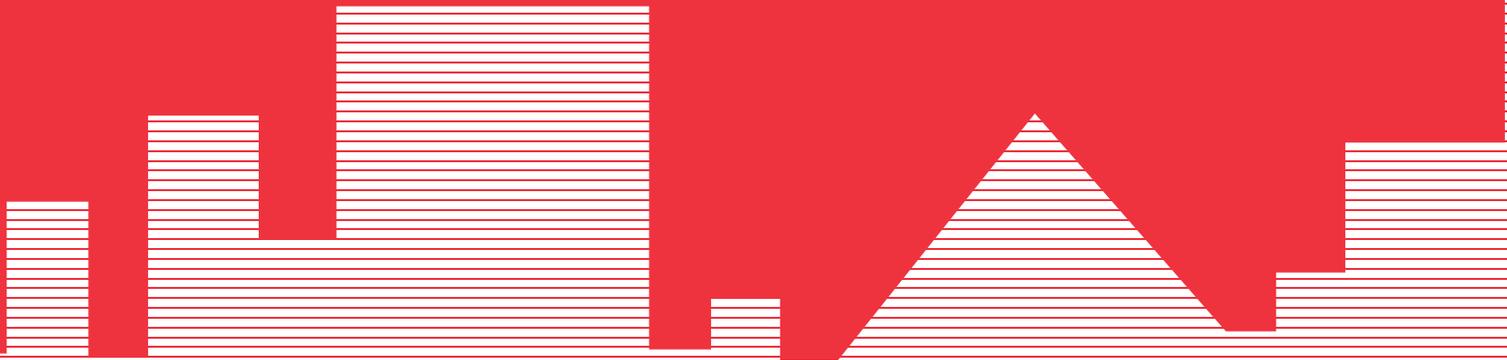




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Harmonious Urbanization:
The Challenge of Balanced Territorial Development



FOR A BETTER URBAN FUTURE

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LETTERS OF WELCOME



– Ban Ki-moon, United Nations Secretary-General

“There are many billions of people suffering from a lack of affordable housing – all the facilities which make our life decent. We must work together and generate the political will to have a smooth implementation of the Millennium Development Goals and I will work very closely, and harder than before.”

– Ban Ki-moon, United Nations Secretary-General, during a 2007 visit to the overcrowded slum of Kibera in the Kenyan capital, Nairobi.



Jiang Weixin,
Minister of Housing and Urban-
Rural Development

The World Urban Forum theme, Harmonious urbanization, depicts the wealth of ideas, the old and the new, taking in integrated social, economic and environmental development, as well as the overall harmony of urban-rural, new-old and various social sectors.

Today, China is in the process of rapid urbanization. By the end of 2007, the level of urbanization in China is up to 44.9% with 655 cities and 590 million urban dwellers. It is projected that over 10 million people seeking a better life will migrate each year to towns and cities from the countryside. As the country undergoes great changes, the living environment in cities and towns in China has been greatly improved. However, rapid urbanization, meanwhile, raises a higher requirement for eco-environmental protection, energy-efficiency, resource conservation and public security.

It is our pleasure to host the fourth session of World Urban Forum in Nanjing, China. We warmly welcome representatives from every country and region gathering here for the purpose of enhancing international coordination and collaboration in implementing the Habitat Agenda, attaining the Millennium Development Goals, and making contributions to the sustainable development and improvement of the global human settlements environment.

– Jiang Weixin, Minister of Housing and Urban-Rural Development



– Anna Tibaijuka, Under-Secretary-
General of the United Nations and
Executive Director UN-HABITAT

“The 100 years from 1950 to 2050 will be remembered for the greatest social, cultural, economic and environmental transformation in history – the urbanization of humanity. With half of us now occupying urban space, the future of the human species is tied to the city.”

– Anna Tibaijuka, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Director UN-HABITAT, in remarks at the third session of the World Urban Forum in Vancouver, Canada, in 2006.



Luo Zhi Jun,
Governor of
Jiangsu Provincial
Government



Jiang Hongkun,
Mayor of Nanjing

A city is the hub of advanced productivity and advanced culture. And urbanization symbolizes the level of development and the civilization.

In recent years, pursuing the policy of urbanization as one of the main strategies in economic and social development, the eastern Chinese Province of Jiangsu is making efforts to build the Big Three urban circles of Nanjing, Suzhou-Wuxi-Changzhou and Xuzhou.

The idea is to promote the construction of mega-cities and big cities, to actively, yet reasonably develop small and medium cities, to cultivate good, important central towns, and to optimize the layout of cities and towns. By the end of 2007, the urbanization rate of Jiangsu had reached 53.2%, with the radiating effect of cities in regional development becoming more and more prominent. The interaction of urbanization and industrialization has strongly promoted the comprehensive sustainable development.

