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Twenty-third session of the Governing Council  
Nairobi, 11–15 April 2011

Thursday 14 April 2011

## Programme of meetings

Thursday, 14 April 2011

8.30–9.20 a.m.	<b>Fourth meeting of the Bureau</b> (Conference Room 8) Chaired by the President of the Governing Council
9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	<b>Committee of the Whole</b> (Conference Room 2) <b>Agenda item 8:</b> Provisional agenda and other arrangements for the twenty-fourth session of the Governing Council. <i>Document HSP/GC/23/6</i>
	<b>Drafting Committee</b> (Conference Room 4) <b>Sub-Committee of the Drafting Committee</b> (Conference room 3) Consultations on the draft resolutions
12.30–2.45 p.m.	Lunch break
12.45–1.15 p.m.	<b>Press briefing</b> press centre
5:30 p.m.	<b>Committee of the Whole</b> (Conference Room 2) Adoption of Report

## 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 and to ensure that the needs and concerns of young people 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 time each day for planning advocacy and lobbying.

**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 about 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

**Thursday, 14 April 2011**

9–11 a.m.

**Partners meeting** (Conference Room 9)

Habitat Agenda partner groups will come together to follow-up on the Partners' Platform in a larger group, deliberate on Governing Council discussions and prepare for the closing session.

9.30 a.m.–5 p.m.

**Private sector working group meeting** (Tribe Hotel)

The meeting will gather representatives of private sector companies to discuss the core business principles for sustainable urbanization and their implementation through key action areas. The group will also discuss the role of the new Urban Private Sector Advisory Group and the areas of partnership with UN-Habitat. Participation is by invitation.

10 a.m.–noon

**Safer public spaces for women and girls** (Conference Room 10)

Women in Cities International (WICI), UN-Habitat's Safer Cities Programme, UN-Women and the Huairou Commission will host this roundtable discussion that positions women's safety in the context of planning, public space and transit management. Planners, representatives from police bodies, grass-roots leaders from the Huairou Commission Network and representatives from WICI, UN-Women and UN-Habitat will speak about successful interventions to create safe spaces for women and their contributions to sustainable urbanization.

11.00 a.m.–1.30 p.m.

**The SymbioCity Approach** (Conference Room 7)

At this event, delegates will be given the opportunity to learn more about the SymbioCity approach and to apply it in practice, using an interactive computer game, SymbioCity Scenarios. Cast in the role of the mayor of a fictitious city, delegates' leadership skills will be tested as they strive to create a sustainable society. This innovative side event is hosted by the Swedish Government in cooperation with the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) and the Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions (SALAR)

12.30–2.30 p.m.

**Panel discussion on women and urban housing** (Conference Room 6)

In this panel discussion on women's housing and land rights in the context of urbanization, three

	experts will present short papers on women and urban housing based on the Governing Council theme. Following the presentations, a moderated discussion with participants will seek to generate recommendations that will form a statement for presentation to the Governing Council.
12.30–2 p.m.	<b>Land, property and housing: a focus on the Muslim world</b> (Conference Room 1)  In most Muslim countries, Islamic law, principles and practices make an important contribution to shaping access to land. At this side event, the Global Land Tool Network (GLTN) will launch a training package under the title “A Training Course on Land, Property and Housing Rights in the Muslim World”, together with a booklet summarizing key concepts of the course. The principal author of the training package will present the main topics and potential users in the field will describe how the course can be applied.
1–3 p.m.	<b>Slum upgrading in Kibera Soweto-East</b> (Conference Room 9)  UN-Habitat will host an informational session on its slum upgrading activities in Kibera’s Soweto-East Village. The session will feature presentations on the ongoing water and sanitation project and the Kibera Soweto-East Resource Centre, followed by an open discussion. Guest speakers will attend from the Soweto-East community, Kenya’s Ministry of Medical Services and the BASF Social Foundation in Germany.
2.30–4.30 p.m.	<b>Sustainable urban development</b> (Conference Room 7)  The Huairou Commission, as a partner to the UN-Habitat World Urban Campaign, has been promoting grass-roots women’s leadership as a strategy for achieving sustainable urbanization. In March 2011, the Commission hosted the Global Summit on Grass-roots Women’s Leadership and Governance, where grass-roots women and partners gathered to share strategies, debate challenges and establish principles and proposals for collective actions. This event will feature the innovative outcomes of the Summit and review grass-roots women’s bottom-up governance strategies for increasing their leadership and developing sustainable communities around the world.  <b>Housing the future: A new global housing strategy to the year 2025</b> (Conference Room 12)  UN-Habitat is working to prepare an authoritative analysis of the global housing situation to provide Governments and Habitat Agenda partners with a set of policy guidelines that will ultimately shift the current housing paradigm. This side event will showcase some of the latest initiatives implemented by UN-Habitat at the global, regional and country levels to enable the housing sector to work and influence the city’s form and sustainability.

