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Wednesday, 13 April 2011

Programme of meetings

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8.30–9.20 a.m.	Third meeting of the Bureau (Conference Room 8) Chaired by the President of the Governing Council
9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	Dialogue on the special theme (Conference Room 1) Focus: land and housing
	Drafting committee (Conference Room 4) Consultations on the draft resolutions
12.30–2.45 p.m.	Lunch break
1–2 p.m.	Launch of the Urban Gateway (Conference Room 13)
3–6 p.m.	Dialogue on the special theme, continued (Conference Room 1) Focus: basic services and infrastructure
	Drafting committee (Conference Room 4) Consultations on the draft resolutions

Caucus meetings

Monday, 11 April–Friday, 15 April 2011

8–9.30 a.m.

Youth Caucus (Conference Room 6)

The Daily Youth Caucus gives young people participating in the Governing Council session a chance to meet, share and strategize on a daily basis, to ensure that young people's needs and concerns are dealt with in the deliberations of the Council and in the outcome documents for the session. The Caucus will feature speakers on relevant Governing Council events and issues, a review of the Council's deliberations, with a focus on youth, and a planning time for advocacy and lobbying for each day.

Women's Caucus (Conference Room 7)

The daily Women's Caucus gives women participating at the Governing Council a chance to meet, share and strategize on a daily basis, to ensure that women's needs and concerns are addressed in the deliberations of the Governing Council and in the outcome documents for the session. The Caucus will feature speakers on relevant Governing Council events and issues, a gender-focused review of the Council's deliberations and time each day for planning advocacy and lobbying.

Thursday, 14 April 2011

8–9 a.m.

Civil Society Organization Caucus (Conference Room 9)

This meeting will be used to strategize civil society organization (CSO) contributions to the twenty-third session of the Governing Council and to prepare the CSO statement for the closing session.

Parallel events

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1–3 p.m.

Youth Research Net consultative meeting and launch of reports (Conference Room 12)

This event will be a forum for the discussion of three papers produced by UN-Habitat and the Urban Youth Research Network: the Urban Youth Research Review, a report on sports for youth development and a report on urban youth and employment.

Urban Gateway: Launch of global online urban portal (Conference Room 13)

This session will introduce the Urban Gateway, the first web platform of its kind to leverage the energy and resources of the global urban development community. It allows Habitat Agenda partners to network, exchange knowledge, discuss issues and share opportunities related to sustainable urbanisation worldwide. It supports important partnership networks, including the Sustainable Urban Development Network, Cities and Climate Change Initiative, Habitat Partners Universities Initiative and Cities in Crisis and Civil Society networks. It maintains the momentum of the World Urban Forum and provides a lobbying platform for the World Urban Campaign. The initiative is supported by Swedish funding.

Messengers of Truth jam session (Main Lobby Round-About)

UN-Habitat's Messengers of Truth will show their talents in this musical session, as they demonstrate how they raise awareness of urban issues through song and dance. The event will feature Messengers Lam Tungwar from Sudan and Rolf Stahlhofen from Germany, along with two Kenyan artist groups, Sarakasi Dancers and Hope Raisers.

2–3.30 p.m.

Sustainable urban development through the Participatory Slum Upgrading Programme in African, Caribbean and Pacific countries (Conference Room 14)

This event invites participating countries to share their experiences and lessons learned in the implementation of the Participatory Slum Upgrading Programme. The side event is an effort of the Secretariat of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States, the European Commission and UN-Habitat to advocate slum prevention and upgrading. Supported by the ACP Secretariat and funded by the European Commission through the ninth European Development Fund and other sources, it is being implemented by UN-Habitat in 66 cities in 30 countries. The Programme is making progress in addressing urban poverty in a participatory and holistic manner.

2.30–4.30 p.m.	Meeting of the board of the Africa Regional Chapter of Global Parliamentarians on Habitat (New Office Facility Block 4 / 3 rd Floor ISS Meeting Room)
4–6 p.m.	Women and human settlements: an online global exchange space (Conference Room 13) The Huairou Commission and UN-Habitat have jointly established an online portal entitled Women and Human Settlements: A Global Exchange Space to promote information and knowledge sharing on human settlements, gender equality and women’s empowerment. During this event, the main features of the portal will be described and the Huairou Commission will share its experience in bridging the digital divide.
6–8 p.m.	Cocktail on renewing the African Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development commitment to implementing the Bamako Declaration and Action Plan (United Nations recreation centre) The Third African Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development successfully concluded in Bamako in November 2010. In their final declaration, participants committed themselves to intensifying national and regional consultations and preparing common positions for the UN-Habitat Governing Council and agreed to take stock of the implementation of the Bamako Action Plan. This side event will feature a discussion of work done to date and the formulation of plans to implement the Bamako Action Plan fully and to create favourable conditions for the fourth African Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development, to be held in Nairobi in 2012.

Summary of meetings held on Tuesday, 12 April 2011

High-level segment meeting

The general discussion in the high-level segment continued with statements from representatives of Afghanistan, Botswana, Burkina Faso, India, Malawi, Morocco, Nigeria, Palestine, Republic of Korea, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Togo, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia.

The representative of the Huairou Commission also made a statement.

The high-level segment was then adjourned to be reconvened at 3 p.m.

The general discussion in afternoon meeting of the high-level segment continued with statements from the representatives of France, Ghana, Namibia, Palestine, Thailand and Togo.

