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
- Mr. Dawid de Villiers, World Tourism Organisation (WTO)

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