### Summary of meetings held on Wednesday, 13 April 2011

#### Committee of the Whole

The Committee 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 continued its deliberations in a formal then informal session in the morning and in two sub-committee informal sessions in the afternoon. In the morning session, the committee formally adopted the following five draft resolutions: HSP/GC/23/L.1 (Third United Nations conference on housing and sustainable urban development); HSP/GC/23/L.3 (Global and national strategies and frameworks for improving the lives of slum dwellers beyond the Millennium development Goals target); 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); HSP/GC/23/L.6 (Work programme and budget of the United Nations Human Settlements programme for the biennium 2012–13); and 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).

In addition, during the formal session the Drafting Committee adopted pre-negotiated draft resolution HSP/GC/23/CRP.2 (Human settlements development in the Occupied Palestinian Territory).

The Drafting Committee decided in the interest of expediency that at the start of the afternoon session it would reconvene in two sub-committee informal sessions.

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Next, the Drafting Committee reconvened in an informal session for the remainder of the morning and commenced its deliberations on draft resolution HSP/GC/23/L.7 (Governance of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)).

During the informal afternoon session of the sub-committee of the Drafting Committee, the following draft resolutions were agreed upon: HSP/GC/23/L.7 (Governance of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)) and HSP/GC/23/L.10 (Sustainable urban development through policies for safer cities and urban crime prevention).

During its informal afternoon session, the other sub-committee of the Drafting Committee passed the following draft resolutions: HSP/GC/23/CRP.1 (Gender equality and empowerment of women in sustainable development); HSP/GC/23/CRP.3 (Support for pro-poor housing);, HSP/GC/23/CRP.5 (World Urban Forum); and HSP/GC/23/CRP.6 (Implementation of the Bamako Declaration and action plan and the strengthening of the secretariat of the African Ministerial Conference on Urban Development).

The sub-committee postponed its deliberations on HSP/GC/23/CRP.4 (Sustainable urban development: the right and access to the city reflected in quality urban public spaces) and postponed consideration of HSP/GC/23/CRP.8 (Draft resolution submitted by Norway on urban youth development—the next step).

It also agreed to incorporate the essential elements of HSP/GC/23/CRP.7 (Draft Resolution on enhancing international support measures in support of least developed countries to implement the Habitat Agenda, alleviate urban poverty and secure ecological safety) into HSP/GC/23/L.11 (Draft Resolution on natural disaster risk reduction, preparedness, prevention and mitigation as a contribution to sustainable urban development).

## **Dialogue**

The Dialogue on sustainable urban development through expanding equitable access to land, housing, basic services and infrastructure was held in conference room 1. It was chaired and moderated by the President of the Governing Council, Mr. Vincent Karega, Minister for Infrastructure of the Republic of Rwanda. Four panellists provided inputs from the perspective of governments, academia, local authorities and Habitat Agenda partners.

The morning session of the Dialogue centered on the topic of equitable access to land and housing in the context of Rio+20. Panellists covered a wide range of issues and the dialogue was characterized by a lively discussion comprising many statements that highlighted the key role of land and housing in supporting sustainable urban development, particularly in developing countries. It was widely recognized that international organizations, national Governments and Habitat Agenda partners such as financial institutions, professional organizations and community groups, would play a fundamental role. Statements were made by Dr. Joan Clos, Executive Director of UN-Habitat; Ms. Elizabeth Thompson, Assistant Secretary-General and Executive Coordinator of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), and Ms. Ana Maria Sampaio Fernandes, Permanent Representative of the Government of Brazil to UN-Habitat. Presentations were made by panellists Mr. Ahmed TaoufiqHejira, Minister of Housing and Urban and Rural Planning; Mr. Peter Goetz, President of the Global Parliamentarians for Habitat; Ms. Sheila Patel, Chair of Shack/Slum Dwellers International; and Mr. Hugo Priemus, Professor, Delft University of Technology, the Netherlands.