The 21st Century is the City Century. At present, Jiangsu is undergoing the acceleration of urbanization. It is urgent for us to solve the important issues encountered during the process of urbanization, including the main theme to be discussed at the forum: harmonious urbanization. We warmly welcome people from all over the world to Nanjing. Through this open and interactive exchange platform, we can work out efficient ways to deal with difficulties and challenges in our process of urbanization. We can also explore a scientific and harmonious road for the sustainable and healthy development of modern cities.

– Luo Zhi Jun, Governor of Jiangsu Provincial Government

The fourth session of the World Urban Forum in Nanjing 3-6 November is both an important international pageant as well as a holiday for the people of our city.

Nanjing, an historic city with modern vigour, is a cultural and education centre as well as a science and technology hub in the heart of Yangtze delta. In recent years, directed by scientific development, Nanjing highlights the theme of perfecting city functions and upgrading urban qualities. It adheres to the notion of characteristic development, and eco-civilization for the benefit of all its residents. It promotes good and practical construction management, urban upgrades, culture, environmental conservation, and sustainable urban development. With several years of relentless effort, Nanjing has today become one of China's best living environments.

The Harmonious cities trend of world urbanization, is the cornerstone of Nanjing's own rebirth, and with the World Urban Forum, it will draw worldwide attention. At the forum, we will discuss with governments, NGOs, social organizations, research institutes and the media ways of building "harmonious" towns and cities. We will share experiences on providing a wonderful living environment, and promote the extensive exchange and strategic cooperation between cities around the world.

As the hosts, we will go all out to organize and serve with high quality to ensure the success of the forum. We firmly believe that you will find Nanjing with its vital economy, fascinating culture, its wonderful and harmonious living environment something you will never forget. And so, on behalf of the Nanjing People's Municipal Government and our 7.4 million residents, I sincerely welcome our distinguished guests. May we together inspire fresh wisdom for a brand new urban future. We look forward to seeing you soon in Nanjing.

– Jiang Hongkun, Mayor of Nanjing



West Beijing road, Nanjing. Photo © City of Nanjing

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<p>OPENING CEREMONY</p> <p>OPENING PLENARY</p>	<p>CAUCUS MEETINGS</p> <p>PLENARY SESSION 1</p> <p>DIALOGUE 1 & 2</p>	<p>CAUCUS MEETINGS</p> <p>PLENARY SESSION 2</p> <p>DIALOGUE 3 & 4</p>	<p>DIALOGUE 5 & 6</p> <p>FROM CHINA TO BRAZIL</p> <p>CLOSING PLENARY AND CLOSURE OF THE MEETING</p>
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	UN-HABITAT daily coordination Meeting	MR 205	
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11:00 – 13:00	OPENING PLENARY	MF Hall 1 and 2	16
14:00 – 15:00	SIDE EVENTS		
	Training Event organizers meeting (By invitation)	MR 200	49
14:00 – 16:00	NETWORKING EVENTS		
	1. Innovative approaches to financing slum upgrading	MR 201	19
	2. Wenchuan earthquake inspiration and thinking	MR 202	19
	3. New town construction and ecological civilization	MR 203	19
	4. Communities as key actors in disaster rehabilitation	MR 206	19
	5. Cultural creation: Stimulus of harmonious urbanization	MR 207	20
	6. Sustainable development in degenerated urban areas	MR 208	20
	7. Implementation of urban observatories in Latin America	MR 209	20
	8. Pro-poor Public Private Partnerships for municipal services provision	MR 301	20
	9. The State of the World's Cities 2008	MR 413	20
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	11. Reinventing planning in a new urban Pacific	MR 416A	21
14:00 – 16:00	HABITAT SEMINARS		
	1. Harmonious development with urban characteristics	Zhongshan Ballroom	34
	2. Opening minds, closing gaps: Humanitarian dimension of urbanisation	MR 417A	34
	3. Water and sanitation for developing clean healthy cities	EH 101	34
	4. Cities promoting climate protection – Research partnerships	EH 102	34
	5. Harmonious cities: Women's struggle for access	EH 103	34
	6. Historic preservation and urban regeneration	EHB 101	34
	7. First State of Asian Cities Report	EHB 102	35
	8. Discovering a hidden cooperative advantage in social housing	EHB 103	35
14:00 – 17:00	ROUNDTABLES		
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	Mayors	MR 303A	45
	Women and Harmonious Cities	MR 303B	45
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	Dialogue1. panelists preparatory meeting	MR 200	49
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	12. Financing urban infrastructure	MR 201	21
	13. The driving force of the city progress	MR 202	21
	14. Residential areas construction and social harmony	MR 203	21
	15. Planning and building livable cities	MR 206	21
	16. Community Led Infrastructure Finance Facility – The great debate III	MR 207	21
	17. Urban expansion, land policies and economic geography	MR 208	21
	18. Participatory budgeting: Balancing resources for balanced development	MR 209	22
	19. Best practices transfer: Lessons from Latin America and the Caribbean	MR 301	22
	20. Housing industrialization and environment-friendly housing	Zhongshan Ballroom	22
	21. Back to the future: Deconstructing urban change	MR 413	22
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	23. Strategies for improved governance of local safety	MR 416A	22

