Twenty-fourth session of the Governing Council **Nairobi, 15 - 19 April 2013**	**No. 3/2013 ***	**Wednesday, 17 April 2013**

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 17 April 2013

8.30–9.20 a.m.	**Third bureau meeting** (CE 110-112) Chaired by the President of the Governing Council
9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	**Plenary. High-level segment** (conference room 2) **Dialogue on sustainable urban development: the role of cities in creating improved economic opportunities for all, with special reference to youth and gender** **Session I: The economics of urban form** **Session II: Land-based financing for urban development**
	Drafting Committee (conference room 1) Consultations on the draft resolutions
1–3 p.m.	Lunch break
3.30–6.30 p.m.	**Plenary. High-level segment** (conference room 2) **Dialogue on sustainable urban development: the role of cities in creating improved economic opportunities for all, with special reference to youth and gender** **Session III: Job creation for urban youth** **Session IV: Economic empowerment of women**
	Drafting Committee (conference room 1) Consultations on the draft resolutions

REGIONAL AND OTHER GROUP MEETINGS

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7.45–9 a.m.	**JUSCANZ** (conference room 13)
8–9 a.m.	**Group of 77 and China** (conference room 1)
8– 9.30 a.m.	**European Union coordination group** (conference room14)
9–9.30 a.m.	**African States group** (conference room 1)
9–9.30 a.m.	**Latin American and Caribbean States group** (conference room 3)
9–9.30 a.m.	**Asian and Pacific States group** (conference room 4)
9–9.30 a.m.	**Central and Eastern European States group** (conference room 7)
9–9.30 a.m.	**Western European and other States group** (conference room 13)
1–2 p.m.	**(CLOSED) United States of America stakeholders consultation** (conference room 6)
1–2.30 p.m.	**Arab States group** (conference room 5)

PRESS CONFERENCES IN PRESS CENTRE

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1 p.m.	**International Resource Panel cities report**
2 p.m.	**Gender and youth Report**

CAUCUS MEETINGS

Monday, 15 April to Friday, 19 April 2013

8–9.30 a.m.	**Youth caucus** (conference room 9)
8–9.30 a.m.	**Women's caucus** (conference room 10)
8.30–9.30 a.m.	**Habitat Agenda Partners** (press centre)

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9–10.30 a.m.	**Extended youth caucus:** "Youth Engagement in Governance" The caucus involves youth representatives, the Habitat Youth Advisory Board, government officials and youth-Led organizations (conference room 8)

LIVE TV DEBATES WITH NATION TV (NTV)

Wednesday, 17 April 2013

5–6 p.m.	**Debate sessions on sustainable cities in the 21st century** (Old Cafeteria) – part 2

Girls and women continue to experience serious forms of gender-based violence on city streets, public spaces and public transportation. Through the theme "The City: an unsafe space for girls and women", the speakers in this live NTV debate will discuss how to address girls' and women's safety in urban areas.

All participants are invited to attend the live TV programme at 4:30 p.m. The debate may also be followed online at www.ntv.co.ke/live.

SIDE EVENTS

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| 1.30–2.30 p.m. | **UN-Habitat's role in humanitarian affairs** (conference room 13)
Post-disaster and post-conflict projects form a large proportion of the projects implemented by UN-Habitat in accordance with the policy approved by the Governing Council on human settlements in crisis. This policy, which articulates UN-Habitat's role with regard to human settlements and crisis, responds to resolution 20/17 and documents produced in response to resolution 19/9 in relation to post-conflict, natural and human-made disaster assessment and reconstruction. The event will highlight the progress made by UN-Habitat on these resolutions.

CLOSED EVENT
Promoting sustainable transport solutions for East African cities (conference room 14)
The overall goal of this project is to create the technical and institutional basis for implementing metropolitan sustainable transport networks and systems and to establish a demonstration corridor for sustainable urban mobility. The project aims at reducing growth in private motorized vehicles, thus reducing traffic congestion and greenhouse-gas emissions. The envisaged strategic plan is to upgrade transit systems, develop improved non-motorized transport infrastructure and apply travel demand management as well as other supporting policies.

Art and architecture at work in urban Africa (conference room 9)
Art and architecture at work, by focusing on the human being and culture within the city, offers a complement to UN Habitat's broad mission of tackling housing and urban growth on a grand scale. It advocates the inclusion of artists' and architects' visions in long-term urban planning processes. Artists and architects together bring significant input to the process of urban planning. Through public spaces, public art and public architecture, they can, alongside state-driven initiatives, engage civil society, with the aim of achieving cultural ownership of cities and steering urban growth towards sustainable and inclusive patterns.

City and urban prosperity indices (conference room 10)
This event, organized by the UN-Habitat Research Unit, will go a long way in demonstrating the concrete implications of UN-Habitat's vision, particularly with regard to moving forward with the post-2015 development agenda.

