

# Networking Events

Despite the many benefits of globalization, we are living in a world where international conflicts are being played out on every street corner. Many cities suffer from a historical urban process that segregates minorities and marginalizes the poor. The 2<sup>nd</sup> World Urban Forum in Barcelona will discuss and debate the role of cities as centres of culture, inclusiveness and integration. This informal gathering offers government representatives, local authorities, NGOs, urban professionals, academics and ordinary citizens a forum to discuss some of the most pressing urban issues facing the world in the new millennium. Over 90 networking events have been planned to allow participants to catch up on urban trends and conditions and to exchange information and experiences on what works and what doesn't work in the world's cities.

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<p><b>Affordable and Accessible GIS for Local Governance</b></p>
<p><b>Description of event:</b>          Panel discussions on the use of Geographical Information Systems (GIS) technology to support low-income housing and community development programmes. This event will be collaborating with the UN-HABITAT Global Urban Observatory programme with cases drawn from projects in Mozambique, Mexico, Senegal, Guatemala and South Africa.</p>
<p><b>Name of organization:</b>          U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)</p>
<p><b>Description of organization:</b>          HUD is a federal agency in the U.S. committed to increasing home ownership, particularly among minorities; creating affordable housing opportunities for low-income Americans; and supporting the homeless, the elderly, people with disabilities and people living with HIV/Aids. The Department also promotes economic and community development and enforces fair housing laws.</p>
<p><b>Partner organizations:</b>          UN-HABITAT Global Urban Observatory, U.S. Geological Survey, University Consortium for Geographical Information Science, Instituto Nacional de Estadística, Geografía e Informática INEGI (Mexico) and others.</p>
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## Awards Systems Roundtable

### Description of event:

The event is an Expert Group Meeting to harmonise different Award Systems and their selection criteria and to create substantive collaboration between them.

### Name of organization:

Best Practices and Local Leadership Programme, UN-HABITAT

### Description of organization:

UN-HABITAT's Best Practices and Local Leadership Programme is a global network of institutions dedicated to the identification and exchange of successful solutions for sustainable development.

### Partner organizations:

Among others: Arab Urban Development Institute (AUDI), Barcelona 2004, Brazilian Institute for Municipal Administration (IBAM), Centre for Environment and Development in the Arab Region and Europe (CEDARE), CENVI Centro de Vivienda y Estudios Urbanos, City of Vienna, Best Practices Hub - Vienna, ComHABITAT, Delnet Programme, International Training Centre of the ILO, Development Planning Unit (DPU), Dubai Municipality, Ecolo Bremen/Sustainability Center Bremen, El Agora, Environmental Development Action in the Third World (ENDA Tiers Monde), Far East Academy of Economics and Management, Fundacion Habitat Colombia, Government of Spain, Harvard Graduate School of Design Centre for Urban Development Studies, Huairou Commission, Human Settlements Management Institute (HSMI), Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS), Intermediate Technology Development Group (ITDG), International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI), International Federation of Surveyors (FIG), Joslyn Castle Institute for Sustainable Communities (JCI), Metropolis / World Association of the Major Metropolises, Prague Institute for Global Urban Development, Regional Information Centre on Local Government (Southern Africa Region), Together Foundation, University of Naples "Federico II", World Assembly of Cities and Local Authorities Coordination (WACLAC), Youth for Habitat, Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Asia Pacific Economic Forum

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N/A

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## Building Bridges with the Grassroots

### Description of event:

The event will discuss how best practices can be replicated at the grassroots. It will consider the results of a survey on how the urban poor access and transfer information. It will also include discussion of a number of case studies of successful attempts at scaling up best practices, e.g. through exchanges, networking, commercialisation etc.

### Name of organization:

Intermediate Technology Development Group (ITDG)

### Description of organization:

ITDG is an international NGO with offices in seven Least Developed Countries. ITDG's mission is to eradicate poverty in developing countries by developing and using technology and by demonstrating results, sharing knowledge and influencing others. ITDG's international strategy contains four major aims: to reduce vulnerability, to provide access to markets, to provide access to services, and to develop new technologies.

### Partner organizations:

Building Advisory Service and Information Network (BASIN)  
Huairou Commission  
Homeless International  
Shelter Forum

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N/A

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## Campaigning to Reform International Institutions: What is the role for local authorities?

### Description of event:

Roundtable to present the World Campaign for In-depth Reform of the System of International Institutions, to consider proposals for reform and to discuss the need to engage diverse key actors on the world scene – amongst others, local authorities – to advance the goals of the Reform.

This event will count on the participation of diverse civil society personalities and organizations promoting the World Campaign (amongst them, the mentor of the UBUNTU Forum, Federico Mayor), experts on the issues of reform and representatives from the milieu of local authorities to provide their insights and approaches to the need to reform international institutions and to present their proposals.

We hope to engage in a fruitful and constructive debate amongst civil society, experts, local authorities and all interested people attending this event to exchange points of view and devise strategic alliances to further the common goals towards a fairer, more democratic and enhanced system of international institutions.

### Name of organization:

UBUNTU – World Forum of Civil Society Networks

### Description of organization:

The UBUNTU Forum is a worldwide network established in Barcelona in 2001 in response to an appeal launched by Federico Mayor, former UNESCO Director General, to increase cooperation amongst civil society and raise the voice of citizens in favour of a fairer and more peaceful world. One of its main activities since 2002 is the “World Campaign for In-depth Reform of the System of International Institutions”. The Campaign’s objective is to promote such reform in order to equip the system of international institutions to help resolve the grave problems that face our world today.

### Partner organizations:

N/A

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N/A

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## Development and Management of African Cities: Roles and Challenges for African Civil Society.

### Description of event:

A workshop organized by Africaucus, a network of African NGOs implementing the Habitat Agenda (HA). This networking meeting will enable NGOs and other civil society players to share experiences among themselves and with other development partners on how to address urban development challenges in Africa.

### Name of organization:

Africaucus

### Description of organization:

The African NGO Habitat Caucus (Africaucus) is a group of African NGOs, CBOs and researchers working on urban and habitat issues. It was formed during the Second Preparatory Committee meetings of Habitat II which took place in Nairobi, May 1995. The Caucus was formed to enable African NGOs to make a strong collective effort to shape the Habitat Agenda and to use Habitat II as an instrument to develop new methodologies of urban governance and development.

### Partner organizations:

1. Shelter Forum – the Secretariat
2. Centre for African Settlements Studies and Development(CASSAD), Nigeria (Anglophone West Africa)
3. Environmental Development Action in the Third World (ENDA), Senegal (Francophone West Africa )
4. Women for Sustainable Cities(WOSUC) ,Republic of Congo, Central Africa)
5. AICHEM in Tunisia (North Africa)
6. Housing People of Zambia ( HUZA) ,Zambia, Southern Africa
7. Development Indian Ocean Network ( DION) ,Mauritius/Madagascar).

### Confirmed speakers:

N/A

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## Global Networks for Local Government Capacity Building

### Description of event:

Recognition of the fundamental role which local governments can play in realizing the goal of sustainable development is of little use unless they have the capacity to act effectively. There are a number of national and regional organizations that have been working to build the capacity of local governments through the development of innovative training programmes. This event will provide an opportunity for sharing best practices and lessons learnt with a view to creating a global network for capacity building.

### Name of organization:

UN-HABITAT - Training and Capacity Building Branch.

### Description of organization:

UN-HABITAT's Training and Capacity Building Branch (TCBB) supports national local government training institutions to build their capacity to implement innovative governance programmes targeted at local governments and development-oriented NGOs and CBOs. Our training programmes and manuals enable these institutions to adapt internally recognized tools to local contexts in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the former Soviet Union group of Countries in Transition.

### Partner organizations:

Enda Tiers Monde ECOPOP  
Metropolis  
Human Settlement Management Institute (HSMI)  
Partners Romania Foundation for Local Development  
Logotri / MDP  
UNITAR

### Confirmed speakers:

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Ms. Carol Kardish, Regional Manager, International Centre for Municipal Development, Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
Ms. Anna Vasilache, Partners Romania Foundation for Local Development  
Mr. Mohamed Soumaré, Executive Secretary, Enda Tiers Monde  
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## Iberoamerican and Caribbean Forum on Best Practices

### Description of event:

This meeting will be a follow-up meeting to a three-day long annual meeting of the Forum to be held the week earlier. An initial presentation of the Forum, its goals, activities and results will be presented by the Forum Secretariat to the public. Following these opening remarks, various invited Best Practices from the Latin American and Caribbean Region will present their experiences to the audience to share innovative ways of improving their communities. Two free publications will be launched during the meeting

### Name of organization:

Iberoamerican and Caribbean Forum on Best Practices.

### Description of organization:

The Forum is a network of institutions whose work is dedicated to improving the human environment and includes central and local government agencies, non-governmental organizations, universities, community-based groups and the private sector.

### Partner organizations:

Fundación Habitat Colombia  
 Ministry of Housing, Government of Spain  
 UN-HABITAT Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean  
 Sub regional nodes:  
 Fundación Habitat Colombia  
 Instituto Brasileiro de Administração Municipal( IBAM)  
 Centro de Vivienda de Mexico (CENVI)  
 El Agora of Argentina

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## Launch of Urban Millennium Partnership: Meeting the Challenge of MDGs in Cities

### Description of event:

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) reflect the agreements and resolutions made at the world conferences organized by the United Nations over the past decade. The goals have been commonly accepted as a unique opportunity to improve development outcomes and as a framework for measuring development progress. However, the national focus on achieving the MDG targets and the current framework of monitoring and implementation do not sufficiently take account of the “urban” and the “local” dimension. In response to this need, UN-HABITAT, UNDP, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) and bilateral donors have designed a proposal for an Urban Millennium Partnership on “localizing MDGs”, to complement ongoing efforts of various UN agencies and its partners. The Partnership will work with networks of local authorities at the global, national and local levels, to raise awareness about MDGs, mobilize stakeholders, and establish monitoring and implementation frameworks. The MDG Partnership framework provides a broader platform for building partnerships and for mobilizing resources at local and regional level. The event will also launch the book “Amartya Sen, Removing Unfreedoms”.

### Name of organization:

UN-HABITAT/UNDP

### Description of organization:

The United Nations Human Settlements Programme, UN-HABITAT, is the United Nations agency for human settlements. It is mandated by the UN General Assembly to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities with the goal of providing adequate shelter for all.

### Partner organizations:

UK Department for International Development (DFID), Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), Swiss Development Corporation (SDC) and United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG).

### Confirmed speakers:

Mr. Lars Reutersward, Director, Global Division, UN-HABITAT  
Mr. Dinesh Mehta, Urban Management Programme, UN-HABITAT  
Mr. Jonas Rabinovitch, UNDP  
Mr. Kioe Sheng Yap, UN-ESCAP, Chair, Asia consultative group  
Mr. Kees van der Ree, ILO  
Mr. Pelle Persson, SIDA, Sweden  
Mr. Jaime Torres Lara, FLACMA  
Mr. Michael Parkes, DFID  
Mr. Oumar Cisse, Director of IAGU, Chair of ANUMI  
Ms. Francoise Liberherr, SDC  
Mr. Carl Wright, CLGF, Citynet  
Ms. Jane Samuels, Author of “Amartya Sen, Removing Unfreedoms”

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## Local Economic Development

### Description of event:

The massive transformations taking place in the global economy resulting from trade liberalization, privatization, and enhanced telecommunications are posing formidable challenges to local governments. Sudden economic shifts can dramatically affect the economic health of municipalities and the livelihood of their residents. Poverty is increasingly becoming urbanized. Yet many local authorities lack the tools required to take charge of these challenges and compete on a national, regional and global basis. This session will seek to identify approaches to encourage local economic growth.

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UN-HABITAT Training and Capacity Building Branch

### Description of organization:

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### Partner organizations:

International Labour Organisation (ILO)  
 Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
 Partners Romania Foundation for Local Development  
 ECO PLAN International  
 World Bank

### Confirmed speakers:

Ms. Francine Sénécal, Vice-Chair, Executive Committee, City of Montreal  
 Mr. William Trousdale, President ECOPLAN International  
 Ms. Gwen Swinburn, Senior Urban Specialist, World Bank  
 Ms. Lael Bethlehem, Head, Economic Development, City of Johannesburg  
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## Localizing the Habitat Agenda for Urban Poverty Reduction

### Description of event:

Participatory workshop presenting findings of a 4-year DFID-funded research programme based on case studies in Brazil, Kenya, India, Pakistan, Spain and Tanzania. How can the Habitat Agenda implementation process be owned at the local level and serve to reduce poverty and improve urban governance? The workshop will present and discuss findings of the case studies, conclusions and recommendations, guidelines and toolkits for partnerships, networking and collaborative working.

### Name of organization:

Max Lock Centre, School of Architecture and the Built Environment, University of Westminster.

### Description of organization:

The Max Lock Centre (MLC) is an international development research centre and consultancy. It covers policy and practice for neighbourhood, city and regional planning, management and governance, with a focus on poverty reduction, community empowerment and the creation of sustainable livelihoods. Current research includes: sustainable urban development, tools for managing rapid urbanization through GIS, community asset management and knowledge management. The Max Lock Archive consists of the work of the Max Lock Group and the papers of John F. C. Turner.

### Partner organizations:

Federal University of Pernambuco, Recife, Brazil  
Urban Resource Centre, Karachi, Pakistan  
The Water Engineering Development Centre(WEDC), University of Loughborough, UK  
Saad Yahya and Associates, Nairobi, Kenya  
CURE Infrastructure, Delhi and Kolkata

### Confirmed speakers:

Mr. Michael Mutter, UN-Habitat  
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Mr. Billy Cobbett, Cities Alliance  
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Prof. Arif Hasan, OPP Research Training Institute, Karachi, Pakistan  
Mr. Tony Lloyd-Jones, Max Lock Centre, University of Westminster, UK  
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## Medcities Seminar on Air Quality and Mobility

### Description of event:

The meeting will be a Seminar on two ongoing projects that the Medcities Network is developing nowadays: 1.“ Air quality improvement throughout air quality and mobility plans and implementing air quality local departments and laboratories” 2.“ Mobility Plan of Sousse” project.

Poor air quality is an increasing environmental problem in many towns and traffic pollution is the main cause of it. The project's objective is to reinforce municipal capacity to improve air quality by the elaboration of air quality and mobility plans and the creation of air quality services with a laboratory to measure the emissions from fixed and mobile sources of pollution and the air quality main standards of the town.

### Name of organization:

MEDCITIES NETWORK

### Description of organization:

Medcities is a network of Mediterranean coastal cities established in Barcelona in November 1991 at the initiative of the Mediterranean Technical Assistance Programme (METAP). The network's objectives are:

- To strengthen the role and the means (institutional, financial and technical capability) of municipalities in the implementation of local environment policies;
- To develop awareness and involvement of citizens and consumers on urban sustainable development;
- To set up a direct co-operation policy in order to implement the partnership between coastal Mediterranean cities;
- To promote the role of sustainable urban development as a general policy for the Mediterranean Region.