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	9. Green jobs, urban sustainability and construction	MR 417A	35
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	11. Addressing urban risk in Africa: Local perspectives	EH 102	35
	12. Global city indicators - Measuring and monitoring performance	EH 103	35
	13. Towards inclusive cities: Enhancing pro-poor organizations' voice	EHB 101	35
	14. Housing for inclusive cities	EHB 102	36
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17:00 – 18:30	SIDE EVENTS		
	WUF Campaign preparatory meeting (By invitation)	MR 205	49
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18:30 – 20:00	HOST RECEPTION	MFH 1 and 2	

8:00 – 9:00	CAUCUS AND REGIONAL GROUPS MEETINGS		
	Canada Daily coordination meetings	MR 201	
	UN-HABITAT daily coordination meeting	MR 205	
	Women’s Caucus	MR 206	
9:00 – 10:00	PLENARY SESSION 1 - EQUITY IN CITIES	Auditorium	16
9:00 – 11:00	SIDE EVENTS		
	Water and sanitation for harmonious cities	MR 301	49
9:00 – 11:00	NETWORKING EVENTS		
	24. Eco-city forum	MR 303A	22
	25. Harmonious ekistics	MR 303B	23
9:00 – 11:00	HABITAT SEMINARS		
	16. Harmony of urbanization and affordable housing	Zhongshan Ballroom	36
	17. Urban safety and the poor in Asia-Pacific	MR 413	36
	18. Achieving harmony in shrinking cities	MR 416A	36
	19. Linking urban research and policy towards sustainability	MR 417A	36
	20. Slum mapping with space imagery	EH 101	36
	21. Unlocking urban land values for infrastructure finance	EH 102	36
	22. Urbanization, health and labour	EH 103	37
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	24. Public-private citizen participation in community development	EHB 102	37
	25. Rural development: An approach to Nigeria’s urban challenge	EHB 103	37
9:00 – 12:00	TRAINING EVENTS		
	1 Alternatives to forced evictions: sustainable settlement strategies	MR 201	30
	2 Local Climate Action – Chinese Cities (For Chinese Audience only)	MR 202	30
	3 Urban water conservation and demand management for utilities and all other stakeholders	MR 203	30
	4 Turning municipal performance measurement into an effective management tool	MR 206	30
	5 How to apply participatory governance in preparation, monitoring and evaluation of the programmes concerned with infrastructure services?	MR 207	30
	6 How to design and apply an index for urban safety?	MR 208	30
	7 How to improve Participatory Spatial Planning by Visualizing Local Knowledge	MR 209	31
	8 Training of Trainers on integrated urban water management <i>Approaching Urban Water Management: Addressing Governance Challenge</i>	MR 415	31
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	Private Sector Consultation Meeting	MR 302	47
10:00 – 12:30	DIALOGUES		
	1. Territorial balance in urban development	MF Hall 2	17
	2. Promoting social equity and inclusiveness	Auditorium	17
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	26. Social work practice in developing cities	MR 416A	37
	27. Decentralized solid waste management for small towns	MR 417A	37
	28. Builders of cities, building networks	EH 101	38
	29. Harmonious shelter and urban development	EH 102	38
	30. Geographic information systems and sustainable urban development	EH 103	38
	31. Alliances and partnerships for youth development	EHB 101	38
	32. Financing land and housing development for women	EHB 102	38
	33. Arts to the rescue of urban spaces	EHB 103	38

