

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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