### Partner organizations:

United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), UNDP, World Bank, European Commission, Catalan Regional Government, CEDARE, Instituto para la Sostenibilidad de los Recursos.

### Confirmed speakers:

Hon. Joan Clos, Mayor of Barcelona  
 Hon. Mohamed Abdel Labib, Mayor of Tetuan  
 Hon. Dahman Derhan, Mayor of Tangiers  
 Hon. Khelil Belhaouane, Mayor of Sousse  
 Hon. Mohamed Hadjtaieb, Mayor of Sfax  
 Hon. Samir Chaarani, Mayor of Tripoli, Lebanon  
 Hon. Abdel Kader Alameddine, Mayor of El Mina, Lebanon  
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## Participatory Budgeting, Urban Governance and Democracy

### Description of event:

The event will consist of (1) a presentation of the base document and of the activities of the URB-AL 9 Network “ Participatory Budgeting and Municipal Finance”, coordinated by Porto Alegre and which counts with nearly 200 Latin American and European cities, (2) a presentation of a selected number of Participatory Budgeting experiences and of the collection of resources available internationally prepared by UMP LAC and (3) a presentation and debate on the contribution that Participatory Budgeting is making to urban governance and democracy.

### Name of organization:

Porto Alegre Municipality, URB-AL 9 Network Coordinator, Brazil  
In cooperation with the International Centre for Urban Management: CIGU/PGU. Quito

### Description of organization:

Since 1989, the Municipality of Porto Alegre , Brazil, has been implementing participatory management methods and the “Participatory Budget“ in particular, by which the residents of the city decide on how the municipal budget is allocated and spent.

### Partner organizations:

Partners cities and institutions of the Urbal Network on Participatory Budgeting and Municipal Finance.  
Urban Management Programme, Coordination Latin American and the Caribbean.  
Harvard University, Centre for Urban Development Studies, Cambridge.  
European Union (URBAL/Europe Aid).  
Foro de Autoridades Locales para la Inclusion Social. Local Authorities Forum for Social Inclusion.  
Global Campaign for Good Urban Governance (UN-HABITAT).  
National Front of Mayors (Frente Nacional de Prefeitos)  
United Nations Volunteers.

### Confirmed speakers:

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Mr. João Verle, Mayor of Porto Alegre, Brazil  
Mr. Auki Tituaña, Mayor of Cotacachi, Equador  
Mr. Eduardo Mancuso, International Relations Coordinator of Porto Alegre City Hall, Brazil  
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1. Spanish Best Practices Programme/ 2. Bilbao facing the new Millennium/ 3. Urban Renewal of the Besòs Seafront-Forum 2004

**Description of event:**

1. a. General presentation of the Programme: background, aims, contents, tools partners, results, etc.
- b. Presentation of the Electronic Library and Data Base. c. Presentation of the Spanish Best Practices Catalogues. d. Brief on Spanish Best Practices and lessons learned.
2. Bilbao has been a city whose economy was based on heavy industry: iron, steel and shipbuilding. Bilbao felt the need to start a deep process of urban transformation.
3. The urban transformation has finally integrated an area that was historically forgotten by the metropolitan zone. The inhabitants of the adjoining neighbourhoods have benefited from extremely high-quality public spaces and an important revaluation of dwellings built decades ago. The project, constantly subjected to environmental and affordability auditing, shall represent a change in the way huge urban transformations are carried out, as it definitively consolidates the need to incorporate sustainability as a prime requirement. Likewise, the coexistence of centrally-focused spaces and public and private buildings with infrastructures that was originally heavily polluted (waste incinerator, water treatment plant and power plant), signifies a very important urban culture change, since it implies that large cities should take responsibility for their heavy infrastructure and should not export them to the outlying districts which later suffer the effects. The most significant operation in Barcelona's case has been the covering of the water treatment plant with a huge plaza that will be the centre point of civil demonstrations.

**Name of organization:**

1. General Direction of Urban Planning and Land Policy. Ministry of Housing, Government of Spain
2. Bilbao City Council
3. City of Barcelona

**Description of organization:**

N/A

**Partner organizations:**

Spanish Federation of Local Government (FEMP), Ministry of Working and Social Affairs, Ministry of Environment, Polytechnic Madrid University, Autonomous Madrid University, Habitat ONG

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## Urban Inequities and GIS – Putting the Poor on the Map

**Description of event:**

Modern technology, such as the use of Geographical Information Systems (GIS), offer new opportunities for analysing urban inequities and “putting the poor on the map”. The event brings together city representatives and experts who share their experiences in the field of using GIS for spatial socio-economic analysis in cities of the North and the South. The presentation will emphasise practical examples and case studies.

**Name of organization:**

Global Urban Observatory/UN-HABITAT; Metropolis

**Description of organization:**

UN-HABITAT’s Global Urban Observatory (GUO) is a global learning and capacity building network established by UN-HABITAT to improve knowledge on urban conditions and trends.

Metropolis: Metropolis is an international association of 81 world cities. It works towards developing solutions to issues affecting large cities, such as urban planning and development, the economy, the environment, transport, infrastructure and communications.

**Partner organizations:**

N/A

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## Urban Sector Profile Study for Policy Inputs for Urban Poverty Reduction in Africa and the Arab States

### Description of event:

The purpose is to review and discuss the results of an Urban Sector Profile Study to influence urban poverty reduction policy development and implementation of the MDGs at local, national and regional levels in Africa and Arab States. The study, based on the EU standard “Urban Sector Profile Study” terms of reference includes an assessment of needs and response mechanisms. The Study focuses on four themes: Slums, Governance, Gender and Environment.

### Name of organization:

Regional Office for Africa and the Arab States, UN-HABITAT

### Description of organization:

The United Nations Human Settlements Programme, UN-HABITAT, is the United Nations agency for human settlements. It is mandated by the UN General Assembly to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities with the goal of providing adequate shelter for all.

### Partner organizations:

EC

### Confirmed speakers:

N/A

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## Financing Urban Housing and Infrastructure

**Description of event:**

Panel discussions on policy experience in developing financing mechanisms for housing and infrastructure development. Major obstacles, challenges, and policy alternatives will be discussed by panel countries. The objective is to share experiences with the audience on developing sustainable financing tools that can bring private-partnership at both national and local levels.

**Name of organization:**

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

**Description of organization:**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is a federal agency committed to: increasing home ownership, particularly among minorities; creating affordable housing opportunities for low-income Americans; and supporting the homeless, elderly, people with disabilities and people living with HIV/Aids. The Department also promotes economic and community development as well as enforces the nation's fair housing laws.

**Partner organizations:**

HUD, United States Agency For International Development(USAID), Housing Ministries (Russian Federation, Mexico, and others).

**Confirmed speakers:**

N/A

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## Micro-Credit and Financing of Urban Agriculture

### Description of event:

(Peri)Urban Agriculture has gained increasing significance in our present day cities. It enables the urban poor to reduce household food expenses or generate additional income, which enhances food security and reduces poverty. It can play an important role in the recycling of urban wastes, in urban greening and the maintenance of (peri)urban open green spaces. Both financial and political legitimacy are essential to support this development. The guiding theme of this WUF Panel will focus on different innovative forms of credit and financing of UA, in a way that is directly useful to the financial organizations, local governments and producer organizations. It will combine viewpoints of international agencies as well as local actors and is aimed at triggering the elaboration of a future action-research agenda.

### Name of organization:

1. UMP-LAC/UNHABITAT 2. IPES-Promotion of Sustainable Development 3. IDRC

### Description of organization:

Urban Management Programme, Regional Coordination for Latin America and the Caribbean (UMP-LAC/UN HABITAT).

The Urban Management Programme is an initiative of the United Nations Programme for Development (UNDP) and other international co-operation agencies, and is executed by UN-HABITAT. It aims to strengthen the contribution that cities and towns make to human development.

#### IPES- Promotion of Sustainable Development

IPES (Peru) is a non-profit development organization, founded in 1984, whose mission is to improve the quality of life of the excluded population of intermediate cities in Latin America and the Caribbean, improving their living conditions by strengthening local governments and urban actors and generating participatory governance systems, with gender equity.

#### International Development Research Centre (IDRC)

IDRC is a public corporation created by the Government of Canada to support cities of developing countries to find solutions to social, economic and environmental problems through research.

### Partner organizations:

The Resource Centre for Urban Agriculture and Forestry (RUAUF)  
The Global Support Group on Urban Agriculture (SGUA)

### Confirmed speakers:

Ms. Daphney Keboneilwe, Under Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of Botswana  
Ms. Sandra Magalhães, Banco Palmas, Fortaleza CE Brasil  
Dr. Luc Mougeot, Programme Coordinator, Cities Feeding People Programme, IDRC, Canada  
Dr. Yves Cabannes, Senior Adviser CIGU (Centro Internacional de Gestion Urbana), Ecuador and Harvard University Graduate School of Design, Centre for Urban development Studies (CUDS)  
Mr. Roshan Shreshta, Senior Programme Officer, Centre for Micro-Finance, Kathmandu, Nepal  
Mr. Carlos Domenech, General Manager, CEPESIU , Quito, Ecuador

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## Public-Private Partnership in Urban Revitalization

**Description of event:**

Panel discussions on examples of public-private partnership in developing low-income communities, downtown revitalization, and revitalizes neighbourhoods for more affordable housing. Effective regulatory mechanisms and process of developing sustainable partnerships will be compared and evaluated. Consultative dialogues with the audience will be facilitated.

**Name of organization:**

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

**Description of organization:**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is a federal agency committed to increasing home ownership, particularly among minorities; creating affordable housing opportunities for low-income Americans; and supporting the homeless, elderly, people with disabilities and people living with HIV/Aids. The Department also promotes economic and community development as well as enforces the nation's fair housing laws.

**Partner organizations:**

Housing Ministries, Bank of America, Egos.

**Confirmed speakers:**

N/A

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## Slum Upgrading: How Public Finances Leverage Household and Commercial Finance

### Description of event:

The event focuses on identifying and utilizing local currency funds to fill the growing gap between the demand for shelter and services.

In this three hour networking event, participants will examine local currency finance innovations that have:

- Increased the access of city dwellers, including poor, to clean water and improved sanitation.
- Improved shelter for the urban poor.

### Name of organization:

USAID/UN-HABITAT

### Description of organization:

USAID is represented through a collaboration between its Office of Poverty Reduction Urban Programs Team, and its Office of Development Credit. The collaboration supports the cross cutting Making Cities Work Strategy.

The United Nations Human Settlements Programme, UN-HABITAT, is the United Nations agency for human settlements. It is mandated by the UN General Assembly to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities with the goal of providing adequate shelter for all.

### Partner organizations:

Evensen Dodge International, the International Association of Local and Regional Development Funds, Shore Bank, TCG International LLC

### Confirmed speakers:

Ms. Alexandria Panehal, USAID's Bureau for Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade, Office of Poverty Reduction, Urban Programs Team

Mr. Fernando Gama, Evensen Dodge International

Mr. Anthony Pellegrini or Steven G. Thomas, International Association of Development Funds

Mr. Roger Williams, ShoreBank, USA

Mr. Chris Williams/Mr. Michael Mutter, UN-HABITAT

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## The Challenges of City Financing: Habitat's Professionals Forum

### Description of event:

Key discussion issues will include:

- Sources, options, mechanisms, problems and strategies of city revenue generation.
- Experiences of city development financing and management in both developing and developed nations, as well as in countries with economies in transition.
- Strategies, options and mechanisms for adequately financing the provision of municipal services - the de Soto agenda explored.
- Effective institutional and regulatory frameworks for urban financing policy reform

The event will be preceded by the launch of the joint UN HABITAT - European Union Brochure on Research for Sustainable Urban Development by the Executive Director of UN HABITAT and the Director-General, Directorate General Research, European Commission (EU).

### Name of organization:

Habitat's Professionals Forum.

### Description of organization:

Platform of international professional non-governmental organizations for sharing experiences from various regions of the world on the financing of city development management and provision of urban services. It was established to promote mutual learning and adoption of good practices in city financing modes and mechanisms.

### Partner organizations:

International Federation for Housing and Planning(IFHP), FIG, IFLA, UIA, SAPI, ANDI.

### Confirmed speakers:

Ms Ellen Garetshele, City Treasurer, City of Gaborone, Botswana

Ms. Carmenza Barreneche, Director, District Planning Department, Bogota Municipality, Colombia

Mr. Timo Harmala, Head of Bureau, Real Estate and Public Work Department, Helsinki, Finland

Prof. Om Prakash Mathur, NIPFP, New Dehli, India

Prof. Dr. H. C. Horst Zimmerman, President of the Academy of Spatial Planning, Germany

Dr. Irene Wiese V. Ofen, President of IFHP, Essen, Germany

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**The Community-Led Infrastructure Finance Facility (CLIFF): How Serious Are Banks about Financing Slum Dwellers? Can Slum Dwellers Really Change the Way Cities do Business?**

**Description of event:**

Introducing CLIFF two years on – what has been achieved and how? Slum dwellers, bankers, city officials, contractors, professionals and donors will give their perspectives on the new initiatives taking place in India and Kenya. There will be a video showing the sanitation, slum upgrading and resettlement schemes that have been assisted. The focus will be on showing how giving slum dwellers access to venture capital can leverage the resources of civil society, the state and the private sector in a way that makes scaling up an achievable aim.

**Name of organization:**

Homeless International.

**Description of organization:**

Homeless International is a UK-based NGO supporting community-led and managed housing and infrastructure developments in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

**Partner organizations:**

Separated Parenting Access and Resource Centre (SPARC), National Slum Dwellers' Federation, Mahila Milan and Nirman – India  
Shack/Slum Dwellers International Pamoja Trust, Kenya  
Cities Alliance  
Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), Sweden  
Department for International Development (DFID), UK

**Confirmed speakers:**

N/A

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## Third Public-Private Partnership Alliance Meeting

### Description of event:

It is a one-day event, divided as follows:

First session: Thematic Conference on The Private Sector's Role in Delivering Municipal Services for Urban Revitalization and Sustainable Development

Second session: The Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Alliance Meeting, which will address the following themes:

- Spain's experience in PPPs, new legislation on concessions, lesson learned, involvement of Spanish companies in PPPs in other European countries
- Ongoing programme of work of the PPP Alliance

### Name of organization:

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

### Description of organization:

UNECE was set up in 1947 by ECOSOC. It is one of five regional commissions of the United Nations. Its primary goal is to encourage greater economic cooperation among its Member States. It focuses on economic analysis, environment and human settlements, statistics, sustainable energy, trade, industry and enterprise development, timber and transport. UNECE activities include policy analysis, development of conventions, regulations and standards, and technical assistance. UNECE has 55 member States. However, all interested UN member States may participate in its work.