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	4. Campaigning for a better urban world	MR 201	49
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	6. UNESCAP and Partners (By invitation)	MR 303A	49
	7. Sustainable Cities Programme/Localizing Area 21 achievements and outlook (By invitation)	MR 303B	49
	8. Challenges for China and Asia under the Global Finance Crisis (in Chinese only)	MR 301	49
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	27. Urban growth and sprawl	MR 202	23
	28. Energy efficiency in contemporary architecture	MR 203	23
	29. Local economic development: Knowledge is power	MR 206	23
	30. Learning cities: Interactive research and capacity building platforms	MR 207	23
	31. Integral development of neighborhoods program	MR 208	23
	32. Linking gender, local governance, and violence prevention	MR 209	24
	33. From disaster to harmonious communities	MR 301	24
	34. Bahrain: A universal urban society	MR 415	24
	35. Integrated approach to local urban management	MR 416A	24
	36. Participatory planning approach in the Arab world	MR 417A	24
14:00 – 16:00	HABITAT SEMINARS		
	34. Building-Living and property management for the future	EH 101	38
	35. Strengthening Women's leadership in local governance	EH 102	39
	36. Cities and climate change: From Bali to Copenhagen	EH 103	39
	37. Achieving equity: Tenure and services for all	EHB 101	39
	38. Paying for growth	EHB 102	39
	39. Making sustainability reality	EHB 103	39
14:00 – 16:00	SPECIAL SESSIONS		
	3. Harmony on the rapid process of urbanization	Zhongshan Ballroom	47
	4. Role of government in housing finance systems	MR 413	47
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	5. Youth	MR 303A	46
	6. Global Land-Tool Network	MR 303B	46
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	37. Cities and the post-Kyoto agenda	MR 201	24
	38. Planning post-Vancouver: Challenges and responses	MR 202	24
	39. Positive beats from city streets: Part 4	MR 206	24
	40. Cities beyond oil	MR 207	25
	41. Innovative approaches for improving shelter in Asia	MR 208	25
	42. Strategies and practices for inclusive, welcoming communities	MR 209	25
	43. Urban land markets in Africa and housing the poor	MR 301	25
	44. Local participation: Keystone in Central American risk management	MR 413	25
	45. Knee deep: waste management and rural-urban linkages	MR 415	25
	46. Istanbul Urban Water Consensus: Mayors' commitments	MR 416A	26

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	41. Managing urban informal economies – 21st century innovations	MR 417A	39
	42. Affordable housing and sustainable cities development	EH 101	40
	43. Promoting equity through collaboration in metropolitan governance	EH 102	40
	44. Secure tenure Efforts: Lessons learned through advocacy initiatives	EHB 101	40
	45. Improving infrastructure and planning for small towns	EHB 102	40
	46. Strengthening grassroots women’s knowledge and policy impact	EHB 103	40
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18:30 – 20:00	“What does upscaling mean for grassroots women?”	MR 206	50
	Reception - Opportunities Fund for Urban Youth Led Development	Zhongshan Ballroom	50

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	Canada Daily coordination meetings	MR 201	
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	Women's Caucus	MR 206	
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	Expert Group meeting on international Guidelines on Access to Basic Services for All GC res. 21/5	MR 303B	50
9:00 – 11:00	NETWORKING EVENTS		
	47. Water supply and sanitation services	Zhongshan Ballroom	26
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	9. How to promote renewable energy efficiency at the local level	MR 201	31
	10. Gender Mainstreaming in Local Governments	MR 202	31
	11. How to negotiate to make development strategies work	MR 203	31
	12. How to define strategic spatial interventions as a medium of integration	MR 206	31
	13. How to understand and participate actively in a slum upgrading/prevention initiative and livelihood framework in my city/locality?	MR 207	31
	14. Introduction to participatory training methods on urban issues in Asia and the Pacific	MR 208	32
	15. How local authorities can enhance a social and a human approach to urban revitalization in historic districts	MR 209	32
	16. How to address climate change and health in urban settings	MR 415	32
10:00 – 12:30	DIALOGUES		
	3. Making cities productive and equitable	MF Hall 2	17
	4. Harmonizing the Built and Natural Environments	Auditorium	18
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	47. First State of African Cities Report 2008/2009	MR 413	40
	48. Universal sanitation: New resources from Asia	MR 416A	41
	49. A Culture of sustainability: Multi-stakeholder process	MR 417A	41
	50. The cross-cultural peace building approach	EH 101	41
	51. Donor assistance for housing and urban development	EH 102	41
	52. Transforming urban markets for the poor through entrepreneurship	EH 103	41
	53. Global city indicators Facility: information session	EHB 101	41
	54. Youth and shelter: What are the win-win strategies?	EHB 102	42
	55. Global Planners Network messages and outreach	EHB 103	42
12:30 – 14:00	SIDE EVENTS		
	How can grass-roots women be involved in piloting evaluation criteria?	MR 206	50
	Launch of "State of Russian Cities Report" and "China's urbanization: Pattern, Process and Mechanism"	MR 302	50
	Cities: Key Players for Addressing the Causes of Health Inequities	MR 303B	50

