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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

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8.30–9.20 a.m.	Fourth Bureau meeting (CE 110–112) Chaired by the President of the Governing Council
9 a.m.–5.30 p.m.	World Urban Campaign Working Group Meeting (CLOSED) (conference room 11)
9.30 a.m.	Committee of the Whole (conference room 1) The Committee of the Whole will meet at 9.30 a.m. to consider a draft resolution on urbanization and sustainable urban development in the post-2015 development agenda. Upon concluding its consideration of the draft resolution the Committee will adjourn, following which the drafting committee will convene in conference room 4 to continue its work Drafting committee (conference room 4) As noted immediately above, the drafting committee will convene to continue its work as soon as the Committee of the Whole adjourns its morning session.
12.30–2.45 p.m.	Lunch break
3–6 p.m.	Committee of the Whole (conference room 1) Consideration of the report of the Committee
4.30–8 p.m.	Celebration of Youth Cocktail (outside delegates lounge)

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)
8.15–9.30 a.m.	European Union coordination group (conference room 14)
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)
1–2.30 p.m.	Arab States group (conference room 5)

PRESS CONFERENCES IN PRESS CENTRE

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1 p.m.	Slum Dwellers International joins the World Urban Campaign
3.30 p.m.	EcoMobility World Festival

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)
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PARALLEL EVENTS

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9 a.m.–1 p.m. 3–5.30 p.m.	World Urban Campaign working group meeting (closed event) (conference room 11)
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SIDE EVENTS

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1.30–2.30 p.m.

Informal consultations on safer cities (conference room 11)

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.

Contribution of sustainable transport to the post-2015 development agenda

(conference room 14)

This side event will provide information and promote discussion on the discussion on sustainable transport and the post-2015 development agenda, including possible sustainable development goals. The event is part of a wider set of consultations aimed at developing a common understanding of the contribution that sustainable transport can make to sustainable development. Various formulations of a sustainable development goal for sustainable transport have been discussed and proposed with varying levels of emphasis on the environmental, social and economic dimensions of sustainable transport.

Participatory slum upgrading programme (conference room 10)

UN-Habitat's participatory slum upgrading programme contributes to achieving goal 7 of the Millennium Development Goals (to ensure environmental sustainability), including the targets to halve, by 2015, the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation and to achieve significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers by 2020. The programme applies a human-rights-based approach, including the right to adequate housing and the right to basic urban services, a results-based management approach with regard to accountability and transparency, and a clear division of roles and tasks between programme stakeholders at the country level.

Achieving sustainable energy planning in cities in Africa and Asia (conference room 9)

Sustainable energy planning takes into consideration demand and supply. Compact cities require less energy for their operation. Energy demand management is also critical as it mitigates climate change. Cities are often seen as consumers, but they have the potential to supply energy using renewable energy sources, including municipal liquid and solid waste. Smart and low-carbon cities integrate all the above. The Urban Energy Unit will host this event, at which stakeholders will discuss advances in achieving sustainable energy planning for cities in Africa.

Debate session on Habitat III (conference room 7)

World Urban Campaign partners will share their views on the forthcoming Habitat III conference and the Campaign's potential contribution as a global advocacy platform and think tank on sustainable urbanization.. The event will be hosted by the World Urban Campaign secretariat of UN-Habitat.

4.30–5.30 p.m.

Africa Transport Policy Programme and World Bank roundtable with stakeholders (conference room 14)

The Africa Transport Policy Programme and the World Bank will discuss with stakeholders the work programme for the Programme for its proposed third development plan period (2014-2018), which is currently being prepared. Urban mobility will receive increased attention and will be a key focus area of the Programme during the period. The aim of the event is to introduce the broad outlines of the programme to UN-Habitat stakeholders from Africa and to solicit guidance and opinions on specific elements of the urban transport work programme.

High-level segment

Dialogue on sustainable urban development: the role of cities in creating improved economic opportunities for all, with special reference to youth and gender

The dialogue drew attention to the urgency of exploiting the true potential of cities. Dialogue participants reiterated that robust economic development in cities provided a strong foundation for sustainable urban development, especially if and when prosperity was balanced and equitable. Urbanization and cities drive economic growth, but for growth to be sustainable it must be well-planned, steered and harnessed. Participants discussed the challenge of how to translate this priority into policies governing urban planning, the allocation of adequate funds for urban development, particularly through land-based financing tools and governance, and how to account for women's unpaid and informal work. The afternoon session was dedicated to the youth and gender aspects of urban unemployment challenges and the importance of the economic empowerment of women. Informative presentations were made by panelists. Panelists shared interesting issues and experiences, ranging from an analysis of the root causes of youth unemployment, the need for labour-intensive jobs and a wider set of economic targets, youth-centred projects and youth parliaments in Sri Lanka and Nigeria, the feminization of urban poverty, the importance of the informal economy, women's leadership and the need for political will in addressing gender inequalities in cities to ensure that "cities belong to women".

Drafting committee

The drafting committee convened in formal sessions on the morning and afternoon of 17 April, as well as in an informal evening session.

It adopted resolutions 24/8: World Cities Day. Next, the drafting committee continued its consideration of draft resolution 24/7: Strengthening UN-Habitat's work on basic services, and completed its work on the resolution during the informal evening session.

The drafting committee made significant progress in its deliberations on draft resolutions 24/2 (Country activities) and 24/3 (Global housing strategy paradigm shift).