### Partner organizations:

N/A

### Confirmed speakers:

Hon. Mr. Joan Clos, Mayor of Barcelona, Spain

Mr. Alejandro Huertas, Ministerio de Fomento, Government of Spain

Ms. Corinne Namblard, Chairperson of the UNECE Public-Private Partnership Alliance; CEO, Galaxy Fund of Groupe Caisse des Depots, France

Mr. Edmundo Verna, Construction Industry Sectoral Activities Division, International Labour Organization (ILO)

Mr. Wim Timmermans, UNECE PPP Alliance

Mr. Michael Dymacek, UNECE PPP Alliance, Czech Republic

Mr. Arthur L. Smith, US delegate to PPP Alliance

Dr. Tatiana Roskoshnaya, UN HABITAT Technical Advisory Branch/RTCD

Mr. Alexei Zverev, Senior Legal Counsel, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, London, UK

Mr. Witold Rogowiecki, City of Ploack, Poland

Mr. Zbigniew Wrobel, Poland

Mr. Tomasz Gryzewski, CEO of ORLEN, Poland

Mr. Bruno De Cazalet, Senior Partner, Gide, Paris

Dr. Chris Brown, FRICS, Chief Executive, Igloo Regeneration Fund

Mr. Graham Rowcroft, Deputy Director International Sectors Group, Head of Financial, Legal and Business Services, PPP and Export Finance UK Trade & Investment

Mr. Donovan D. Rypkema, PlaceEconomics Washington, DC

Mr. François Saint-Ouen, Executive Secretary, FEDRE

Mr. Ewan Willars, Royal Institute for Chartered Surveyors, Belgium

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## Access to Basic Services for All

### Description of event:

The event will particularly focus on the right to water and sanitation. It will discuss options for an international framework allowing access to basic services for all.

1. To present and comment on the new version of the working paper on access to basic services
2. To network with potential partners such as NGOs, governments, the private sector, programmes and agencies of the United Nations to support the initiative
3. To present some concrete case studies where a need for a Declaration of Principles on Access to Basic Services would have been useful
4. Proposition of elements for a Declaration of Principles

### Name of organization:

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), UN-HABITAT and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR).

### Description of organization:

United Nations agencies dealing with human rights, human settlements and training.

### Partner organizations:

Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions (COHRE)

### Confirmed speakers:

H.E Ms Nonceba Lindiwe Sisulu, Minister of Housing, South Africa  
H.E Mr Xavier Darcos, French Minister Delegate for Cooperation, Development and Francophony  
H.E Mr Olivio Dutra, Minister of Cities, Brasil or represented by H.E Ms Erminia Maricato, Executive Secretary, Minister of Cities, Brasil  
Ms Mary Jane Ortega, Mayor of San Fernando, Philippines  
Mr Marcel A. Boisard, Executive Director of UNITAR  
Ms Elisabeth Gateau, Secretary General of United Cities and Local Governments  
Mr Yves Berthelot, UNITAR  
Mr Björn Stigson, President of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (or represented by Mr Robert Martin, Program Director)

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<p><b>Challenges Facing South African Local Government and Policy Responses</b></p>
<p><b>Description of event:</b>  Presentations of a united picture and understanding of urban development dynamics and challenges, within the South African context. In particular, to achieve the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share South African urban development experiences and lessons in the first decade of democracy by articulating emerging policy imperatives and its implications;</li> <li>• Highlight challenges faced by South African cities and urban areas for the next period and thus seek international advise on how best to deal with the challenges; and</li> <li>• Showcase best practice emanating from the above.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Name of organization:</b>  Department of Provincial &amp; Local Government</p>
<p><b>Description of organization:</b>  The Department of Provincial &amp; Local Government is a national department of the Government of the Republic of South Africa, responsible for transforming the machinery of the erstwhile apartheid state institutions and addressing basic service backlogs emanating from the apartheid past. Since 1994 when the apartheid state was dismantled, the Department’s emphasis has been on building a stable and fully functional national and provincial government as the platform for service delivery, development and local democracy in the entire South Africa.</p>
<p><b>Partner organizations:</b>  National Treasury (Republic of South Africa), Department of Housing (Republic of South Africa), South African Cities Network (SACN), South African Cities Network (SACN), City of Cape Town, City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Municipality, eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality, Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality, Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality, Sol Plaatjie Municipality, Buffalo City Municipality, Mangaung Municipality, Msunduzi Local Municipality</p>
<p><b>Confirmed speakers:</b>  Mr Elroy Africa Department of Provincial &amp; Local Government  Ms Mosa Molapo Department of Provincial &amp; Local Government  Mr Sithole Mbanga South African Cities Network</p>
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## ComHabitat - City-community partnerships in the Commonwealth

### Description of event:

The event will constitute the official launch of the ComHabitat web site and work programme. However, it will focus on sharing specific practical experiences in using partnerships to implement the Habitat Agenda and/or work towards the Millennium Development Goals. Multi-sectoral teams from Mumbai and Nairobi will present their experiences of moving from a situation of threatened evictions of railway-side slum dwellers, to negotiations with slum dwellers' federations resulting in mass voluntary resettlement and how these experiences have been shared through exchanges between the two cities. ComHabitat plans to develop information, documentation and referral services across the Commonwealth focusing on infrastructure provision, slum upgrading, alternatives to forced evictions and urban finance.

### Name of organization:

ComHabitat

### Description of organization:

ComHabitat has been developed to support the work of the Commonwealth Consultative Group on Human Settlements (CCGHS) in implementing the Habitat Agenda within the context of the Millennium Development Goals. ComHabitat aims to bring together a wide range of governments, local authorities, NGOs, CBOs and private sector interests throughout the Commonwealth to share information and experiences on a regular and practical basis. ComHabitat will also carry out research and documentation aimed at enhancing the Commonwealth's capacity to improve the lives of slum dwellers.

### Partner organizations:

Commonwealth Secretariat, Commonwealth Foundation, Department for International Development (DFID), Commonwealth Human Ecology Council, Commonwealth Local Government Association, Homeless International, Shack/Slum Dwellers International.

### Confirmed speakers:

Hon. Sylvia Masebo, Minister of Local Government and Housing, Zambia  
Mr. Renson Mbwagwa, Director of Physical Planning, Ministry of Lands and Housing, Kenya.  
Dr. S.V. Joshi, IAS, Metropolitan Commissioner, Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA)  
Ms. Sheela Patel, Director, SPARC, India  
Ms. Jane Weru, Executive Director, Pamoja Trust, Kenya  
Mr. A.S.Garud, Chief Engineer, Indian Railways (Mumbai)  
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<p><b>Countrywide Slum Upgrading: Lessons from Morocco and Thailand</b></p>
<p><b>Description of the event:</b>  Both Thailand and Morocco have recently initiated comprehensive national programmes to upgrade their slums. While both countries have designed their own strategies themselves, they also see them as a response to the challenge of achieving “Cities without Slums” and contributing to the Millennium Development Goals.</p>
<p><b>Name of organization:</b>  Cities Alliance</p>
<p><b>Description of organization:</b>  A global coalition of cities and their development partners committed to improve the living conditions of the urban poor. The Cities Alliance undertakes action in two key areas: City Development Strategies (CDS), and city-wide and nation-wide slum upgrading.</p>
<p><b>Partner organizations:</b>  Government of Morocco, Government of Thailand; Asian Coalition For Housing Rights(ACHR), AfD, CODI, United States Agency For International Development(USAID), World Bank, UN-HABITAT.</p>
<p><b>Confirmed speakers:</b>  N/A</p>
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## Fighting Forced Evictions

### Description of event:

Open meeting to the public. The main purpose of the meeting will be to: Present the first Advisory Group on Forced Evictions (AGFE) report; interact with representatives of governments, local authorities and civil society; draw the first lessons from the actions engaged; propose improvements to the ongoing approach and organization of the Advisory Group; sensitise multilateral and bilateral agencies and seek their active contribution to the initiative; adopt the first report of the Advisory Group and present it to the Executive Director of UN-HABITAT.

### Name of organization:

Advisory Group on Forced Evictions (AGFE).

### Description of organization:

The Advisory Group on Forced Eviction assists UN-HABITAT to undertake activities such as: Facilitating the dialogue between stakeholders of current or planned evictions; monitoring acts of forced evictions and facilitating information and experience exchange between the stakeholders of such incidents including press and media, professional association; alerting the international communities and all other stakeholders, including relevant United Nations treaty bodies, on potential and current forced evictions and the effect of such incidents as well as documenting selected cases.

### Partner organizations:

Apart from UN-HABITAT, membership of the AGFE includes experts from Central Government; Local authorities and their global associations; Global/regional organizations of slum dwellers, international NGOs; research institutions, academia, etc.

### Confirmed speakers:

Hon. Mr. Olivio Dutra, Minister of Cities, Brazil  
Mr. Paulo Teixeira, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Sao Paulo, Brazil  
Mrs. Leticia Osorio, COHRE, Latin America, Brazil  
Mr. David Satterthwaite, Senior Fellow, Human Settlements Programme, IIED, UK  
Mr. Cesare Ottolini, Coordinator of the International Alliance of Inhabitants, Italy  
Mr. Yves Cabannes, former coordinator UMP Latin America, France  
Mr. Malick Gaye, ENDA Tiers du Monde, Senegal  
Mrs. Somsook Boonyabancha, Community Organizations Development Institute, Thailand  
Mrs. Jane Weru, Pamoja Trust, Kenya  
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<p><b>Housing for All in the New Millennium: Toward Vancouver 2006</b></p>
<p><b>Description of event:</b>          The goal of this workshop is to focus housing as a priority of the development agenda in the years ahead. Helping people around the globe achieve better housing or shelter must be a matter of conscience and action across the world. The session in Barcelona will lay the basis on the work that is needed to be carried out over the next two years to achieve this goal. It is intended that the results and recommendations will be prepared and presented by an International Shelter Coalition at the 2006 Third World Urban Forum to be held in Vancouver on the 30th anniversary of Habitat I. Presentations will address housing finance, land and property rights, and other housing policy issues.</p>
<p><b>Name of organization:</b>          Habitat for Humanity International.</p>
<p><b>Description of organization:</b>          Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI) is an ecumenical Christian movement dedicated to eliminating housing poverty and homelessness from the face of the earth, and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. Founded in 1976 by Millard and Linda Fuller, HFHI and its affiliates in more than 3000 communities in 92 nations have built more than 160,000 homes with low-income partner families with no-profit, zero-interest mortgages. In addition to a down payment and monthly mortgage payments, homeowners invest hundreds of hours of their own labour--sweat equity--into building their Habitat houses and the houses of others.</p>
<p><b>Partner organizations:</b>          Habitat for Humanity International, National Association of REALTORS, World Bank, United States Agency For International Development(USAID), Mortgage Bankers Association, ShoreBank Advisory Services, Cities Alliance, Inter-American Development Bank – Multilateral Investment Fund, International Finance Corporation, Prague Institute, Harvard University Joint Center on Housing Policy, Fannie Mae, Institute for Sustainable Communities, among others.</p>
<p><b>Confirmed speakers:</b>          N/A</p>
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## Housing for the Poor in Developing Countries

### Description of event:

This event will examine the implementation of the principle of the right to housing through the installation of operational structures which can organize the transfer of a know-how, the framing of self-construction, the promotion of standardisation and use of local materials. The event will also showcase the initiative of Western organizations of housing (of the public, para-public and private sector of France, of Belgium, of Canada, of Switzerland, of Italy etc.) to create an international association (CIH) of technical and financial support and framing of self-construction in the developing countries.

### Name of organization:

CIH (Coopération Internationale pour l'Habitat)

### Description of organization:

CIH is the emanation of the federations and the organizations of construction and management of residences of several Western countries (France, Belgium, Canada, Switzerland, Italy, etc).

### Partner organizations:

Union Sociale pour l'Habitat (USH, France), Réseau Habitat et Francophonie (RHF, ONG internationale), Offices de l'Habitat (OH France), Entreprises Sociales de l'Habitat (ESH, France), Société Nationale de construction pour les travailleurs (Sonacotra, France), Fonds du logement Wallon (FLW, Belgique), Société Wallonne du logement (SWL, Belgique), Société d'Habitation du Québec (SHQ, Canada), DAEL de Genève (Suisse), Federabitazione (Italie) etc.

### Confirmed speakers:

Mr. Claudel Toussaint, Vice President of the Department of Policies and Planning, Housing Society of Quebec

Mr. Michel Delebarre, President of the USH, Former Minister of State, France

Mr. Michel Pélissier, Prefect, President of Sonacotra, France

Mr. Doutreligne, President of the Abbé Pierre Foundation, France

Mr. Luc Laurent, Former President of CECODHAS, President of Fonds Wallon du Logement, Belgium

Ms. Farida Moha, Journalist, Mission Officer for the President of CDG, Marocco

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<p><b>Planning Practice in an Urbanizing World</b></p>
<p><b>Description of event:</b>          The event will rely on presentations and facilitated discussions in order to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• share practical experiences with the successful application of urban planning tools to improve economic, environmental and social development outcomes;</li> <li>• advance a global urban planners network, bringing together professionals from OECD countries and developing countries;</li> <li>• discuss and promote the 2006 International Planners Forum, to be delivered in conjunction with the Vancouver 2006 World Urban Forum.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Name of organization:</b>          Canadian Institute of Planners</p>
<p><b>Description of organization:</b>          The Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) is a national association representing 5,800 urban and regional planners. As reflected in its Statement of Values, CIP is an advocate for securing, as a benefit to all generations, the creation of healthy, sustainable and livable communities and natural environments through effective planning and the advancement of the planning profession.</p>
<p><b>Partner organizations:</b>          Canadian Institute of Planners          Commonwealth Association of Planners and member national associations of planners          The Royal Town Planning Institute          The American Planning Association          The Trinidad &amp; Tobago Society of Planners</p>
<p><b>Confirmed speakers:</b>          N/A</p>
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## Rental Housing: An Essential Option for the Urban Poor

### Description of event:

Launch of the UN-HABITAT publication entitled “Rental Housing: An essential option for the urban poor in developing countries”. A keynote presentation will explain the background to the research, the status of rental housing globally and the main conclusions and recommendations of the study. This will be followed by comments from the panelists. There will be an open discussion afterwards.

### Name of organization:

UN-HABITAT (Housing Policy and Development Section) jointly with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE).

### Description of organization:

The United Nations Human Settlements Programme, UN-HABITAT, is the United Nations agency for human settlements. It is mandated by the UN General Assembly to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities with the goal of providing adequate shelter for all.

### Partner organizations:

United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)/Environment and Human settlements Division.