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	48. Urban agriculture for resilient cities	Auditorium	26
	49. Slum Dwellers International Urban Poor Fund	MR 201	26
	50. Disaster prevention and reduction in cities	MR 202	26
	51. Young municipal councillors supporting the MDG's	MR 203	26
	52. Making MDGs work at local government level	MR 206	26
	53. Opportunities, emerging solutions in integrated urban development planning	MR 207	27
	54. Grassroots women: At the heart of harmonious cities	MR 209	27
	55. Building up education towards sustainable urban development	MR 301	27
	56. City: The safe home of citizens	Zhongshan Ballroom	27
	57. Housing, HIV/ AIDS: Learning from Africa and Asia	MR 413	27
	58. Land, poverty and the right to the city	MR 415	27
	59. Comprehensive planning in China and Canada	MR 416A	27
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	56. Decentralized finance for secondary cities: Learning from experience	MR 208	42
	57. Function of an enterprise in sustainable development	MR 302	42
	58. Turning commitments to participation into reality	MR 417A	42
	59. Financing water and sanitation in Asian cities	EH 101	42
	60. Cities, climate change, and spatial planning	EH 102	42
	61. People's process of recovery and reconstruction	EH 103	43
	62. Building leadership for sustainable community development	EHB 101	43
	63. Climate prosperity: Sustainable economic and community development	EHB 102	43
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	7. Urban Researchers	MR 303A	46
	8. Habitat Partner Universities	MR 303B	46
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	62. Finance ethics: Challenges in Norway and Tanzania	MR 202	28
	63. Urban disaster risk and safe shelter	MR 203	28
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	65. Are cities more important than countries?	MR 207	28
	66. Food security and sustainable natural resource management	MR 208	29
	67. Housing finance: innovations for land and shelter	MR 209	29
	68. Affordable housing: Building an agenda for 2020	MR 302	29
	69. Housing for all: Sharing experiences globally	MR 301	29
	70. Planning inclusive cities: Presenting 'academic acupuncture'	MR 413	29
	71. Youth engagement: Mapping the cities of our future	MR 415	29
	72. Measuring decentralisation as a tool for development	MR 416A	29
	73. Possibilities and practices for Child Friendly Cities	MR 417A	29
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	66. Expanding services to the urban poor	EH 102	43
	67. Youth employment: A way out of urban poverty	EH 103	43

	68. Financing housing and sustainable urban development	EHB 101	44
	69. Engaging private citizens in urban sustainable development	EHB 102	44
	70. Shelter coordination after disaster - challenges and opportunities	EHB 103	44
18:30 – 19:30	SIDE EVENTS		
	UN-HABITAT WUF Advisory Board meeting	MR 200	
18:30 – 20:00	Cocktail Reception -Hosted by Nanjing Women Federation and UN-HABITAT Gender Mainstreaming Unit	Zhongshan Ballroom	51

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8:30 – 10:30	DIALOGUES		
	5. Preserving the historical roots and soul of the city	MF Hall 2	18
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	17. Transparency in land administration	MR 201	32
	18. Sustainable sanitation for local authorities	MR 202	32
	19. How to design and deliver effective distance learning program for local government	MR 203	32
	20. How to develop a collaborative dialogue process with communities, local authorities, and other stakeholders using the local to local dialogue methodology	MR 206	32
	21. How to link United Nations Convention Against Corruption (uncac) to the challenges of service delivery by the local governments?	MR 207	33
	22. Integrated approach to climate, biodiversity and disaster management in urban areas	MR 208	33
	23. Integrated sustainable community planning through stakeholder engagement	MR 209	33
9:00 – 11:00	SIDE EVENTS		
	UN-HABITAT Cities Alliance meeting (By invitation)	MR 200	51
11:00 – 12:00	SPECIAL SESSIONS		
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12:00 – 13:00	CLOSING PLENARY AND CLOSURE OF MEETING	MF Hall 1 and 2	

OPENING CEREMONY

The opening ceremony will mark the official start of the Forum. Held under the chairmanship of the People's Republic of China, it will include welcoming remarks from several Heads of State and Government, and provide the key messages for the conference. The Ceremony will also mark the launch of the Sheikh Khalifa bin Salman al Khalifa Award aimed at promoting the ideals and principles of good governance and equity in housing and urban development policies and practice. The highest award presented by the United Nations system in the field of human settlements, the *Habitat Scroll of Honour Special Citation*, will be formally conferred upon the City of Nanjing.

OPENING PLENARY

The opening plenary introduces the organisation of work and the members of the advisory board. The session will be chaired by the President of UN-HABITAT's Governing Council and will mark the official transfer of duties and responsibilities from the previous Chair to the current Chair of the World Urban Forum. Key Habitat Agenda partners will also address the opening plenary.

PLENARY SESSIONS

Plenary sessions highlight key messages of the Forum and set the tone for the day's Dialogues.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4,
09.00-10.00**

EQUITY IN CITIES

- Room: Auditorium

Taking the Dialogue themes, Territorial Balance in Urban Development and Promoting Social Equity and Inclusiveness, the speakers will discuss collaboration of civil society, government and the private sector to achieve social equity and inclusiveness in cities. They will talk about rights to the city, information and participation in decision-making and the role of the private sector in promoting equity in cities.