During the discussion that followed, questions and comments were made by representatives of Norway, the Federation International of Surveyors, Habitat International, the Commonwealth Association of Planners, the UN-Habitat Youth Advisory board, Jordan, Groots Kenya, Botswana, Sudan, Japan, South Africa, Uganda and Senegal.

The afternoon session of the dialogue centered on the topic of equitable access to basic services and infrastructure, also in the context of Rio+20. The session was chaired by the Vice-president of the Governing Council, Mr. Sergey Trepelkov, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to UN-Habitat. The presentations and discussions encompassed the range of urban basic services including energy, transport, water and sanitation. The dialogue focused on how the planning and provision of those services would determine the sustainability of urban areas. It also touched upon collaboration between different spheres of government, the private sector and civil society, as well as the need for strengthening regulatory frameworks. It was recognized that equitable access to services required investment but could lead to green growth through the creation of jobs, particularly for the poor.

Presentations were made by the following panellists: Mr. Vincent Karega, Minister for Infrastructure of the Republic of Rwanda; Ms. Dhamikka Wijaysingh, Senior Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Construction, Engineering Services, Housing and Common Amenities, Sri Lanka; Mr. M. A. Masunda, Mayor of Harare and Co-President of United Cities and Local Governments; and Mr. Stéphane Quéré, Co-Chair, Urban Infrastructure Initiative, World Business Council for Sustainable Development. Comments were made by the representatives from Germany, Argentina, South Africa, Kenya, Botswana, Japan, Finland and Australia. Ms. Ana Marie Argilagos from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

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presented the closing statements on both dialogues. A report on the morning and afternoon sessions was presented by Ms. Heli Sirve, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Finland to UN-Habitat and Rapporteur of the Governing Council. The session was closed by the Chair.

### **Parallel Events**

UN-Habitat Executive Director Mr. Joan Clos officially launched the Urban Gateway website, a new social media website ([www.urbangateway.org](http://www.urbangateway.org)) to help cities and urban practitioners around the world unite to share knowledge and ideas and to take action. The website will enable everyone involved in cities, including policy makers, academics and private and civil society organizations, to find and contact other members, form common interest groups, offer and apply for opportunities, share experiences and get the latest local and global news on urban issues in their language. The Gateway, widely welcomed by delegates, is supported by Swedish International Development Agency funding. Spatial features are expected to be added in the next phase of the Gateway to allow users to zoom into a particular city and find out about urban conditions there.

The side event on “Sustainable Urban Development through the Participatory Slum Upgrading Programme (PSUP) in African, Caribbean and Pacific Countries” brought together delegates from all PSUP regions to share their experiences in slum upgrading and prevention. During the side event, re-organization of land management systems, provision of land tenure for slum dwellers and strong ownership by national and local governments were identified as key factors in successful PSUP implementation. The delegates highlighted enhancement of participatory governance and inclusiveness as strengths of the programme, and expressed interest in continuing to carry out PSUP work in their respective countries.

### **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 8 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](http://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](mailto:diana.park@unhabitat.org), mobile: +254 788 526 005).

#### **Participants List**

The participant list is available at the Information Desk for your reference and also posted on the Governing Council website at [www.unhabitat.org/gc23](http://www.unhabitat.org/gc23). Please let the Information Desk know if there are any corrections you wish to make or email the Secretariat at [habgc@unhabitat.org](mailto:habgc@unhabitat.org)

### **Interpretation Training**

UN-Habitat and the United Nations Office at Nairobi are offering a training opportunity during the current session of the Governing Council to young student interpreters from universities of Hong Kong, Beijing and Nairobi. The student interpreters are using language channel 8 and are providing an unofficial interpretation service that will be recorded for them to get maximum benefit from this training opportunity. This will ensure a new generation of conference interpreters are prepared to service member States in the future.

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