### Confirmed speakers:

Mrs. Lindiwe Sisulu, Minister for Housing, South Africa  
Mr. Martti Lujanen, Head of Housing and Building Department, Ministry of Environment, Finland  
Mrs. Elena Szolgayova, Senior Advisor to the State Secretary, Ministry of Construction and Regional Development, Slovakia  
Mr. Selman Ergüden, Chief, Housing Policy and Development Section, UN-HABITAT  
Mr. Scott Leckie, Executive Director, Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions (COHRE)  
Mrs. Christina von Schweinichen, Deputy Director, UNECE Environment and Human Settlements Division  
Mrs. Emmy Galama-Rommerts, International Council of Women (ICW), the Netherlands  
Mr. Magnus Hammer, Secretary General, International Union of Tenants  
Professor Alan Gilbert, University College London, UK

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<p><b>Sanitation: The Most Difficult MDG to Meet</b></p>
<p><b>Description of event:</b>          In some urban settlements, small, locally operated sanitation systems may be less expensive to construct and maintain than large, centralised systems: in most cases these systems play an integral role in provision of adequate sanitation and the MDG target. The objective of the dialogue is to create a platform to present these approaches and to promote “a learning by doing approach” so that effective small scale, community led sanitation initiatives can be replicated and upgraded, thus reaching a larger population and contributing to the MDG target.</p>
<p><b>Name of organization:</b>          UN-HABITAT in Collaboration with the World Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WWSSCC)</p>
<p><b>Description of organization:</b>          The United Nations Human Settlements Programme, UN-HABITAT, is the United Nations agency for human settlements. It is mandated by the UN General Assembly to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities with the goal of providing adequate shelter for all.</p>
<p><b>Partner organizations:</b>          N/A</p>
<p><b>Confirmed speakers:</b>          N/A</p>
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## The Role of Cities in an Information Age: ICT Application for Urban Development

### Description of event:

This event will focus on the application of information and communication technologies (ICTs) in urban development, city governance, health, housing, tourism, local socio-economic sustainable development in cities, social integration and culture of peace, viable rural-urban linkages and integration of marginal economic sectors (informal sector of cities into the global economic network. The outcome will be used to establish urban Educational Resource Centres and ICT applications for urban development.

### Name of organization:

International Research Foundation for Development.

### Description of organization:

The International Research Foundation for Development is an autonomous, non-partisan, transnational organization composed of an international community of contemplative thinkers, policy-makers, practitioners, and laypersons who are making a concerted effort to improve the quality of life at various levels of the world. Currently IRFD is planning to implement a project on ICT application for development in marginalized communities.

### Partner organizations:

TEK Foundation  
The International Research Foundation for Development (IRFD) East Asia Network

### Confirmed speakers:

Mr. Vijay Parmer, Policy Specialist, Directorate, Bureau for Resources and Strategic Partnerships, UNDP  
Mr. Raul Zambrano, Policy Advisor, E-Governance, UNDP  
Mr. Richard Kerby, UN-DESA  
Dr. Neville S. Arachchige Don, President/CEO, International Research Foundation for Development  
Dr. Thomas Robbins, CEO, TEK Foundation, USA  
Mr. Divino Roberto Verissimo, Executive Director, Organizatizacao Pela Preservacao Ambiental, Brazil  
Professor William H. Gray, Director, Washington State University  
Ms. Jeannette Chin, Inhabited Intelligent Environments Research Group, University of Essex, UK  
Mr. Vic Callaghan, Inhabited Intelligent Environments Research Group, University of Essex, UK  
Dr. Thomas Viteorisz, Associate Professor, Urban Planning Programme, Columbia University and Cornell University, USA  
Mr. Matias Enchanove, Affiliate, Center on Organizational Innovation, Columbia University, USA, Institute of Socio-Information and Communication Studies, University of Tokyo, Japan  
Dr. Danilo Yanich, Associate Professor, Graduate School of Urban Affairs & Public Policy, University of Delaware Newark, USA  
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## The Zero Evictions Campaign: Results and Perspectives

### Description of event:

Presentation of the international Campaign “Zero Evictions” launched during the WSF 2004 of Mumbai. The first results: Nairobi, Dominican Republic, France.

Exchange of experiences of good practices realized by the associations of inhabitants of various regions of the world to face evictions.

Discussion between the associations, local authorities, the governments and UN-HABITAT to support the campaign.

Proposal for monitoring and establishment of an international solidarity alert.

### Name of organization:

International Alliance of Inhabitants.

### Description of organization:

The International Alliance of Inhabitants (IAI) is a network of associations and social movements of inhabitants, communities, tenants, house owners, homeless people, favelas and informal settlements residents, cooperatives, indigenous populations and working class neighbourhoods of different world regions.

### Partner organizations:

Frente Continental Organizaciones Comunes (Mexico), UCISV-Ver (Mexico), FIEZ (Mexico), CENCA (Peru), GIU (Peru), National Council for the Environment (CONAM), Brazil, CERPAC (Senegal), Unione Inquilini (Italy), DAL (France), Kutoka Network of Parishes in the Informal Settlements, Nairobi (Kenya)

### Confirmed speakers:

Mr. Yves Cabannes, Convenor of the UN-HABITAT Advisory Group Forced Evictions

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## Urban Planning Revisited

### Description of event:

Urban planning has often been blamed for not responding adequately or in time to the change in the pace and scale of urbanization, or to phenomena such as widening inequalities, rising crime or the deteriorating physical environment. Many argue that planning as a concept has been superseded by that of “good governance.” It is evident that there has been some new thinking in recent years on urban planning approaches and methodologies. What are these different approaches? Do they work? Does master planning still work? What are the advantages of “strategic planning”? How has urban planning responded to increasing diversity and multiculturalism in cities— does it simply control diversity, or accommodate it, or actually encourage it?

All these aspects will be explored during this networking event on “Urban Planning Revisited”. Planning professionals, practitioners and stakeholders will be invited to contribute to the discussion through papers, presentations and short interventions.

### Name of organization:

UN-HABITAT (Urban Governance Section)

### Description of organization:

The United Nations Human Settlements Programme, UN-HABITAT, is the United Nations agency for human settlements. It is mandated by the UN General Assembly to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities with the goal of providing adequate shelter for all.

### Partner organizations:

N/A

### Confirmed speakers:

Mr. Paul Taylor (Facilitator), UN-HABITAT  
Mr. Gert Ludeking, UN-HABITAT Kosovo Programme  
Mr. Rod Hackney, President, International Union of Architects  
Mr. Andrew Borraine, South African Cities Network  
Mr. Cliff Hague, Royal Town Planning Institute, UK

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**Urban Structure, Transport and Local Economy:  
Part 1: Urban Structure and Sustainable Transport.**

**Description of event:**

Unsustainable urban sprawl is a threat to the environment and to everyday life, especially for low-income communities. It is also a threat to the health. Sprawl is a result of many factors, including traffic expansion, and an uncontrolled built environment. Preventing sprawl requires vision, determination, planning and cooperation between stakeholders and citizens. This event will provide a forum for participants to share experiences from different parts of the world.

**Name of organization:**

Boverket, Sweden

**Description of organization:**

Boverket is the National Swedish Board of Housing, Building and Planning, part of the Ministry of the Environment. It is the national agency responsible for planning, building and housing.

**Partner organizations:**

The Swedish Government, Formas, the Swedish Research Council for Environment, Agricultural Sciences and Spatial Planning.

**Confirmed speakers:**

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 Professor Ellen Dunham Jones, USA  
 Professor Louise Nyström, Sweden

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**Urban Structure, Transport and Local Economy**  
**Part 2: Local Economy and Urban Form.**

**Description of event:**

Modernist town planning creates large-scale car dependent habitats. But local economy thrives in old city structures that provide close proximity to social, institutional and economical diversity. Small businesses also need premises that address the street, seldom found in modernist developments.

**Name of organization:**

Boverket, Sweden

**Description of organization:**

Boverket is the National Swedish Board of Housing, Building and Planning, part of the Ministry of the Environment. It is the National agency responsible for planning, building and housing.

**Partner organizations:**

The Swedish government  
Urban City Research, Ax:son Johnson Foundation

**Confirmed speakers:**

Mr. Peter Elmlund, Urban City Research, Ax:son Johnson Foundation, Sweden  
Dr. Petra Kjell, New Economy Foundation, UK  
Dr. Lars Marcus, Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden  
Professor Steven Gold, Michigan State University, USA  
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<p><b>Values-based Water Education</b></p>
<p><b>Description of event:</b>          The objective of the event is to share experiences and best practices on Values-based Water Education from Africa, Asia and other parts of the world, as well as on innovative investment programmes for water and sanitation in schools. The session will consist of a moderated panel discussion with the participation of key programme partners from Africa and Asia.</p>
<p><b>Name of organization:</b>          UN-HABITAT.</p>
<p><b>Description of organization:</b>          The United Nations Human Settlements Programme, UN-HABITAT, is the United Nations agency for human settlements. It is mandated by the UN General Assembly to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities with the goal of providing adequate shelter for all.</p>
<p><b>Partner organizations:</b>          South-East Asian Ministers of Education Organisation (SEAMEO)          Ministries of Education in Africa and Asia.</p>
<p><b>Confirmed speakers:</b>          N/A</p>
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## Cities as Drivers of Sustainable Development

### Description of event:

The role of cities in the sustainable development debate has not received enough attention. Worse, cities have only been targeted as the drivers in resource consumption and waste production. Missing in the debate is the important, if not primary role, of cities as promoters of the sustainable development agenda. This perspective, however, must include the ways in which activities located within cities must be addressed, encouraged, empowered, enhanced, regulated or prohibited through governance structures at all levels. Emerging approaches to management, such as the ecosystem's approach provide an opportunity for cities, citizens and the international community to explore synergies between natural, economic and social systems that can then be harnessed to promote the sustainable development agenda in cities. The aim is to promote discussion and debate between high-level representatives of key international agencies, national policy-makers and prestigious scholars involved in urban management.

### Name of organization:

United Nations University, Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS)

### Description of organization:

UNU-IAS is devoted to undertaking research on issues at the forefront of knowledge, policy development and learning. The institute aims to contribute to the development of a strategic approach to sustainable development relevant to policy-makers at the global, regional, national and local levels. Key research areas include: ecosystem approaches, urbanization, globalization, international environmental governance, world cities and the application of new information and communication technologies, biodiplomacy, environmental institution building, and education for sustainable development.

### Partner organizations:

ASEAN Secretariat

UNESCO Man and the Biosphere Programme (UNESCO/MAB)

University of Tokyo Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology (RCAST)

World Health Organization Healthy Cities, Western Pacific Regional Office (WHO-WPRO)

### Confirmed speakers:

Prof. J-P Contzen, Chairman of the UNU-IAS Board, Advisor to the Minister of Science and Technology of Portugal, Invited Chair, Professor at the Instituto Superior Técnico in Lisbon

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## Communicating Urban Water: Preconditions for a Sustainable Everyday Life

### Description of event:

Urban water affects everyday life in urban areas, as well as everyday life partly constitute the urban water system. Connections between urban planning, urban water systems and everyday life among the inhabitants are crucial for understanding preconditions for sustainable urban water systems. Lessons learnt from history, together with different strategies for managing the change needed for sustainable systems are main topics addressed at the event.

### Name of organization:

Sustainable Urban Water Management

### Description of organization:

The Swedish research programme Urban Water has developed and tested methodologies and working tools supporting planning of sustainable water and wastewater systems in urban areas comprising the whole array of related aspects (hygiene, environment, economy, user aspects etc). Our approach supports broad stakeholder participation and enhances knowledge communication and learning in the planning process.

### Partner organizations:

Municipality of Uppsala, Sweden, Akkadia AB

### Confirmed speakers:

Prof. Carl-Johan Engström, Planning Director, Uppsala Municipality, Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm

Dr. Helena Åberg, Göteborg University

Dr. Henriette Söderberg, Chalmers University of Technology

Prof. Per-Arne Malmqvist, Chalmers University of Technology

Ass. Prof. Jan-Olof Drangert, Linköping University

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## Cultural Heritage: A Tool for Urban Development

### Description of event:

Cultural heritage is a globally available resource that can be utilised in development efforts. Cultural heritage can be used as a resource that benefits residents of historic areas, in particular the urban poor, by adding to their quality of life and self-esteem. There is a global responsibility attached to the preservation of our cultural heritage. Although the costs of preserving the cultural heritage are local, the benefits are global.

### Name of organization:

Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency – Sida, Urban Development Division.

### Description of organization:

The Swedish government's official development aid organization.

### Partner organizations:

The Swedish National Heritage Board, ICOMOS Sweden, The Swedish Foundation for Cultural Heritage Without Borders.

### Confirmed speakers:

Mr. Mounir Bouchnaki, Assistant Director-General for Culture – UNESCO  
Mr. Pelle Persson, Head of Sida Urban Development Division  
Mr. Donatius Kamamba, Director of Antiquities Department, Tanzania  
Ms. Inger Liljequist, Director General, Swedish National Heritage Board  
Mr. Suad Amiry, Co-Director and founder of Riwaq Center For Architectural Conservation, Palestine  
Mr. Sylvio Mutal, International Consultant World Historic Cities, stationed in the Netherlands  
Ms. Kersti Berggren, Architect, Swedish National Heritage Board  
Mr. Kristofer Lundström, Culture Journalist, Swedish Television

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## Indigenous Foods and Local Food Security: Changing Food Habits in Rapidly Urbanizing Africa

### Description of event:

1. A PowerPoint presentation on indigenous foods and traditional methods of processing them.
2. A panel discussion and poster session on efforts being made to promote production and consumption of indigenous foods and to meet the challenges posed by changing food habits in rapidly urbanizing Africa.

### Name of organization:

The Coalition of African Organisations on Food Security and Sustainable Development (COASAD)

### Description of organization:

The Coalition of African Organisations on Food Security and Sustainable Development (COASAD) is a non- political, pan- African NGO. The mission of the organisation is the attainment of food security for the African people and the elimination of hunger and poverty in the region.

### Partner organizations:

Africa- based non-governmental organizations whose stated mission is food security and sustainable development.

### Confirmed speakers:

N/A

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## Knowledge for Urban Development

### Description of event:

New urban landscapes and processes are generating increased demand for cross-boundary knowledge on cities as systems, the preconditions for people leading a full life in cities, and processes and strategies conducive to desirable changes. Partnership is needed between humanists, social scientists, natural scientists, engineers, architects, planners etc and the solutions often occupy the interfaces between different sectors and scientific fields. The event aims at encouraging and supporting the development of new urban knowledge.

### Name of organization:

The Swedish Research Council for the Environment, Agricultural Sciences and Spatial Planning (Formas), Sweden

### Description of organization:

Formas is a national research council under the Ministry of the Environment. Formas promotes multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary research as well as international research co-operation and exchange of experience. The Council is also responsible for information on research results. One of the main subject areas is sustainable development of cities and towns.

### Partner organizations:

Chalmers University of Technology.

