

## SIDE EVENTS: PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON HOUSING AND SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HABITAT III)

First Session - New York, 17 & 18 September 2014

### Programme

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	LOCATION (UN HQ)	EVENT TITLE & DESCRIPTION	EVENT ORGANIZER(S)
08.30 – 09.30 A. M	Room A	<p><b>Services, Human Rights and Inclusion in an Urbanizing World</b></p> <p>This event will examine service delivery and social protection in the context of rapid urban transitions. The urban advantage is disappearing for some populations, secondary and tertiary cities are struggling to find the resource base and capacity to support residents amidst rapid growth, and rural populations are often excluded from development in urban areas. This event builds on the conclusions of the ICPD Beyond 2014 review on urbanization, experiences of urbanization in the BRICS and recent efforts around urban maternal and newborn health to propose new directions for realizing the access, rights and inclusion of all in an urbanizing world.</p>	UNFPA (in conjunction with the Population Council, the City of New York and Rockefeller, UN- Women and WHO)
08.30 – 09.30 A. M	Room D	<p><b>Linking Public Transportation to a New Urban Agenda</b></p> <p>The event will show how to optimize the contribution of mobility policies to the success delivery of Habitat III's New Urban Agenda. This event will show how a global shift in investment and policy towards public transport, walking, and cycling could save over 20% in public and private transport costs between now and 2050. This could free up \$100 trillion for more sustainable development and cut urban passenger transport CO2 emissions by over 20%. The event will also provide evidence of the contribution of public transport to growth and jobs, and to the attractiveness and competitiveness of cities.</p>	Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP) (in conjunction with Partnership on Sustainable Low Carbon Transport (SLoCaT), International Association for Public Transportation (UITP), World Resources Institute/Embarq and the Ford Foundation)
01.30 – 02.30 P.M	Room A	<p><b>Cities that Work for Everyone: Inclusion, Participation, and Partnership in the New Urban Agenda</b></p> <p>This side event shall facilitate a multi-stakeholder dialogue on the non-negotiables of an urban agenda that works for grassroots women, communities and local authorities. The session will highlight best practices in partnership models, urban planning and budgeting that make cities more inclusive, resilient and responsive to community needs and priorities. It will explicitly link the new urban agenda to discussions around localizing the post-2015 development agenda.</p>	Huairou Commission (in conjunction with Shack/Slum Dwellers International, Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing, UCLG Global Secretariat)

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01.30 – 02.30 P.M	Room C	<p><b>Priorities for HABITAT III in the UNECE region</b></p> <p>The event shall monitor progress with the implementation of the UNECE Strategy on Housing and Land Management in the ECE Region 2014-2020 , the UNECE CHLM is preparing a regional study “Challenges and Priorities in Housing and Urban Development”. The proposed side event will present preliminary findings of the study and discuss preparations for HABITAT III in the UNECE region.</p>	<p>United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) - Committee on Housing and Land Management (in conjunction with Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development of Slovakia, Ministry of Regional Development of Czech Republic)</p>
06.30 – 07.30 P.M	Room A	<p><b>Seizing the opportunity for global partnerships: Exploring outlooks, expectations and opportunities for Habitat III to make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable</b></p> <p>The side event will discuss four key areas of the Alliance in promoting equity in cities: equitable city growth, responding to informality, promoting good governance and city resilience. It will also look at the forms of stakeholder involvement and preparation processes necessary in the lead up to Habitat III. The Cities Alliance partnership has set up a Joint Work Programme to prepare inputs to the Habitat III Conference while discussing priorities and messages key to the Post 2015 Agenda. Outcomes from this event will help guide and set priorities for the Joint Work Programme.</p>	<p>Cities Alliance (in conjunction with United Cities and Local Government (UCLG), German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer International Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development (MFA), Agence Francaise de Developpement (AFD), Shack/Slum Dwellers International (SDI), Habitat for Humanity International)</p>
06.30 – 07.30 P.M	Room D	<p><b>Eliminating Constraints to Urban Land and Property Ownership by Women: A Practical Perspective</b></p> <p>In the past decade, gender sensitive legislation and policies have multiplied, but have often failed to impact the lives of women in cities or increased their opportunities to own land and property. Some regulatory frameworks recognize the right to property for women, promote women’s voices in public policy, and encourage inclusive and accessible mechanisms for land use, planning, finance and registry. Still, women in cities may not feel empowered to act on regulatory promises and address the barriers to ownership. This event presents different approaches to eliminating legal, political, social, and customary barriers to women owning land and property.</p>	<p>International Housing Coalition (in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity International, Huairou Commission, Pan American Development Foundation)</p>