Confirmed speakers: *Hon. Raila Odinga, Prime Minister, Kenya; Mr. Laurence Schreiber, Merrill-Lynch; Mr. Pierre Sané, Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization*

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5,
09.00-10.00**

SAFE AND PRODUCTIVE CITIES

- Room: Auditorium

Confirmed speakers: *Hon. Djoko Kirmanto, Minister for Public Works, Indonesia; Mr. Ian Wright, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Housing, United Kingdom*

THE DIALOGUES

At each Dialogue session, generally open to all, a special focus area of relevance to harmonious urban development will be discussed.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4,
10.00 - 12.30**

DIALOGUE 1: TERRITORIAL BALANCE IN URBAN DEVELOPMENT - Room: MF Hall 2

Panelists will examine the role of planning in sustainable and harmonious development. Recent developments in spatial planning will be examined in the context of new issues highlighted in UN-HABITAT's flagship report, The State of the World's Cities. Using case studies, they will see how territorial and regional planning can work in the future with the growing engagement of civil society and the emergence of an international dimension to planning.

Confirmed speakers: *Mr. Maoqi Li, United Nations Radio, Department of Public Information (moderator); Mr. Nicholas Buchoud, President, Société Française des Urbanistes, France; Mr. Richard Gill, Planning Consultant, Barbados; Mr. Atsushi Koresawa, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Japan; Mr. Adam Kowalewski, Chairman, Central Commission on Urbanism, Poland; Ms. Diana Mitlin, International Institute for Environment and Development, United Kingdom; Ms. Christine Platt, President of the Commonwealth Association of Planners; Mr. Keshav Varma, World Bank Sector Director, Urban, East-Asia and Pacific Region; Mr. Yubin Yang, Director-General, Bureau of Urban-Rural Planning, Harbin City, China*

DIALOGUE 2: PROMOTING SOCIAL EQUITY AND INCLUSIVENESS

- Room: Auditorium

This dialogue will contribute to the global debate on socially harmonious cities by creating a forum for citizens' representatives, local and central authorities, researchers and professionals across the world. It will encourage debate on the following three themes: Pro poor land rights versus unlawful forced evictions; Adequate housing for all versus exclusive housing markets; City wide basic service provision versus service deprived neighbourhoods. The dialogue will explore the strengths and weaknesses of approaches related to the above themes with the aim of identifying potential innovations.

Confirmed speakers: *Ms. Rita Payne, former Senior Producer BBC's Asia Today (moderator); Mr. Stig Enemark, President, International Federation of Surveyors (FIG); Mr. Chen Feng, Senior City Planner, China Academy of Urban Planning and Design, China; Mr. Li Guo, Senior Agricultural Economist, World Bank; Ms. Kyung-wha Kang, Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights; Mr. Anders Knape, President, Swedish Association of Local Authorities (SALAR), Sweden; Ms. Raquel Rolnik, Special Rapporteur on the Right to Adequate Housing, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights;*

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5,
10.00 -12.30**

DIALOGUE 3: MAKING CITIES PRODUCTIVE AND EQUITABLE - Room: MF Hall 2

Many cities around the world are faced with an urban paradox: on the one hand, they are the driving force of national economic development; on the other, they are centres of increasing poverty, inequality and unemployment. The panelists will seek out the best options for attaining the Millennium Development Goals and look at the best ways, including public-private partnerships, of generating employment, providing better services and financing sustainable cities.

Confirmed speakers: *Mr. Anver Versi, Editor, African Business, United Kingdom (moderator); Ms. Pamela Agnone, Vice-President for Retail Services, United Nations Federal Credit Union (UNFCU); Prof. Tayo Fashoyin, Acting Executive Director, International Labour Organization (ILO); Ms. Abha Goshi-Ghani, Sector Manager, World Bank; Mr. Ali Mchumo, Ms. Grammatiki Tsingou-Papadopetrou, Director-General, European Investment Bank; Mr. Shi Nang, Secretary-General, China Society of Urban Planning; Managing Director, Common Fund for Commodities; Mr. Kandeh Yumkella, Director-General, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)*

DIALOGUE 4: HARMONIZING THE BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENTS

- Room: Auditorium

Some cities are significant consumers of energy and emit excessive amounts of greenhouse gases from production, heating and transportation. The Dialogue will share the experiences of selected cities to showcase innovative ways of preventing and mitigating adverse effects of climate change and biodiversity loss in a way that includes the urban poor in the debate. The special focus here is on climate change, energy efficiency and environmental conservation.

Confirmed speakers: Mr. Steve Bradshaw, Director, BBC Panorama, United Kingdom (moderator); H.W. Mr. Leonard Bihondo, Mayor, City of Mwanza, Tanzania; Ms. Alejandra Maria De Vecchi, Sao Paulo Municipality, Brazil; Mr. Johannes Dell, Member of the Executive Board, Albert Speer & Partners Architects, China; Mr. Fadi Fawaz, Executive Director, Hariri Group, Lebanon; Mr. Henrik Johansson, Environmental Controller, Växjö Planning Department, Sweden; Prof. Kwi-Gon Kim, Director, International Urban Training Center, Korea; Mr. Ni Lie, Architect, Urban Planning and Design Institute, Nanjing University, China; Mr. Konrad Otto-Zimmermann, Secretary General, ICLEI, Canada; Mr. Timeyin Uwejamomere, Urban policy Officer, WaterAid, United Kingdom

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 08.30-10.30

DIALOGUE 5: PRESERVING THE HISTORICAL ROOTS AND SOUL OF THE CITY - Room: MF Hall 2

Cities are the hub of knowledge, art and culture, setting virtually every trend. This Dialogue will examine ways of preserving the cultural heritage in an urbanizing world where we have to allocate new investments for regeneration, increased productivity and improved welfare. Participants will include leading local government representatives, architects, developers, curators, planners, historians and others.

