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TRAINING EVENT REPORT

<b>Submitted by Lead Organization</b>	
<b>Name of lead organization</b>	UN-Habitat
<b>City and country where lead organization is based</b>	Nairobi, Kenya
<b>Title of Training Event</b>	Training event on the handbook for the International Guidelines on Urban and Territorial Planning
<b>Date when Training Event was conducted</b>	10/18/2016
<b>Room number</b>	R4
<b>List of Partner Organizations</b>	UCLG, Barcelona, Spain and Isocarp, The Hague, Netherlands
<b>Number of trained participants</b>	100
<b>Percentage of women participating</b>	40%
<b>Background information on Training Event (themes, context, capacity challenges).</b>	The International Guidelines on Urban and Territorial Planning as mentioned in the New urban Agenda (point 93) as a tool to implement parts of the NUA. The training event had two functions: properly present and promote the Guidelines and secondly discussing ways to apply and localise the Guidelines for all interested countries and cities, with focus on a Self-Assessment tool to start with the review of planning approaches and systems in countries and cities.



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<p><b>Concise summary of Training Event, and the skills developed during the event.</b></p>	<p>After every presentation there was a moderated discussion with the participants on the value and practicality of the planning guidelines in different national and local contexts. The most interactive part however was the testing of a newly developed Self-Assessment Questionnaire. While the original idea was to breakout in regional groups we had to settle for a plenary workshop with yes/no hand-raising for each of the 12 questions of the rapid assessment questionnaire. These questions included following elements: - is spatial planning considered as important in your country/city? - are there spatial plans for all the relevant planning scales, from national level to neighbourhood level? - are plans made in a participatory or rather technocratic way? - are plans well combined with legal and financial measures to implement the plans once approved? - is there a national urban policy in your country with the involvement of non-governmental organisations? As expected the answers from the audience were very diverse, reflecting the diversity of planning approaches and systems worldwide. However, throughout the training seminar there was a growing understanding that it would make sense to have a common assessment tool that would allow countries and cities and their citizens to talk to each other about planning adjustments, reform and alignment with the Planning Guidelines, the NUA and the SDGs. Surprisingly, and despite the hard-boiled nature of the subject, most of the (many) participants stayed throughout the full-3-hour long event, which was reassuring about the relevance of the subject.</p>
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<p><b>Trainer</b></p>	<p>Sara Hoeflich, director Training center UCLG</p>
<p><b>Trainer</b></p>	<p>Christine Platt, H3 delegation leader South-Africa/Chair of Expert Group on the Planning Guidelines</p>
<p><b>Trainer</b></p>	<p>Manka Bajaj, Metropolitan and Regional Planning Unit at UN-Habitat</p>
<p><b>Trainer</b></p>	<p>Frank D'hondt, Drafter of the handbook on the Planning Guidelines</p>