### Confirmed speakers:

N/A

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## Land and Urban Poverty

### Description of event:

Access to land and the ability to make productive use of such land is critical to poor people and for sustainable development worldwide. In addition to its direct effect on households' welfare and their strategies for coping with risk, the system of land tenure will also affect the scope for the emergence of land markets and the structure of governance at the local level. This event will bring key stakeholders together and will be an opportunity for the land sector to assess progress and achievements as well as identify difficulties encountered. The event could lead to a set of land-related resolutions on how to reduce urban poverty.

### Name of organization:

UN-HABITAT.

### Description of organization:

The United Nations Human Settlements Programme, UN-HABITAT, is the United Nations agency mandated by the UN General Assembly to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities with the goal of providing adequate shelter for all.

### Partner organizations:

The Centre for Advanced Property Economics (CAPE), Real Property Programme Branch, Public Works and Government Services, Canada; United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), Real Estate Advisory Group, International Federation of Surveyors (FIG); International Real Estate Federation (FIABCI); Real Estate Advisory Group, (REAG); International Union of Real Estate Property (UIPI); Commonwealth Association of Surveyors and Land Economists (CASLE); Working Party on Land Administration (WPLA).

### Confirmed speakers:

Mrs. Clarissa Augustinus, Chief, Land and Tenure Section, UN HABITAT  
 Mr. Klaus Deininger, Development Research Group, World Bank  
 Mrs. Leticia Osorio, Coordinator, Americas Programme, Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions (COHRE)  
 Mr. Alain Durand-Lasserre, Director, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS)  
 Ms. Alanna Hartzok, Co-Director, Earth Rights Institute  
 Prof. Holger Magel, International Federation of Surveyors (FIG), Centre of Land Management and Land Tenure, Technische Universität, München  
 Mr. Kristofer Lundström, *Facilitator*, Culture Journalist, Swedish Television

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**Linkages Between UN-HABITAT and the Commission for Sustainable Development (CSD): What role for civil society?**

**Description of event:**

As human settlements are an issue in the CSD agenda, and as CSD will deal with this at its next session, and as human settlements, capacity building and governance and youth are integral parts of the millennium goals, to be reviewed next year, this side event will explore the possible synergy effects between WUF, CSD and related UN conferences and meetings, and explore the role of Civil society and major groups in this context.

**Name of organization:**

ANPED – the Northern Alliance for Sustainability

**Description of organization:**

The Northern Alliance for Sustainability (ANPED) is a network membership organisation of some 100 members, headquartered in Amsterdam serving NGOs in the larger UN ECE region working on sustainability issues. ANPED also works closely with NGOs and networks in Latin America, Asia and Africa through the SDIN group, the Sustainable Development Issues Network with contacts in more than 170 countries.

**Partner organizations:**

N/A

**Confirmed speakers:**

N/A

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## Managing Information for Local Environments (MILES)

### Description of event:

The purpose of the Technology Pavilion is to exchange lessons learned on experiences of applying innovative spatial information systems for urban environmental planning and management (EPM) geared towards supporting the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals. The Pavilion will bring together city practitioners, representatives from resource institutions, software companies, Open Source software developers, and experts who are applying environmental management information systems (EMIS) worldwide. Participants will discuss the integration of multiple technologies in the practical application of such systems. The meeting will result in an action statement for follow-up of environmental management information systems globally. An accompanying exhibition will present the achievements of partners through posters, documentation, and computer shows.

### Name of organization:

Sri Lanka Institute of Local Governance (SLILG).

### Description of organization:

The SLILG is the national anchoring institution for developing human resources of Provincial Councils and Local Government Institutions. SLILG was established by the government in 1999 to serve as a centre in training, research and management for public institutions. Policy decisions of the Institute are taken by a Governing Council chaired by the Secretary, Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government, consisting of representatives appointed from the public sector, local authority associations, private sector, non-governmental sector, community organizations and professional organizations.

### Partner organizations:

City of Munich, Department of Health and Environment  
 City of Vitoria-Gasteiz, Centre for Environmental Studies  
 Sustainable Cities Programme (UN-HABITAT/UNEP)  
 European Commission, EuropeAid

### Confirmed speakers:

Mr. Francis Muwowo, Town Clerk, Lusaka City Council, Zambia  
 Mr. A.M. Chandrapala, Secretary, Ministry of Provincial Councils & Local Government, Sri Lanka  
 Mrs. Brigitte Rothenbacher-Scholz, City Director, City of Munich, Germany  
 Mr. Georg Ritter/Mr. Markus Spring, Department of Health and Environment, City of Munich, Germany  
 Ms. Karin Buhren, Ass. Human Settl. Officer, UN-HABITAT  
 Mr. Cashian Herath, Director, Sri Lanka Institute of Local Governance (SLILG), Sri Lanka  
 Mr. Omar Mowlana, General Manager/local MILES Co-ordinator, SLILG, Sri Lanka  
 Mr. Jan-Oliver Wagner, CEO, Intevation GmbH, Germany  
 Dr. Richard Sliuzas, Urban and Regional Planning and Geo-Information Management, ITC, The Netherlands  
 Mr. Luis Andrés Orive, Director, Environmental Studies Centre, City of Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain  
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## Planning for Long - Term Urban Sustainability

### Description of event:

+30 is a network of cities and communities sharing learning on integrated long-term planning for sustainability. The event will provide potential new Network members with information regarding: the rationale for long-term (100 year) urban planning; the purpose, structure and function of the network; and how a city can participate.

### Name of organization:

The International Centre for Sustainable Cities (ICSC)

### Description of organization:

ICSC is an independent not-for-profit organization with charitable status. It was founded in 1993 between three levels of government, the private sector and civil society. Its mission is to catalyse action on urban sustainability in cities around the world through demonstration projects, peer learning networks and high profile events. The +30 Network is an excellent example of a peer learning network.

### Partner organizations:

Liu Institute for Global Issues  
ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability  
Greater Vancouver Regional District

### Confirmed speakers:

Honourable Mike Harcourt, Canadian Prime Minister's Chair of the External Advisory Committee on Cities and Communities.  
Mr. Marvin Hunt, Chair of the Greater Vancouver Regional District  
Ms. Nola-Kate Seymoar, President and CEO International Centre for Sustainable Cities  
Mr. Ken Cameron, CEO Homeowners Protection Office  
Mr. Konrad Otto-Zimmermann, Secretary General ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability  
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<b>Property Rights and Sustainable Urban Development</b>
<p><b>Description of event:</b>  Panel discussion on fundamental elements of promoting a market-based housing and mortgage system in urban areas. Topics may include property rights, market information and transparency, regulatory and institutional structures, and community capacity-building. Possible cases include the U.S., Peru, Thailand and South Africa.</p>
<p><b>Name of organization:</b>  U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).</p>
<p><b>Description of organization:</b>  HUD is a federal agency in the U.S. committed to increasing home ownership, particularly among minorities; creating affordable housing opportunities for low-income Americans; and supporting the homeless, elderly, people with disabilities and people living with AIDS. The Department also promotes economic and community development as well as enforces the nation's fair housing laws.</p>
<p><b>Partner organizations:</b>  N/A</p>
<p><b>Confirmed speakers:</b>  N/A</p>
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## Sustainable Cities and Villages: International Training for Local Authorities

### Description of event:

This event will present how the UNITAR CIFAL Network and partners are providing training to increase and build on the existing capacity of local governments and communities leaders by equipping them with the skills and access to knowledge on a range of global and urban environmental management issues, all in the context of the implementation of the MDGs that calls for economic development and the eradication of poverty; the insurance of environmental sustainability; the support of democracy, and good governance and human rights.

### Name of organization:

UNITAR CIFAL Network.

### Description of organization:

CIFAL is a network of capacity building centres for achieving sustainable urbanization in the context of increased responsibilities of local authorities and providing equitable access to services for citizens.

### Partner organizations:

Global Ecovillage Network- a network that links together a highly diverse worldwide movement of autonomous ecovillages (over 15,000) and related projects.

Host cities of CIFAL Centres and their respective partners including private sector, the regional associations of local associations.

### Confirmed speakers:

N/A

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## Sustainable Communities and the Future Shape of Cities

### Description of event:

This proposal brings together four recent research projects on sustainability and urban communities carried out at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). Drawing on a wide range of skills and disciplines available at the LSE, the presentation will focus on the implications of the research in addressing the challenges posed by complex processes taking place in cities facing rapid urban growth and social and economic change around the world. It will also highlight innovative interdisciplinary methodologies necessary to understanding these processes. Through a case study format, this presentation seeks to demonstrate tangible means by which a set of core sustainability aims may be achieved in a variety of urban contexts.

Case studies: London, Accra, Bucharest, Tianjin

### Name of organization:

London School of Economics and Political Science, LSE

### Description of organization:

The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) is the world's leading social science institution for teaching and research. A "laboratory of the social sciences", the School's academic profile spans a wide range of disciplines, from Economics, International Relations, Government and Law, to Sociology, Information Systems, and Accounting and Finance. Teaching and research are conducted through 18 departments and more than 30 Research Centres and Institutes.

### Partner organizations:

N/A

### Confirmed speakers:

N/A

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## The Role of Urban Centres in Regional Development

### Description of event:

Rapid changes in the spaces where people live, how they make a living and how they interact are blurring the distinction between urban and rural areas. Taking a joint approach to urban and rural development, this session aims to explore both the effects of these changes on regional development and labour markets. The session is a mixture of analysis and practical tools for maximising the benefits and managing the risks of change for poor people. Presentations will be followed by a discussion.

### Name of organization:

Urban and Rural Change Team, Policy Division, UK Department for International Development (DFID)

### Description of organization:

DFID is a UK Government department working to promote sustainable development and eliminate world poverty, focused on achieving the MDGs. DFID's assistance is concentrated in the poorest countries of sub-Saharan Africa and Asia, but also contributes to poverty reduction and sustainable development in middle-income countries, including those in Latin America and Eastern Europe.

### Partner organizations:

Partners at event: Development Planning Unit (University College London), Overseas Development Institute, Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, World Bank

Other Partners: London School of Economics, International Institute for Environment and Development, GHK International, International Development Department (Birmingham University), IDS (University of Sussex)

### Confirmed speakers:

Mr. Paul Hildreth, Office of the Deputy Prime Minister  
Mr. Steve Bass, Chief Environment Adviser, Department for International Development  
Ms. Priya Deshingkar, Overseas Development Institute  
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## Think Global, Act Local: A Challenge to Sustainable Development

### Description of event:

Think Global, Act Local is easier said than done. Global and national goals with regard to sustainable development have to be implemented on the local level by municipalities, local organizations and citizens. But they do not always have the resources or the tools, and they may have other urgent objectives. Private-public partnerships do often not include user participation. This event will discuss how these gaps can be overcome.

### Name of organization:

Boverket, Sweden

### Description of organization:

Boverket is the National Swedish Board of Housing, Building and Planning, under the Ministry of the Environment. It is the national agency responsible for planning, building and housing.

### Partner organizations:

The Swedish Government

Formas, the Swedish Research Council for Environment, Agricultural Sciences and Spatial Planning

### Confirmed speakers:

Ms. Lise Bergh, Under-secretary of State, Ministry of Justice, Sweden

Ms. Ines Uusmann, Director General, Boverket, Sweden

Dr Annika Carlsson-Kanyama, Dep. of Systems Ecology, Stockholm University, Sweden

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## Tourism, Sustainable Urbanization and Poverty Alleviation

### Description of event:

Tourism is the fastest growing economic sector in terms of foreign exchange earnings and job creation. It can provide developing countries with the means to develop sustainable urbanization and fight urban poverty. At the same time, tourism can have a destructive impact on nature, social networks, and cultural heritage. Although the relationship between tourism and the environment has long been established (ecotourism), the one between tourism and (sustainable) urbanization has largely been ignored. This event will link these three themes and show how they can benefit each other.

### Name of organization:

UN-HABITAT in cooperation with various partners.

### Description of organization:

UN-HABITAT's Sustainable Cities Programme promotes sustainable urban environmental management and planning in various cities around the world.

### Partner organizations:

UNEP / DTIE, sustainable tourism section (Paris)  
WTO (World Tourism Organisation)  
NGO's  
national and local governments

### Confirmed speakers:

Mr. Tariq Kabbage, Mayor of Agadir, Morocco  
Mr. Nana Ato Arthur, Mayor of Elmina, Ghana  
Ms. Giulia Carbone, UNEP/DTIE, sustainable tourism section  
Mr. Kwadwo Ohene Sarfoh, Municipality of Elmina, Ghana  
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## UNESCO: Cities as World Heritage

### Description of event:

Roundtable and presentation by the World Heritage Centre (20 min.) on the World Heritage Cities Programme (objectives, issues and pilot projects). After this, discussion will focus on two main issues:

- 1) Urban Heritage Conservation as Social Process (5 minute presentations on case studies of Olinda and Galle preceding the debate)
- 2) Sustainability of Urban Heritage: Conservation in a Globalizing World (5 minute presentations on case studies of Vienna and Asmara).

After this 30 minute presentation by the the World Heritage Center, a panel of invited experts in the field of urban heritage conservation will reflect on the presentation and provide insights from their background and experience, in particular with regard to the two main issues. This side-event is intended to evolve primarily around discussion and debate, with an active participation of the audience, to provide for new ideas and input for participants and for UNESCO's World Heritage Cities Programme.

### Name of organization:

World Heritage Centre (WHC)/Culture (CLT)

### Description of organization:

The UNESCO World Heritage Centre was set up in 1992 by the Director-General to assure the day-to-day management of the Convention. It organizes the annual sessions of the World Heritage Bureau and Committee, provides advice to States Parties in the preparation of site nominations, organizes international assistance upon request, and co-ordinates both the reporting on the condition of sites and the emergency action undertaken when a site is threatened. It is also responsible for the administration of the World Heritage Fund.

### Partner organizations:

ICOMOS (International Council on Monuments and Sites), ICCROM (International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property), IFLA (International Federation of Landscape Architects), IUA (International Union of Architects), IFHP (International Federation for Housing and Planning), OWHC (Organization of World Heritage Cities)

### Confirmed speakers:

Mr. Francesco Bandarin, Director UNESCO World Heritage Centre, Paris  
 Ms. Irene Von Wiese-Ofen, International Federation of Housing and Planning  
 Mr. Denis Ricard, Organization of World Heritage Cities  
 Mr. Eusebio Leal, City of Havana, Cuba  
 Mr. Arnold Klotz, Vienna Municipality, Austria  
 Mr. Ray Bondin, ICOMOS International  
 Mr. Gustavo Araoz, US-ICOMOS  
 Mr. Sylvio Mutal, Urban heritage specialist, Latin America  
 Prof. Paolo Ceccarelli, Italy  
 Prof. Manfred Wehdorn, Austria

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## UNESCO: Rivers and Urban Culture

### Description of event:

Half day event based on the presentation of five case studies on different sites, located in different continents, and representatives of the various issues to be addressed including (i) Rivers and the origin of human settlements, (ii) Rivers as the avenue of communications, exchange and cultural accumulation, (iii) Rivers as a focus of urban identity and heritage, (iv) Rivers as a source of danger – the culture of risk, and (v) Sustainable urban development through heritage protection. These presentations shall be followed by a roundtable discussion.