Confirmed speakers: Ms. Mia Turner, Journalist, Beijing (moderator); Hon. Najib Balala, Minister for Tourism, Government of Kenya; Hon. Amir Farjami, Vice Minister of Urban Development and Architecture, Government of Iran; Mr. Estéban Wario Hernández, Director General of Projects, City of Guadalajara, Mexico; Mr. Diébédo Francis Kéré, Principal, Francis Kéré Architecture, Burkina Faso; Ms. Inger Liliequist, Director General, Swedish National Heritage Board, Sweden; Mr. Bing Lu, Vice Mayor, City of Nanjing, China; H.W. Mr. Ngoné Ndoye, Mayor, City of Rufisque, Senegal

DIALOGUE 6: A CITY FOR ALL GENERATIONS - Room: Auditorium

Bridging the age gap and how can we harmonize the interests, beliefs, and views of all generations is a hot topic. Inequities and social exclusion need to be dealt with on the basis of age and gender. The goal of inter-generational harmony will remain a challenge unless these key issues are addressed.

Confirmed speakers: Mr. Gideon Mandara, Director, Entrepreneurs Resource Center, Kenya (moderator); Hon. Fatma Said Ali, Member of Parliament, Tanzania; Hon. Mousse Daby Diagne, Former Mayor and Member of Parliament, Senegal; Ms. Anna Falu, Director, Regional Office for Latin America, United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM); Mr. Victor Karunan, Chief, Adolescent Development and Participation, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF); Mr. Sunil Kumar Singh, Joint Secretary Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, Government of India; Councillor Roger Stone, Leader of the Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council, United Kingdom; Ms. Ekuia Taylor Kregel, Public Health Professional, United Children Hospital, USA; Ms. Aba Taylor Ofori-Atta, Clinical Assistant, USA

NETWORKING EVENTS



An interactive session during the forum in Vancouver. Photo © Globe Foundation

Networking events are two-hour sessions that give Habitat Agenda Partners a unique opportunity to strengthen networks and build new partnerships in an effort to advance the sustainable urban development agenda. Networking events at WUF4 will be held from Monday to Wednesday afternoon and scheduled as follows:

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3,
14.00-16.00**

1 INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO FINANCING SLUM UPGRADING

- Room: MR 201

*State Ministry of Housing,
Government of Indonesia*

About one billion people are living in slums worldwide. The number is expected to double within thirty years unless a concerted effort is taken to alleviate the situation. Financing slum upgrading is one of the greatest challenges in developing countries, which requires the ability to combine various sources of funding and facilitate links amongst local actors, as well as prepare local projects for investment. Some Asian cities have developed urban development models that combine various sources of funding to support slum upgrading and low-income housing projects. In the context of fast growing urban informal sector, this session will explore various supports necessary for urban livelihood and slum upgrading.

2 WENCHUAN EARTHQUAKE INSPIRATION AND THINKING

- Room: MR 202

China Association of City Planning (CACP)

This event will feature experts on earthquake disaster reconstruction, reconstruction of urban planning, post-disaster reconstruction of historical and cultural heritage protection planning, post-disaster city (town) the redevelopment plan, and control geological disasters in the earthquake disaster. Construction planning, urban disaster damage assessment and reconstruction investment criteria, China Wenchuan reconstruction planning will be examined.

3 NEW TOWN CONSTRUCTION AND ECOLOGICAL CIVILIZATION

- Room: MR 203

China Real Estate and Housing Research Association

Explore and investigate sustainable development of Chinese urban-rural ecology construction. Focus on building up cities and residencies coordinated with ecology. Make use of resources, earth, water and materials in great efficiency with little impact on environment in building full-life cycle. Create and

maintain diversity of species, pursue beauty of ecology and promote harmonious coexistence between human and nature.

4 COMMUNITIES AS KEY ACTORS IN DISASTER REHABILITATION

- Room: MR 206

Asian Coalition for Housing Rights (ACHR)

As changing climates cause more storms, floods and landslides, the discourse on how to deal with these calamities grows ever more urgent. But while governments, development institutions, relief agencies, policy makers and activists debate, the group which plays the most vital, primary role in dealing with disasters - affected communities themselves - continues to be largely absent from this discussion and from disaster rehabilitation. In fact, Asian communities (especially the poorest) are playing an increasingly central role in planning for and responding to disasters, and their work in people-driven disaster relief and rehabilitation is creating an important new development paradigm.