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08.30 – 09.30 A. M	Room A	<p><b>From MDG to SDG: Towards a New Paradigm at Habitat III! Sustainable Cities &amp; Human Settlements in the Post-2015 UN Development Agenda</b></p> <p>What are the channels by which a Sustainable Development Goal on Cities &amp; Human Settlements can provide for more sustained, long term approaches and interventions within the framework of the Post 2015 Development Agenda?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Moving from sectoral interventions to city-wide approaches:</li> <li>- Adopting sustained, longer term approaches and solutions for the majority</li> <li>- Use the transformative power of urbanization.</li> <li>- The catalytic effect of urbanization in rural areas.</li> <li>- Well-planned urbanization</li> </ul>	Communitas Coalition and the Penn Institute for Urban Research
08.30 – 09.30 A. M	Room D	<p><b>Harnessing the Potential of Public Space for Women and the Youth</b></p> <p>Public space is particularly valuable for promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women and the youth as well as for equal access to political, economic, cultural and social opportunities and for promoting social change. Bringing together member states, UN entities and civil society, this event seeks to highlight areas to enhance women's and youth's access and use of public space. The event will draw on experience with public policies and good practices for enabling the effective use of public space with the aim of promoting gender equality, the empowerment of women and the youth, the full and universal enjoyment of human rights, inclusiveness, and the elimination of gender-based violence and gender-based stereotypes, all of which are critical to achieve sustainable urbanisation.</p>	UN-Women (in conjunction with the Huairou Commission and the UN Youth Envoy)

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01.30 – 02.30 P.M	Room A	<p><b>Local and regional governments' contributions to Habitat III: priorities, expectations, and challenges for sustainable cities and territories</b></p> <p>The side event will provide the opportunity to reiterate the commitment of local authorities to contribute and it will provide indications of policy priorities, challenges experienced in the Habitat II outcomes implementation as well as presenting expectations of local and regional governments, their networks and partners towards the Habitat III agenda.</p>	<p>United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) on behalf of Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments CLGF/CEMR/AIMF/FOGAR/UCLGA</p>
01.30 – 02.30 P.M	Room C	<p><b>Resilient Cities at the Intersection of Social and Physical Infrastructure</b></p> <p>The integration of “bottom up” strategies in next generation urban and ecological infrastructure development across of the spectrum of global development contexts must be accelerated. Unlike centralized systems, decentralized systems are more resilient to natural or manmade acts of disaster – being composed of distributed, multi-component pieces. This event will outline the mix of centralized and decentralized infrastructures that cities must target to optimize future needs and where critical innovations are required. It will include drawing lessons learned from practitioners active in the NYC-region after Sandy, to inform key strategies for building community-based resilience in coastal cities around the world. This agenda includes recognition of the importance of “people approaches” versus “process approaches” within current infrastructural research and practice; the importance of enabling collaborative relationships between local community members, design professionals and other technical expertise to drive practical relevance, and the inherent need for social sustainability within this sensibility.</p>	<p>Urban Design Lab at the Earth Institute at Columbia University, Sherwood Institute and the MAS Global Practitioner Network</p>

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06.30 – 07.30 P.M	Room A	<p><b>Civil society and local government's expectations for Habitat III</b></p> <p>Cross-sector dialogue of civil society and local government networks with national authorities and UN agency representatives. Objectives/ moments will be: (a) Present civil society and local government's expectations and proposals for the New Habitat Agenda and Habitat III; (b) Discuss a shared vision and methodology to guarantee substantive civil society and local governments involvement and participation in the Habitat III process, at local, national, regional and international levels; (c) Share current work and upcoming activities on the Global Platform for the Right to the City with a focus on Habitat III, inviting interested institutions to join and contribute.</p>	<p>Habitat International Coalition-Housing and Land Rights Network (HIC-HLRN) (in conjunction with Polis Institute, National Forum for Urban Reform, National Front of Mayors, Brazilian Association of Municipalities (Brazil), United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), Commission on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights, Habitat for Humanity, Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Network (ESCR-Net), Women in Informal Employment Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO), Huairou Commission, Hunter College for Community Planning &amp; Development, Ford Foundation, Action Aid)</p>
06.30 – 07.30 P.M	Room D	<p><b>Displacement in Urban Settings</b></p>	<p>IRC (in conjunction with Rockefeller Foundation and the American Red Cross)</p>