### Name of organization:

UNESCO Culture Sector /Direction of Special Projects.

### Description of organization:

Within the UNESCO Culture Sector, the Direction of Special Projects is the focal point for the establishment of joint cultural projects with local authorities. It has been involved in various city-to-city partnerships for the enhancement of urban heritage. Along this strategy, a project on Rivers and Heritage has been launched in cooperation with international partners and a three-day-congress on “Great Rivers of the World: from Crisis to a Risk-management Culture” has been organized as part of the Virtual Congress, in 2002.

### Partner organizations:

Mission Val de Loire, UNESCO Sector of Science – International Hydrological Programme, University College of London (UCL), UNESCO IHE Institute for Water Education (Delft University), France-UNESCO Cooperation Agreement (Ministries of Culture, Environment and Foreign Affairs), Forum-UNESCO University and Heritage.

### Confirmed speakers:

N/A

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## UNESCO: Roundtable of experts: Social Sustainability of Historic Districts

### Description of event:

The increasing competitiveness of cities is very often linked to large scale events which lead to the renewal or to the revitalization of historic districts. Based on academic definitions of social sustainability proposed by researchers, a multidisciplinary panel of Mayors, city professionals, NGO's and private property developers will present various visions and perceptions of urban social sustainability in historic districts, first with demonstrative pilot cases and then by the presentation of major indicators and parameters required to ensure social sustainability

### Name of organization:

UNESCO : Sector of Social and Human Sciences

### Description of organization:

Within UNESCO, the social and human sciences sector has the mission to enhance intellectual knowledge, standards and cooperation to facilitate social transformations that promote universal values of justice, liberty and human dignity.

### Partner organizations:

Woodrow Wilson International Centre, Universities of Louvain, Montreal, Venice, Beijing, Carleton/Ottawa, Seoul, Marrakech, Santiago(Chile); Asian Coalition for Housing Rights/Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions; World Bank Institute; ISoCaRP(International Society of City and Regional Planners); IFLA(International Federation of LANDSCAPE Architects); Private property developers firms (Hyundai, Bouygues, Skanska)

### Confirmed speakers:

Keynote speakers:

Prof. Chaibong Hahm, Director of the Division of Social Sciences Research and Policies, UNESCO

Mr. Malcom Langford, COHRE

Prof. Alfonso Vegara, President of ISoCaRP and of the Metropoli Foundation

Mr. Cesare Ottolini, Habitat International Coalition Europe, Padova

Prof. Neil Smith, Director of the Graduate Center, City University of NY

Prof. Yves Cabannes, M.I.T University

Prof. Greg Andonian, Facilitator, Carleton University, Ottawa

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## Urban Sustainability Through Synergy: Network of International Model Scientific-Educational Production Centres of Sustainable Development

### Description of event:

The event will present a new model of scientific-educational production centres of sustainable development as a micro-model of sustainable community in a city. It is supposed to create an international network of such centres. The topics to be considered: structure and functioning of the network; coordination, implementation and control mechanisms; effective educational technologies; Health Development Programme, International Youth Forum on Sustainable Development, etc.

### Name of organization:

The International Academy of Noosphere (Sustainable Development), Irkutsk Regional Branch (IANSD)

### Description of organization:

IANSD is an independent self-ruling public-scientific association of scientists and experts working in the field of global problems connected with sustainable development. IANSD was founded in 1991 and in 1998 registered as international. The main objective of the Irkutsk Branch is working out the strategy of sustainable development of the Baikal Region (Russia) and its implementation programme.

### Partner organizations:

Irkutsk Regional Public Fund  
Russian Academy of Natural Sciences  
Irkutsk State Technical University  
Educational Centre "Torch"  
Travel Company "Sirius", Ltd.

### Confirmed speakers:

Mr. Vladimir Petrov, Vice President of Irkutsk Regional Branch of International Academy of Noosphere (Sustainable Development)  
Mrs. Marina Avakyan, Academic Secretary of Irkutsk Regional Branch of International Academy of Noosphere (Sustainable Development)

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## Winter Cities: North/North Exchange on Sustainable Development

### Description of event:

The aggregate footprints of consumption of many Northern Hemisphere cities and regions have grown troublesome and are threatening larger global ecosystems, raising concerns about ecological sustainability of cities in all regions. New policies and “best” practices are being implemented in some winter cities. This meeting will offer exchanges on knowledge, methods and practices for sustainable urban environments.

### Name of organization:

Best Practices and Local Leadership Programme, Steering Committee, UN-HABITAT

### Description of organization:

The Steering Committee of UN-HABITAT’s Best Practices and Local Leadership Programme comprises of NGO and Government partners who organises and maintain the Dubai International Awards for Best Practices and the Best Practices Data Base.

### Partner organizations:

Joslyn Castle Institute for Sustainable Communities, Omaha, Nebraska, USA  
Far Eastern Institute for Management and Economics, Vladivostok, RUSSIA

### Confirmed speakers:

N/A

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## Agenda 21 for Culture

### Description of event:

To present the document Agenda 21 for Culture, which was endorsed by 100 cities at the 4th Forum of Local Authorities in May 2004.

The format of the networking event:

A roundtable composed of local governments and international organizations.

### Name of organization:

Barcelona City Council – Institute of Culture of Barcelona

Forum of Local Authorities of Porto Alegre

### Description of organization:

The Agenda 21 for Culture aims to consolidate the commitment of the world's local authorities:

- To respond to globalization trends affecting cultural diversity in an urban context;
- To guarantee that cultural policies are at the centre of urban governance;
- To request national governments and international organizations to commit themselves to develop and strengthen the cultural perspective of their sustainability strategies.

### Partner organizations:

N/A

### Confirmed speakers:

Hon. Joan Clos, Mayor of Barcelona (*chair*)

Hon. Joao Verle, Mayor of Porto Alegre

Mr. Vitor Ortiz, Councillor of Culture, Porto Alegre Council

Mr. Ferran Mascarell, Councillor of Culture, Barcelona City Council

Mr. Mounir Bouchenaki, Assistant Director-General, Culture Sector, UNESCO

Mr. Colin Mercer, Director Cultural Capital Ltd.

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<p><b>Building Human Rights Cities and Communities</b></p>
<p><b>Description of event:</b>  Presentation of the Human Rights Cities Programme, jointly launched by UNDP and PDHRE. Presenting narratives from Human Rights Cities around the world as well as various methodologies of inhabitants learning about the Human Rights framework as meaningful to their lives; proceeding to use it as a guideline for planning the development of their city. This section will explore the significance of building participatory democracy based on human rights at the community level.</p>
<p><b>Name of organization:</b>  PDHRE – People’s Movement for Human Rights Learning.</p>
<p><b>Description of organization:</b>  Since 1989, PDHRE, an NGO with consultative status at the UN, has been organizing and facilitating training in learning about human rights as a way of life towards economic and social transformation in more than 60 countries. Women and men, youth and children at the community level, learn to use the holistic framework of Human Rights as a guideline for economic, social and human development and as a powerful organizing tool for action.</p>
<p><b>Partner organizations:</b>  Regional Learning Institutes for Human Rights Education  PDHRE-Africa, Bamako- Mali.  YUVA - South Asia- Mumbai, India  PDHRE- Latin America – Rosario – Argentina  ASPIHRE- Asia Pacific – Manila, Philippines  European Training Centre – Graz, Austria</p>
<p><b>Confirmed speakers:</b>  Mr. Minar Pimple, Executive Director, PDHRE; Founder of Youth for Unity and Volunteer Action (YUVA), Mumbai, India  Ms. Susana Chiarotti, Director of Gender, Law and Development, Rosario, Argentina; Coordinator of CLADEM Latin America and Caribbean Committee for the Defense of Human Rights; Facilitator and member of the Committee of the Human Rights City Rosario</p>
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## Citizen Participation and Urban Management: Resolving the Equation of Social Exclusion and Poverty with Empowerment Strategies

### Description of event:

Professional workshop linked to a roundtable debate with prominent practitioners, NGOs and local government officials focusing on innovative approaches and practical experiences with citizen participation in urban management. The workshop advocates the link between public policies and bottom-up processes that help empower civil society organizations in the design and implementation of pro-poor policies.

### Name of organization:

IHS-Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies  
Cordaid

### Description of organization:

IHS is an international institute associated to the Erasmus University of Rotterdam. Its mission is to develop human and institutional capacities in urban management, housing and urban environmental planning on a global scale to reduce poverty and improve the quality of life in cities. Cordaid constitutes, together with Memisa, Mensen in Nood and Vastenactie, one of the biggest international development organizations. As one of the focus fields, Cordaid works towards achieving a better life for the poor in the major cities in developing countries: a healthy living environment, sufficient income and political control.

### Partner organizations:

Municipality of Santo Andre, Brazil  
Municipality of Sao Paulo, Brazil  
Coplan-Institute for Habitat Development, Albania  
DESCO, Peru  
Fundasal, El Salvador  
SDI, India

### Confirmed speakers:

Mr. Ed Rama, Mayor of Tirana  
Mr. Jeroen Klink, Municipal Secretary for Economic Development of Santo André, Brazil  
Mr. Ron Spreekmeester, Director Habitat Platform  
Mr. Gustavo Riofrio, Senior Advisor and former Director of Urban Programmes, DESCO, Peru  
Mr. Edin Martinez, Senior Director, Fundasal  
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<b>Commission for Africa</b>
<p><b>Description of event:</b>  The Commission for Africa, which was launched by Prime Minister Tony Blair in February 2004, will hold a networking event to highlight the problems and possibilities of African development. Some of the 17 commissioners, most of whom are from Africa, will table papers and lead a discussion at this networking event. The aim is to engage a wide range of Africans and others to help the Commission take an independent look at the challenges facing Africa in order to generate action for a strong and prosperous Africa. Feedback from the event will contribute directly to the report and recommendations which will be published by the Commission in spring 2005 when the United Kingdom assumes the chairmanship of both the G8 and, in the second half of the year, the European Union. 2005 offers a further opportunity to table the recommendations at the United Nation's review of the implementation of the UN Millennium Development Goals.</p>
<p><b>Name of organization:</b>  Commission for Africa</p>
<p><b>Description of organization:</b>  Africa is the only continent not to have benefitted from globalization and its people are poorer now than they were a few decades ago. Therefore, the Commission for Africa was established in order to take a fresh look at Africa's past and present, and the international community's role, in order to agree on recommendations for the future. The aim is to generate increased support for the full implementation of the G8 Africa Action Plan in 2005. There are 17 members of the Commission, most are from Africa. Amongst those from the United Kingdom are Rt. Hon Gordon Brown, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rt. Hon Hilary Benn, the Minister for International Development, and Sir Bob Geldof. The African Commissioners include President Mkapa of Tanzania, Prime Minister Meles Zenawi of Ethiopia, Hon. Trevor Manuel, South African Minister for Finance, and Mrs. Anna Tibaijuka, Executive Director of UN-HABITAT. The Commissioners are active in a range of international fora in order to engage a wide range of Africans and others who are able to help the Commission take an independent look at the challenges facing Africa. The Commission's work has been divided into six principal thematic areas: the economy; natural resources; governance; peace and security; human development; and culture and participation. The work is intended to be comprehensive but it is not meant to duplicate or replace existing international processes. Instead, it seeks to support the best of existing work, in particular, the African leadership shown through the New Partnership for African Development (NEPAD) and the African Union. The Commission is supported in its work by a Secretariat based in London; more information can be found on <a href="http://www.commissionforafrica.org">www.commissionforafrica.org</a>.</p>
<p><b>Partner organizations:</b>  N/A</p>
<p><b>Confirmed speakers:</b>  Some Commissioners and representatives of the Secretariat will speak on behalf of the Commission for Africa.</p>
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## Committed Cities: Women's Inclusive Practices and Good Urban Policies

### Description of event:

Panelists from Latin America, Europe and Asia will present their reflections and experiences concerning urban policies and its impact on women within the context of economic globalization and cultural changes. The objective is to exchange knowledge and experiences from different cultural contexts as well as to contribute to city planning from a gender-equality perspective.

Presentation of the Women's Safety Awards 2004 and other similar best practices competitions, and the publication, *A City Tailored to Women - the Role of Municipal Governments in Achieving Gender Equality*, designed to elicit and reward good practices and municipal policies relating to women's safety and gender equality. The focus of the Awards is institutional change at the municipal level, through showcasing "good practices and policies" and disseminating information on what works.

The Women's Charter for the Right to the City, presented at the Women's Forum, will be discussed and recommendations drafted.

### Name of organization:

CISCSA –LAC Women and Habitat Network; Huairou Commission, Women in Cities International

### Description of organizations:

CISCSA is an Argentinian NGO, located in the City of Córdoba since 1989. It is the Latin American Coordinator of the Women and Habitat Network. It does research and activities around issues of gender, habitat, public policies, local governments, urban development, among others.

Women in Cities International is an exchange network for various partners concerned with gender equality issues and the place of women in cities on the five continents.

The Huairou Commission is an international network of grassroots women's groups and partners whose mission is to forge strategic partnerships to advance the capacity of grassroots women worldwide to strengthen and create sustainable communities.

### Partner organizations:

Federation of Canadian Municipalities

### Confirmed speakers:

Ms. Ellen Woodsworth, Vancouver City Councillor

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<p><b>Exploring How Cities Are Governed</b></p>
<p><b>Description of event:</b> Partners will demonstrate examples of different practices where partnerships have been built between communities and city governments.</p>
<p><b>Name of organization:</b> Slum/Shack Dwellers International (SDI)</p>
<p><b>Description of organization:</b> Slum Dwellers International (SDI) is a loose network of people's organizations from an increasing number of countries in the South. The network is made up of Federations of community organizations and other grassroots initiatives that are in the process of developing Federations. Linked to this network is a group of professionals who are committed to supporting Federations of the urban poor.</p> <p>The SDI affiliates have come together to give a voice to the poor in an arena of decision-making that has, in recent years, been confined to global organizations that champion neo-liberal theories of development.</p>
<p><b>Partner organizations:</b> National Slum Dwellers Federation ( India) South African Homeless People's Federation Asian Coalition for Housing Rights Zimbabwe Homeless People's Federation Women's Development Bank Federation (Sri Lanka) Society of Urban Poor Federations ( Cambodia) Philippines Homeless People's Federation Shack Dwellers Federation of Namibia Muungano wa Wana Vijiji (Kenya) Women's Savings Federation (Nepal)</p>
<p><b>Confirmed speakers:</b> N/A</p>
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## First Global Hip-Hop Summit

### Description of event:

First meeting of Hip-Hop artists, youth groups and representatives of the recording industry on issues affecting urban youth living in slums and inner cities. The meeting is expected to produce a joint declaration to launch the “Messengers of Truth Project”.