Committee of the Whole

The Committee of the Whole completed its deliberations on agenda item 7 (Work programme of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and budget of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation for the biennium 2012–2013).

Before starting its deliberations, the committee formally constituted the Drafting Committee, chaired by Mr. Konrad Paulsen, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Chile and vice-president of the twenty-third session of the Governing Council. The Executive Director then introduced the first sub-item under agenda item 7. The Committee adjourned at 11 a.m. and is scheduled to reconvene on Thursday, 14 April 2011, at 9.30 a.m. in conference room 2 to consider agenda item 8 (Provisional agenda and other arrangements for the twenty-fourth session of the Governing Council) and to adopt its report.

Drafting committee

The drafting committee commenced its work in a brief formal session and after 10 minutes reconvened informally. During the morning session, agreement was reached on draft resolution HSP/GC/23/L.5 (Future UN-Habitat activities in urban economy and financial mechanisms for urban upgrading, housing and basic services for the urban poor), draft resolution HSP/GC/23/L.6 (Work programme and budget of the United Nations Human Settlements programme for the biennium 2012–13) and draft resolution HSP/GC/23/L.8 (Coordinated implementation of the guidelines on access to basic services for all and the guidelines on decentralization and strengthening of local authorities).

The Drafting Committee reconvened in an informal afternoon session from 3 to 7.30 p.m., during which agreement was reached on draft resolutions HSP/GC/23/L.1 (Third United Nations conference on housing and sustainable urban development) and HSP/GC/23/L.3 (Global and national strategies and frameworks for improving the lives of slum dwellers beyond the Millennium development Goals target).

Deliberations on draft resolution HSP/GC/23/L.2 (Sustainable urban development through expanding equitable access to land, housing, basic services and infrastructure) could not be concluded in the Drafting Committee and the resolution was referred to a contact group mandated with attempting to develop consensus language.

Parallel events

At the African Chapter of the Global Parliamentarians on Habitat conference on sustainable urban development, which took place throughout the day on Tuesday, parliamentarians exchanged implementation experiences and views on sustainable urban development in their countries. The meeting, which was attended by more than 35 parliamentarians from across Africa, also featured the election of a new Board of Directors for the African Parliamentarians' Forum. The participating parliamentarians unanimously elected the following office bearers by acclamation:

President: Ms. Mariam Zziwa Nantongo
Alternate President: Ms. Suzan Lyimo
Vice-Presidents: Eastern African region: Dr. Wilbur Ottichilo
Western African region: Mr. Mustafa Ahmed
Southern African region: Mr. Theo Diegaardt
Central African region: Mr. Alhatih Mohamed Seed
North African region: Mr. Mohamed Albakkouri
Secretary-General: Ms. Mariam Nalubega
Technical Secretary: Mr. Musendu Flungu
Treasurer: Mr. Ralf Joma
Representative of former parliamentarians: Ms. Njoki Ndungu

The side event “Not About Us Without Us - Grassroots Participation in Land”, co-organized by the Global Land Tool Network and the Huairou Commission, was attended more than 100 people. Chaired by Ambassador Agnes Kalibbala of Uganda and opened by Ms. Inga Björk-Klevby, Deputy Executive Director of UN-Habitat, the event showed how grassroots organizations were making progress in the land governance framework. Presentations included those by grassroots organizations from Brazil (EspaçoFeminista), India (SPARC/Slum Dwellers International) and Tanzania (Maasai Women Development Organization - MWEDO) on their efforts to scale-up grassroots participation in land processes. The event also showcased the successful engagement between Governments and the grassroots in land regularization efforts in Recife, Brazil, with statements by Mr. Paulo Roberto Ferrari Lucas Alves of the Government of Brazil and Mr. Otávio Calumby of the Land Regularization Agency, State of Pernambuco.

The launch of the French version of the book “Quick Guides for policy makers on Housing the Poor in African Cities” was attended by over 60 participants. Chaired by Mr. Alioune Badiane, Acting Director of UN-Habitat's Regional Technical Cooperation Division and William Cobbet of Cities Alliance, the meeting opened with an overview of the objective and themes of the book. There then followed presentations by panellists, representing local authorities, academia and civil society, on the relevance of the Quick Guides' key messages. The discussion also addressed how to make effective use of the guides. The side event participants and panellists made recommendations on how to improve the next edition of the manuals.

Additional information for delegates

Regional group meetings

The following meeting rooms have been allocated for regional group meetings from Monday to Friday between 8 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. unless otherwise stated.

African group	Conference room 9 (rooftop)
Arab Group	Conference Room 5 Monday to Friday 1-3p.m.
Asian and Pacific group	Conference room 4
Central and Eastern European group	Conference room 14 (rooftop)
Group of Latin American and Caribbean countries	Conference room 13 (rooftop)
Western European and others group	Conference room 3 Monday to Friday 2.30 p.m.
Group of 77 and China	Conference room 11

Other group meeting rooms

European Union	Training Room
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Statements delivered at the Governing Council

Speeches delivered at the Governing Council will be posted on the UN-Habitat website at www.unhabitat.org/gc23 as soon as the Secretariat receives them. Delegates are reminded to send soft copies of their speeches to Ms. Diana Park (email: diana.park@unhabitat.org, mobile: +254 788 526 005).
