo, Brazil); Public Ministry of Defense (Buenos Aires, Argentina); Gunther Gonzales Barrón, Magistrate and academic (Lima, Perú) |
| Number of attendees | 61-80 |
| Percentage of women participating | 41-50% |
| Concise summary of the event proceedings, including key points discussed | The event began with the moderation of Arturo Mejia. The first intervention was made by Sebastian Pilo, who spoke about 3 strategies to use law as a tool for the promotion of a decent habitat. Then, speaker Gunther Gonzales talked about the problems of the prosecution in terms of town planning. Luciana Bercovich continued the discussion by presenting 6 dimensions that should be respected in the process of access to justice and raised the need to involve non-lawyer professionals in the discussion. Nelson Saule Junior, made a point about the importance of creating a collective agenda to defend the right to the city. As a member of the Public Ministry of Defense of Buenos Aires, Laura Tarbuch explained the role of this organization in the processes of access to housing and the right to the city. To conclude, Pablo Aguilar Gonzalez reflected on how to improve the discussions about access to justice among key stakeholders and the citizenship in general. |
| Partnerships or collaborations that emerged from the event. | Partners pledged to work together the issue of legal empowerment and its relation to fair access to habitat. |
| Name, nationality, title and organization of the 1st speaker at your event. | Kléver Arturo Mejía Graniz, Ecuadorian, Lawyer, Geografia Urbana S.A. |



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| Name, nationality, title and organization of the 2nd speaker at your event. | Sebastián Pilo, Argentinian, Lawyer, Civil Association for Equality and Justice (ACIJ) |
| Name, nationality, title and organization of the 3rd speaker at your event. | Gunther Gonzales Barrón, Peruvian, Magistrate |
| Name, nationality, title and organization of the 4th speaker at your event. | Maria Luciana Bercovich, Argentinian, Lawyer, Namati: Innovations in Legal Empowerment |
| Name, nationality, title and organization of the 5th speaker at your event. | Nelson Saule Junior, Brazilian, Lawyer, Institute Polis |
| Name, nationality, title and organization of the 6th speaker at your event. | Laura Tarbuch, Argentinian, Lawyer, Public Ministry of Defense |
| Name, nationality, title and organization of the 7th speaker at your event. | Pablo Aguilar Gonzalez, Mexican, Lawyer, National School of Urban Law |