### Name of organization:

Hip-Hop Summit Action Network (HSAN)

### Description of organization:

HSAN is a registered non-profit organization devoted to eradicating poverty. Its main objectives are to empower urban youth through education and to advocate for more inclusive social policies and for social justice. Its main entry point is the use of music, particularly Hip-Hop, as a means of mobilizing youth.

### Partner organizations:

Best Practices & Local Leadership Programme, UN-HABITAT  
Youth Employment Summit  
Global Youth Action Network  
Youth for Habitat

### Confirmed speakers:

N/A

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## Gendering Governance through Local-to-Local Dialogues

### Description of event:

Local-to-Local Dialogues are locally designed strategies whereby grassroots women's groups initiate and engage in ongoing dialogue with local authorities with a view to influencing policies, plans and programmes in ways that address women's priorities. The Huairou Commission, with support from UN-HABITAT and USAID, conducted Local-to-Local Dialogues in six countries, and on the basis of this experience, have developed a guide for professionals, practitioners and grassroots women's groups in other countries who want to introduce Local-to-Local Dialogues in their own cities and countries.

The objectives of this session are:

- To disseminate the outcomes, experiences and lessons of the Local to Local Dialogue process conducted in six countries by UN-HABITAT and the Huairou Commission
- To inform participants about the Local-to-Local Dialogue Tool and its applications in different contexts
- To discuss follow-up, including replication and scaling up, of the Local-to-Local Dialogue approach, across sectors as well as across cities/countries.

### Name of organization:

UN-HABITAT (Urban Governance Section and Gender Unit) and Huairou Commission.

### Description of organization:

The United Nations Human Settlements Programme, UN-HABITAT, is the United Nations agency for human settlements. It is mandated by the UN General Assembly to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities with the goal of providing adequate shelter for all.

Huairou Commission is an international network of grassroots women's groups and partners whose mission is to forge strategic partnerships to advance the capacity of grassroots women worldwide to strengthen and create sustainable communities.

### Partner organizations:

N/A

### Confirmed speakers:

N/A

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## Global Youth Congress: Opening Ceremony/Emerging Partnerships in Urban Youth Development

### Description of event:

#### Session 1: *Youth Congress Opening*

- Cultural Performance by young artist from Barcelona.
- Opening statement: a message from the City of Barcelona
- Opening of the Youth Congress: a representative of UN-HABITAT
- Message on behalf of Mayors by HW Kleist Sykes, Mayor of Dar Es Salaam
- Message on behalf of Utstein Partnership Member Governments by HE Erna Solberg, Minister of Local Government, Norway

#### Session 2: *Emerging Partnerships in Urban Youth Development*

UN-HABITAT and government representatives will hold a roundtable discussion with youth organizations on the Strategy for Engagement of Youth in the work of UN-HABITAT. This interactive session will explore how youth can be better involved in designing and implementing youth projects based on national experiences. Examples will be used from the Youth employment and Safer Cities components.

### Name of organisation:

UN-HABITAT

### Description of organisation:

UN Agency mandated to work for sustainable urbanization and shelter for all.

### Partner organisations:

Session 1: Glocal Forum, the Dutch Habitat Platform, Environmental Youth Alliance of Canada (EYA), UNICEF, UNESCO and the Hip Hop Summit Action Network

Session 2: Governments of Norway, Netherlands, Germany, Sweden, UK and Canada

### Confirmed speakers:

Session 1:

HE Erna Solberg, Minister of Local Government, Norway

HW Kleist Sykes, Mayor of Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania

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<p><b>Good Urban Governance in an Environment of HIV/Aids</b></p>
<p><b>Description of event:</b>          At the first World Urban Forum UN-HABITAT held dialogues to discuss and share initiatives for effectively responding to HIV/Aids from the perspective of human settlements and sustainable urbanization. As a series of governance challenges are emerging, this event will share experiences of national and local responses to HIV/AIDS.</p>
<p><b>Name of organization:</b>          Alliance of Mayors and Municipal Leaders on HIV/AIDS in Africa (AMICAALL) and the Urban Management Programme (UN-HABITAT/UNDP)</p>
<p><b>Description of organization:</b>          The Alliance of Mayors was established in 1998 and is committed “to creating an alliance of mayors and municipal leaders to maximise commitment, participation, leadership, capacity and experience at community level in response to the challenge of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Africa”.</p> <p>The Urban Management Programme, a joint UN-HABITAT/UNDP programme, is the largest global technical assistance programme in the urban sector. The programme works at the local level, helping cities and towns address issues of poverty, governance, environment, gender and HIV/AIDS.</p>
<p><b>Partner organizations:</b>          UN-HABITAT          UN AMICAAL Partnership Programme          UNDP          Worldbank          Municipal Development Partnership (Eastern &amp; Southern Africa)          South African Cities Network</p>
<p><b>Confirmed speakers:</b>          Cllr Nokutula Mthembu, Mayor of Ezulwini, Swaziland          Ms. Florence Muli-Musiime, UN HABITAT          Ms. Mina Mauerstein-Bail, Director UN AMICAALL Partnership Programme          Ms Nina Schuler, Urban Department, World Bank          Mr. Randolph Mouton, Deputy Director, Social Impact Assessment and Policy Analysis Corporation (SIAPAC), Namibia          Dr Lycester Bandawe, Director Health &amp; Social Services, Blantyre City Assembly, Malawi          Ms. Ntombini Marrengane, HIV and AIDS Mainstreaming Coordinator, South African Cities Network</p>
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## Growing Up In Cities

**Description of event:**

This event will demonstrate how the Growing Up In Cities project have translated the implementation of global goals for children (as set in the Convention on the Rights for the Child and spelled out at the UN Special Session on Children and in the MDGs as well as the Habitat Agenda) from the global/ national to the municipal, local governance level. The event will have a group intervention, including a brief introduction by Environmental Youth Alliance (EYA) and UNESCO-MOST as well as the City of Vancouver and presentations from mayors on very practical examples of how they are implementing child and youth-related goals on the ground. UN-HABITAT will comment on the mayors' interventions as a way to make a statement on how it is committed to achieving global goals for and with young people at the local governance level.

**Name of organization:**

UNESCO-MOST

**Description of organization:**

N/A

**Partner organizations:**

UNESCO MOST - Growing Up In Cities project  
ICPC  
NCPC USA  
CSIR SOUTH AFRICA

**Confirmed speakers:**

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## Launching a South-North Forum on Networking, Research, Education and Training

### Description of event:

Our aim is to contribute to an informed overview of efforts to reduce the South-North development imbalance. Our objectives are to: form a joint South-North forum on multi-dimensional and cross-disciplinary research, education and training, focusing on synergies; audit of existing extent and degree of synergies; propose and engage in new areas for collaboration on synergies with a project orientation.

### Name of organization:

Royal Institute of Technology (KTH)

### Description of organization:

The Royal Institute of Technology (KTH) is the largest of Sweden's universities of technology. It co-operates with the University of Stockholm as the main Swedish resource centre on IT, also on physics and biotechnology. An international institution, KTH has established research and educational exchanges all over the world. Joint efforts with Sida and other development bodies are part of its international work.

### Partner organizations:

SLU, University of Agricultural Sciences, Uppsala  
 Kista IT University joint venture between KTH and Stockholm University, Stockholm  
 KI, Karolinska Institutet (medical university). Stockholm  
 University of Uppsala, Uppsala

### Confirmed speakers:

Ms. Esther Serati, Director, Department of Housing, Ministry of Lands and Housing, Gaborone  
 Mr. Ralph Chephethe, Director Department of Town and Regional Planning, Ministry of Lands and Housing, Gaborone  
 Dr Edmudo Werna, Construction Industry, Dept of Sectoral Activities, ILO  
 Dr Ingrid Karlsson, Director of Collegium for Development Studies, Uppsala University, Uppsala  
 Dr Lennart Prage, Head of International Office, SLU, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Uppsala  
 Dr Nils Viking, Head of International Programmes, KTH, Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm  
 Prof Hans Rosling, Head of Div of International Health, Dept of Public Services, Karolinska Institute, Solna  
 Prof Mats Lundahl, Dept of Economics, Director of Centre for International Economics and Geography, Stockholm School of Economics, Stockholm  
 Mr. Åke Nagrelius, Senior Advisor, International Affairs, Stockholm University, Stockholm  
 Ass Prof Ramon Wyss, Vice-President (International Affairs) KTH, Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm  
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## Measuring Urban Governance

### Description of event:

Measuring governance has come to the forefront of the development debate recently, with a new emphasis on process and performance indicators, along with the traditional outcome/impact indicators. The objectives of this networking event are:

- to share and expose various approaches, models, tools and experiences in the area of “measuring governance”, covering the entire spectrum of process, performance and impact indicators;
- to explore potential complementarity and correlation between different measurement approaches;
- to elicit debate and inspire municipalities to adopt and adapt appropriate systems to measure governance, with a view to improving service delivery, transparency and accountability, and quality of life in cities.

### Name of organization:

UN-HABITAT (Urban Governance Section)

### Description of organization:

The United Nations Human Settlements Programme, UN-HABITAT, is the United Nations agency for human settlements. It is mandated by the UN General Assembly to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities with the goal of providing adequate shelter for all.

### Partner organizations:

Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)  
Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF)  
UNDP – Oslo Governance Centre (OGC)

### Confirmed speakers:

Ms. Prasanna Gunawardana, Mayor of Colombo  
Mr. Robert Williams, Deputy Mayor, Municipality of Georgetown, Guyana  
Mr. Phillip Hamilton, Ministry of Local Government & Regional Development, Guyana  
Mr. Larry Clay, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing of Ontario  
Ms. Pat Vanini, Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Mr. Paul Taylor (Facilitator), UN-HABITAT  
Mr. Rashid Seedat, Director, Corporate Planning Unit, Office of the City Manager, City of Johannesburg  
Mr. Raf Tuts, UN-HABITAT  
Mr. Joachim Naehem, UNDP Oslo Governance Centre  
Mr. Carl Wright, Commonwealth Local Government Forum  
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Mr. Sebastien Hamel, Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
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## Porto Alegre Local Authorities Forum for Social Inclusion (FAL): Results, Current Experiences and Proposals for Future Action

### Description of event:

Presentation of the results and the dynamics of the FAL that took place parallel to the World Social Forum in Porto Alegre. Presentations and debate on the conclusion of 4th FAL in Barcelona (May 2004). Links with the newly created CGLU Organisation with social movements and with networks cities.

Future steps and agenda for the 5th FAL planned for January 2005, during the next World Social Forum.

### Name of organization:

Porto Alegre Local Authorities Forum for Social Inclusion  
Cities members of the Internal Committee  
Municipality of Badalona

### Description of organization:

The FAL is a network of cities struggling against exclusion and which are reflecting and strategizing on the role of cities in the context of the negative effects of neo-liberal globalization. During the last FAL, thousands of participants from hundreds of cities exchanged their experiences on the various aspects of social inclusion. Participation and Participatory Democracy are key elements in the strategy for social inclusion.

### Partner organizations:

URBAL network 9 (local finance and participatory budget), URBAL network 10 (Poverty) CIGU (International Centre of Urban Management) and Urban Management Programme, Co-ordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean (UN- HABITAT), CGLU, Confederation of Spanish Funds, RETIS, PDM, Spanish Government Secretary of Co-operation, ACSUR, International Secretariat of WSF

### Confirmed speakers:

Hon. Mr. Joan Clos, Mayor of Barcelona, Spain  
Hon. Mr. Joao Verle, Mayor of Porto Alegre, Brazil  
Hon. Mr. Patrick Braouzec, Mayor of Saint Denis, France  
Hon. Ms. Rosa Aguilar, Mayor of Cordoba, Spain  
Mr. Carles Riera, Member of International Council of World Social Forum  
Ms. Leire Pajin, Spanish Government Secretary of International Cooperation  
Mr. Francisco Pulido Muños, President of FAMSI, Spain  
Mr. Yves Cabannes, Director of Document of results - IV FAL  
Ms. Vanessa Marx, Director of IV FAL/Technical and Executive Secretary of FAL  
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## Responsive Local Governance: Positioning Women to Lead

### Description of event:

In this joint session, representatives of grassroots women's organizations, their local authority partners, the United Cities network of elected women as well as the international community will gather to exchange their views and reflect together on the state of engendering local governance. The roundtable will include concrete strategies, outcomes and policy recommendations emerging from grassroots groups. It will also provide an analysis of the advancement of the gender perspective in the UN HABITAT's Urban Governance Campaign and discuss the issue of gender mainstreaming, the quota system and engendering views of political women.

### Name of organization:

Huairou Commission, Cordaid, United Cities and Local Governments

### Description of organization:

The Huairou Commission is an international network of grassroots women's groups and partners whose mission is to forge strategic partnerships to advance the capacity of grassroots women worldwide to strengthen and create sustainable communities.

Cordaid is one of the largest international development organizations. As one of the focus fields, Cordaid works towards achieving a better life for the poor in major cities in developing countries, promoting a healthy living environment, sufficient income and political control.

### Partner organizations:

WISE: Organisation for Women in Self-Employment  
National Gender Forum of NGOs (Ethiopia)

### Confirmed speakers:

N/A

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## Safer Cities through Youth Development and Inclusiveness

### Description of event:

The members of the Dutch Youth Panel (DYP), consisting of four Dutch organizations, hold the opinion that youth and youth organizations do have a crucial role to play in enhancing urban safety worldwide. Youth and youth organizations should have a strong say in decision-making and the implementation of projects which ultimately contribute to safer cities.

In this event, DYP will present a variety of approaches and activities that improve the general position of youth at risk in urban areas. By putting youth's interest, strengths and dignity at the centre, the approaches and activities offer development opportunities, creative opportunities, employment opportunities and inclusiveness in local governance. Ultimately this contributes to enhancing the safety in cities.

Through the presentation, DYP wants to show that repression only does not help in improving urban safety; all stakeholders (youth, private sector, public sector, NGOs) should join in strategies to (re-) integrate youth at risk offering a scope of serious opportunities.

### Name of organization:

Dutch Youth Panel

### Description of organization:

The Dutch Youth Panel consists of four Dutch organizations that are directly or indirectly active in the field of *safer cities*, *youth at risk*, *youth employment* and *youth culture*. The organizations work in Latin America, Africa, Asia and The Netherlands / Europe. This networking event aims to trigger the development of substantial links between European and African cities and municipalities on the subject of Safer Cities / Youth at Risk.

### Partner organizations:

Baobab Connections  
Both ENDS  
Cordaid  
Dutch Youth Council  
Dutch Habitat Platform

### Confirmed speakers:

N/A

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## Urban Governance, Diversity and Social Action in Cities of the South

### Description of event:

The N-Aerus Annual Conference will address the issue of how city governments can cope with the increasing cultural diversity most cities in the South are facing as a consequence of the growing globalization of the economies and State disengagement.