First regional steering committee meeting of the project "Promoting Energy Efficiency in Buildings in East Africa" (conference room 11)
The project "Promoting Energy Efficiency in Buildings in East Africa" was initiated by UN-Habitat in collaboration with the governments of Kenya, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Rwanda and Burundi and the United Nations Environment Programme. The five-year programme (2011–2015) is co-funded by Global Environment Facility and aims at mainstreaming energy efficiency measures into housing policies, building codes and building practices in East Africa. |
| 4.30–5.30 p.m. | **Informal consultations on safer cities** (conference room 13)
The Safer Cities Partners Consultative Group, led by the Chair of the Global Network on Safer Cities, Mr. Marcelo Ebrard (former Mayor of Mexico City), will provide a platform for partners to provide inputs and discuss the future of cities in relation to the post-2015 development agenda.

Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development bureau meeting (conference room 14)
The Parliamentarians and Inter-Agency Coordination and Trade Unions Unit of the Partners Branch will host a meeting of the bureau of the Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development (APMCHUD). The mission of APMCHUD is to promote sustainable housing and urban development for human settlements in the Asia-Pacific region. |

Sustainable urban Development in Tanzania: participation of women and youth in the formalization of squatter settlements in Njombe Town, Morogoro Municipality and Arusha City (conference room 11)
Mkurubita is a property and business formalization programme conceived by the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania with the objective of creating a unified legal and institutional framework that recognizes secured and accessible property rights. The priority Mkurabita is to formalize property ownership in squatter settlements through a participatory approach.

Responsible resource management for the future cities we want (conference room 9)
This event will bring together senior United Nations and Government officials, policy-makers at the national and municipal-levels and prominent experts on resource efficiency to examine examples of innovation in cities around the world and explore opportunities for the sustainable management of resources and the decoupling of environmental impacts and natural resource use from economic growth in an urban context.

Summary of meetings held on Tuesday, 16 April 2013

High-level segment

At the 1st plenary meeting of the session, on Monday 15 April 2013, the Governing Council elected Ms. Amal Pepple (Nigeria), representing the group of African States, President of the Governing Council at its twenty-fourth session. The Governing Council then elected Mr. Sergey Trepelkov (Russian Federation), representing the Group of Eastern European states, Mr. Fernando Rolandelli (Argentina), representing the group of Latin American and Caribbean States, and Mr. Abdul Mannan Khan (Bangladesh), representing the group of Asian-Pacific States, as vice-presidents. The Rapporteur will be elected from among the representatives of the group of Western European and other States.

During the afternoon plenary session on Monday, the Governing Council held a general discussion on items 5, 6, and 7 of the agenda. Statements were delivered by representatives of several Governing Council member States as well as non-member States addressing the progress report of the Executive Director, the dialogue special theme and the programme of work. Discussions continued during the morning and afternoon sessions of Tuesday 16 April, with statements from several other representatives followed by a number of Habitat Agenda partners, including the United Nations Advisory Committee of Local Authorities, the Advisory Group on Gender Issues and the Youth Advisory Board.

Committee of the Whole

The Committee of the Whole held its 2nd and 3rd meetings on Tuesday, 16 April 2013. At its 2d meeting the Committee briefly reconstituted itself as the Drafting Committee, meeting in a formal session, to deliberate on methods of work while using the interpretation facilities in conference room 1. Upon resuming its 2d meeting, the Committee of the Whole completed its consideration of agenda item 5, on Activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including coordination matters; at its 3rd meeting it deliberated and concluded discussions on agenda items 7, on the work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and the budget of The United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for the Biennium 2014–2015, and agenda item 8, on the provisional agenda and other arrangements for the twenty-fifth session of the Governing Council. During its 2nd meeting the Committee also considered and forwarded to the Drafting Committee five draft resolutions that had been submitted by member States. The Committee of the Whole is scheduled to reconvene in Conference 1 on Thursday, 18 April 2013, at 3 p.m. to adopt its report.

Drafting Committee

The drafting committee convened in a formal session on the morning of 16 April to address procedural matters relating to the process for drafting resolutions, after which it convened in an informal session for the remainder of the morning and deliberated on draft resolution 24/10: Supporting action for the creation of safer cities. An open-ended contact group was established at the end of the morning session to seek consensus language.

In its afternoon informal session, the drafting committee commenced with draft resolution 24/9 Establishment of the Arab [ministerial] forum on housing and urban development. The deliberations were deferred to an open-ended contact group to address basic differences among countries.

Next the drafting committee tabled draft resolution 24/8: World Cities day. After some discussion the draft resolution was referred to an open-ended contact group to address basic differences among countries.

Next the Drafting Committee tabled draft resolution 24/7: Strengthening UN-Habitat's work on basic services. Considerable progress was made and the resolution will be further discussed tomorrow.

The Drafting Committee concluded its informal afternoon session at 5.40 p.m. and will reconvene on Wednesday, 17 April 2013, at 9:30 a.m.