### Name of organization:

Network-Association of European Researchers on Urbanization in the South (N-Aerus).

### Description of organization:

N-AERUS is a multidisciplinary network of researchers and experts working on urban issues in developing countries. It was created in March 1996 by a group of European researchers. Its objective is to mobilize and develop the European institutional and individual research and training capacities on urban issues in the South with the support of institutions and individual researchers with relevant experience in this field. N-AERUS works in association with researchers and institutions in developing countries.

### Partner organizations:

N/A

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## Urban Policies and Practices Addressing International Migration

### Description of event:

International migration has come to the forefront of the development debate with a new emphasis on the urban impacts and responses. Transnational migration has beneficial effects on both sending and receiving countries, but it also raises problems at the political, social, economic and spatial level, since most international migrants add to the low-income population and often have cultural, social and religious traditions different from the host country and cities. Local governments are seldom prepared to cope with the ad hoc policies needed to integrate people with different cultural, social and religious traditions into the urban society. International migration encompasses virtually all dimensions of urban policy-making, including the informal economy, education, health, housing and urban safety. It also has an important urban governance dimension as it relates to the issues of participation in local politics and systems of governance.

UN-HABITAT's Global Campaign on Urban Governance has recently initiated, in collaboration with the Università IUAV di Venezia, a research project to help develop urban policies and programmes that promote positive values of urban citizenship, with particular reference to transnational migrants in an urban setting.

The objectives of this joint networking event are, therefore:

- to share and debate the interim research findings on “Urban Policies Addressing International Migration”
- to inspire municipalities to adopt inclusive approaches to address issues related to International Migration

### Name of organisation:

UN HABITAT (Urban Governance Section)

### Description of organisation:

The United Nations Human Settlements Programme, UN-HABITAT, is the United Nations agency for human settlements. It is mandated by the UN General Assembly to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities with the goal of providing adequate shelter for all.

### Partner organisations:

Università IUAV di Venezia.

### Confirmed speakers:

Mr. Paul Taylor (*Facilitator*), UN-HABITAT

Mr. Antonio Morabito, Consigliere di Ambasciata (Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Rome, Italy

Rt Hon John Battle, Member of Parliament, UK

Ms. Patrizia Paoletti Tangheroni, Member of Parliament, Italy

Mr. Raf Tuts, UN-HABITAT

Mr. Marcello Balbo, IUAV, Venice, Italy

Mr. Michael Leaf, Vancouver, Canada

Mr. John Crush, Johannesburg, South Africa

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## Youth and Employment: Training for Sustainability

### Description of event:

This event will explore how vocational training will strengthen youth employment, contribute to eradicating social poverty, and develop an understanding of practice urban governance as well as to contribute to safer and sustainable human settlements. Relevant experiences from ongoing programmes in Africa will be discussed with a view to starting concrete projects.

### Name of organization:

IGEA-Forum, Norway and Faculty of Technical and Vocational Teacher Education, University of Oslo, Norway

### Description of organization:

IGEA Forum is a registered consultancy in Norway specialising in facilitating, researching and working on information, governance, environment and advocacy; The Faculty of Vocational Training at the University of Oslo, is the highest centre of learning in Norway in the area of vocational training.

### Partner organizations:

Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development, Oslo, Norway; University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg; Faculty of Technical and Vocational Teacher Education, University of Oslo, Norway; Terra Housing, Vancouver, Canada; IGEA Forum, Norway; and the Northern Alliance for Sustainability, ANPED

### Confirmed speakers:

N/A

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**Youth and Urban Environment/Roundtable on Youth and Local Government**

**Description of event:**

Session1: *Youth and Urban Environment: Road to Vancouver 2006*

Members of the Environmental Youth Alliance will facilitate a workshop on Youth and Urban Environment. This interactive workshop will explore how youth are involved in promoting a healthy physical and social environment. Examples will be used from the World Urban Forum 2006 Child and Youth Friendly Cities dialogue paper, and the Growing up in Cities project (Canada).

Small group sessions will allow youth to explore what ways local governments can support youth in creating Liveable Cities which support healthy physical and social environments.

Session 2: *Roundtable on Youth and Local Government*

City of Vancouver elected representatives Lyndsay Poaps and Kevin Millsip will host a Youth and Local Government Roundtable that is organized by the Canadian and French youth delegations in partnership with UN -HABITAT Partners and Youth Section to attempt to:

- a. identify best practices that exist for youth involvement in local government;
- b. build the capacities of youth to enable them to participate in local government;
- c. identify the programmes that can be undertaken over the next two years on the road to Vancouver 2006.

A report and recommendations will come from this interactive roundtable, and be presented to the City of Vancouver, and the Canadian federal government, with the goal of using the findings to further refine the road to the 2006 programme.

**Name of organization:**

Environmental Youth Alliance Canada

**Description of organization:**

The Environmental Youth Alliance is a non-profit, non-governmental charity dedicated to creating sustainable living alternatives. Some of the projects carried out by the Alliance consist of building rooftop gardens, developing urban agriculture options, environmental building projects and creating education strategies.

**Partner organizations:**

Association Nationale des Conseils d'Enfants et de Jeunes (ANACEJ)  
 Environmental Youth Alliance  
 Centre of Excellence for Youth Engagement  
 City of Vancouver  
 YouthPlanet

**Confirmed speakers:**

N/A

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## Youth and Urban Space

### Description of event:

This event will explore the role of youth and culture in revitalization and reclaiming of urban space, as part of Safer Cities strategies and crime prevention.

### Name of organization:

UN\_HABITAT

### Description of organization:

The United Nations Human Settlements Programme, UN-HABITAT, is the United Nations agency for human settlements. It is mandated by the UN General Assembly to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities with the goal of providing adequate shelter for all.

### Partner organizations:

ICPC

FESU

City of Durban, Australia

City of Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania

NCPC, USA

UNESCO

Yes Campaign

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## Building Disaster Resilient Cities - A UN/international partners view on effective disaster risk reduction in urban areas

### Description of event:

The impact of disasters related to natural hazards continues to rise, predominantly due to uncontrolled urbanization and poverty, setting back development efforts. The event offers a forum for sharing experiences between representatives of UN agencies, experts and decision-makers. The objectives of this dialogue are to share views on good practices in the implementation of existing policies on urban risk management.

### Name of organization:

UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN/ISDR)

### Description of organization:

The UN/ISDR is the focal point in the UN System to promote links and synergies between, and the coordination of, disaster reduction activities in the socio-economic, humanitarian and development fields, as well as to support policy integration. The ISDR aims at building disaster resilient communities by promoting increased awareness of the importance of disaster reduction as an integral component of sustainable development, with the goal of reducing human, social, economic and environmental losses due to natural hazards and related technological and environmental disasters.

### Partner organizations:

UNDP, UNESCO, Cordaid – Netherlands, The African Union, International Federation of Red Cross, la Red, Earthquake and Megacities Initiative (EMI), National Society for Earthquake technology (Nepal), Center for Disaster Preparedness (Philippines)

### Confirmed speakers:

Mr. Alfonso Calzadilla, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)  
Mr. Salvano Briceno, UN-International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN-ISDR)  
Mr. Friedemann Wensel, Earthquake and Megacities Initiative (EMI), Germany  
Ms. Zenaida Delica, Center for Disaster Preparedness, Philippines  
President Martti Ahtisaari, Crisis Management Initiative (CMI), Finland  
Mr. Allan Lavell, Latin American Social Science Faculty (FLASCO) and The Network for the Social Study of Disaster Prevention in Latin America (La Red)  
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## City Diplomacy for Peacebuilding: Strengthening Local Capacities for Peace

### Description of event:

Round table focusing on the role played by local actors within peace building processes and presentation of the We Are the Future (WAF) initiative as a successful model of City Diplomacy for Peacebuilding.

### Name of organization:

Global Metro City- THE GLOCAL FORUM

### Description of organization:

The Glocal Forum is a non-profit organization founded in 2001 that encourages global leaders to include broader space and respect for local powers and for cultural diversity within a process defined as glocalization. Towards this aim, it promotes the role of the city as the meeting point between global trends and local traditions. This forms the basis for city-to-city projects and activities in fields critical to sustainable development and peace. The Glocal Forum brings together mayors, international institutions, private sector leaders, local authorities and civil society in a new global-local coalition of forces. Our projects focus on socio-economic development, tourism, youth, sports, culture, media and information technology through the involvement of civil society.

### Partner organizations:

The Municipalities of Addis Ababa, Asmara, Freetown, Kabul, Kigali, Nablus  
The World Bank  
The Quincy Jones Listen Up Foundation

### Confirmed speakers:

Hon. Walter Veltroni, Mayor of Rome  
Hon. Théoneste Mutsindashyaka, Mayor of Kigali  
Mr. Hussein Abdallah Al-Araj, The Acting Mayor of Nablus, Palestine  
Mr. Olivier Mugema, Assistant to the Mayor, Kigali  
Mr Y.M Kallon, Town Clerk of City Council of Freetown  
Ms. Genet Meseret Alemu, Deputy Bureau Head, Education Bureau, Addis Ababa  
Mr. Mohammad Ali Niazi, Director of Planning Department, Kabul  
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## Civil or Civic Defense: The Role of National and Local Authorities in Peace Building and Institutional Development in post-conflict context

### Description of event:

The focus of the networking session will be peace-building through capacity-building and good governance. While this session will focus mainly on the role of local government in peace-building, it will provide the national government perspective and present best practices and lessons learned from various contexts in the Middle East and Asia.

The recent Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) peace publication will constitute a base for the networking session where presenters/speakers will share their experience and provide stimulating discussions on issues that will lead/feed into the Dialogue Session and provide further guidance to elaborating the “Guiding Principles for Sustainable Relief” in post-conflict situations.

### Name of organization:

Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)  
International Centre of Municipal Development (ICMD)

### Description of organization:

FCM is the national association of municipal governments in Canada. Its main international programming is done through its International Centre of Municipal Development (ICMD). ICMD's mission is to develop and empower municipal governments worldwide to improve the quality of life and the sustainability of local communities - by means of *knowledge development; municipal capacity development; enabling institutions capacity development; policy and regulatory frameworks development; and multilateral organisations policy and programme support.*

### Partner organizations:

UN-HABITAT  
The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)  
Ministry of Municipalities and Public Works, Iraq  
Ministry of Local Government, Palestinian Territories  
Rafah Municipality, Gaza Strip, Palestinian Territories  
City of Datu Paglas, Maguindanao Province, Philippines

### Confirmed speakers:

Ms. Nesreen M. Siddeek Berwari, Minister for Municipalities and Public Works, Iraq  
Dr. Hussein Al Araj, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Local Government, Occupied Palestinian Territories  
Mr. Abubakar P. Paglas, Mayor of Datu Paglas, Maguindanao Province, Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao, Philippines  
Dr. Ali Barhoum, Rafah Municipality, Occupied Palestinian Territories  
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## Making Urban Safety Sustainable: What is Civil Society Doing?

### Description of event:

Most cities are not safe. And safety measures are mostly unsustainable. The event plans to bring together a multi-level and multi-sector civil society stakeholder groups to report on what is working and suggest how it can be expanded. Issues range from finance to infrastructure to small business.

### Name of organization:

Disaster Mitigation Institute, India.

### Description of organization:

The Disaster Mitigation Institute (DMI) in India is a community-based action research, action planning and action advocacy organization. It works towards bridging the gap between policy, practice and research related to disaster risk mitigation, in an effort to link the community to the national and international level activities.

### Partner organizations:

DMI with stakeholders from across continents and sectors.

### Confirmed speakers:

Ms. Kumari Selja, Honourable Minister of Urban Employment & Poverty Alleviation, Government of India (*chair*)

Ambassador Uri Savir, The Glocal Forum, Spain

Dr. Praful Patel, The World Bank

Mr. Shyam A. Khadka, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

Mr. Ryosuke Kikuchi, International Flood Network (IFNET), Waters in Rivers Secretariat, Japan

Mr. Hasmukh Sadhu, Chamber of Commerce and Industry for Small Businesses Affected by Disasters, India

Mr. Mihir Bhatt, Disaster Mitigation Institute (DMI), India

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## Rebuilding Iraq

**Description of event:**

Presentations by UN-HABITAT's High-Level Advisory Panel for the Reconstruction of Iraq on post-war reconstruction, economic reconstruction (poverty reduction and job creation) and rebuilding civil society.

**Name of organization:**

UN-HABITAT High-Level Advisory Panel for the Reconstruction of Iraq

**Description of organization:**

The main task of the panel will be to provide professional advice to UN-HABITAT on the expected role of UN organizations, and particularly UN-HABITAT, in the current and future reconstruction plans of Iraq, and how UN-HABITAT might respond to the immediate and long-term physical and institutional reconstruction and urban development needs of Iraq.

**Partner organizations:**

N/A

**Confirmed speakers:**

N/A

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## Urban Space and Security Policies – Between Privatization and Desegregation Initiatives

### Description of event:

The event will build around a recent partnership developed between UN-HABITAT's Safer Cities Programme, the Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne/Urban Sociology Laboratory, the Small Arms Survey (Geneva), the University of Geneva, l' Ecole de la Paix (Grenoble), the Consorci del Barri de la Mina (Barcelona) and the city of Bogotá, with support from the Geneva International Academic Network (GIAN), focusing on the urban manifestation of violence and crime, on the analysis of effects of insecurity and feeling of insecurity on urban public space management, and on options for public policy and action.

The role of private, community and public actors will be highlighted, as well as the role played by firearms as violence vector. Emerging responses and experiences will be presented and discussed. Speakers will include the two cities mentioned, the academic institutions, as well as other partners of UN-HABITAT with experience in this field, who will present approaches to urban crime and insecurity in specific spatial contexts, and launch a broader joint initiative on these themes.

### Name of organization:

Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne/Urban Sociology Laboratory, Switzerland (lead partner of the project), the Small Arms Survey, Switzerland, and UN-HABITAT Safer Cities Programme

### Description of organization:

The Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Laboratory of Urban Sociology specialises in analysis of urban development and urban space transformation, with a focus on urban safety. The Small Arms Survey is an independent research project located at the Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva, Switzerland. It is the principal international source of public information on all aspects of small arms, and as a resource centre for governments, policy-makers, researchers, and activists. The UN-HABITAT Safer Cities Programme is a global support programme with field project and advocacy/normative work in the field of urban crime prevention, spearheading local approaches and partnerships for crime prevention at city level.

GIAN is an international research network whose main objective is to create synergies among academic institution and international organizations.

### Partner organizations:

Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne/Urban Sociology Laboratory, UN-HABITAT Safer Cities Programme, Small Arms Survey (Geneva), Consorci del Barri de la Mina (Barcelona), City of Bogotá, Université de la Paix (Grenoble), University of Geneva, Geneva International Academic Network.

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