5 CULTURAL CREATION: STIMULUS OF HARMONIOUS URBANIZATION

- Room: MR 207

A.C.A Riegelsberger - Art Consulting Agency

Artists will meet representatives of the public, private urban cultural institutions and cultural intermediaries. Participants will examine the harmonising contributions that sustainable cultural creation can make in urban planning. An introductory presentation of selected case studies will serve as orientation. A subsequent discussion will develop new approaches as are able to initiate sustainable harmonization processes in existing areas of urban conflict. Cultural intermediaries will be established as shapers of cultural policy, who can amplify the proactive impact of artistic creations in connection with the issues raised at Forum.

6 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN DEGENERATED URBAN AREAS - Room: MR 208

Municipal Government of the City of Rio de Janeiro (Department of Urbanism) and Municipal Government of the City of Belo Horizonte (Department of Public Policy)

This session will contribute to the debate on spatially and socially harmonious urban development by creating a forum for government representatives, researchers and professionals of public urban planning institutions to discuss case studies from Brazilian and Chinese cities and concepts of urban planning and its impact on social equity. The session will enrich the global debate on planning as a crucial instrument for harmonizing social, environmental and economic reflections in the sustainable development. Instruments and methodologies to transform adequate areas into public properties with social functions to provide services without generating unnecessary costs to the municipalities will be discussed.

7 IMPLEMENTATION OF URBAN OBSERVATORIES IN LATIN AMERICA

- Room: MR 209

Observatorio Urbano de la Riviera Maya, Mexico

The session intends to bring together implementers, developers, academics and governmental organizations, research institutions and general public which are interested in the topic of urban observatories, with the aim of exposing and discussing the latest developments in the monitoring of the Habitat Agenda throughout Urban Observatories in Latin America. The presentation will start with an overview of the implementation of urban observatories in Latin America, followed with the applied methods and techniques of each observatory and the posed problems like environment, indicators of human development, competitiveness of the cities, social violence and gender.

8 PRO-POOR PPP FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES PROVISION

-Room: MR 301

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Formally opening up the municipal services provision to a broader range of actors and accompanying it with the establishment of policy and regulatory frameworks with strong poverty eradication objectives and incentives, can deliver tangible economic, social and environmental benefits to the society. Such an approach is stimulated by and elemental to the Pro-Poor Public-Private Partnership concept, which the organisers co-hosting this event have been facilitating in a number of developing countries worldwide. This session will provide opportunity for stakeholders to showcase and learn how Pro-Poor PPPs can boost the delivery of municipal services, whilst creating economic and livelihoods opportunities to the poor.

9 THE STATE OF THE WORLD'S CITIES 2008 - Room: MR 413

UN-HABITAT

The State of the World's Cities Report 2008 adopts the concept of Harmonious Cities as a theoretical framework in order to understand today's urban world, and also as an operational tool to confront the most important challenges facing the urbanization and development processes. This event aims at presenting and discussing the key findings of the state of the World's Cities Report 2008/9- Harmonious Cities. Additional objectives include to discuss and answer questions and comments on the findings of the Report, and to create awareness and publicity for the Report

10 URBANIZATION AND GROWTH - Room: MR 415

Commission on Growth and Development

Over the past two years, the 21-member Commission on Growth and Development (chaired by Noble Laureate Mike Spence), together with world-renowned academics and development practitioners, have worked to take stock of what we know about economic growth and development. What drives growth? What hinders it? How can a marked improvement in living standard be achieved? The Commission's mandate is not to design a blueprint for growth, but rather to identify the forces that drive rapid and sustained growth in a globalizing world. The Commission underscores urbanization as a central element of the transformation taking place in countries experiencing rapid growth. This session would discuss the findings on Urbanization, and the implications for strategies in developing countries.

11 REINVENTING PLANNING IN A NEW URBAN PACIFIC

- Room: MR 416 A

Commonwealth Local Government Forum Pacific Project

Few would associate the Pacific Islands with 'urbanisation'. In fact the region has some of the highest urban growth rates and densities on some of the world's smallest land masses. This presents a unique set of challenges for urban planners and managers at all levels. This session will address the effectiveness and opportunities of a regional approach to planning in small island states, within the 'Reinventing Planning' paradigm. It will focus on the Pacific Urban Agenda, a collaborative plan of action that coordinates support to countries to address these urban challenges such as urban/rural linkages, socio-cultural dimensions and climate change.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3,
16.30-18.30 PM**

12 FINANCING URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE

- Room: MR 201

German Development Cooperation (BMZ, GTZ, KfW, InWent, DED)

The need to finance urban infrastructure in developing countries is immense. Many cities are struggling for achieving fiscal competences, adequate resources, access to financial markets and private sector engagement. Good financial management is the key for sustainable development. German Development Cooperation supports cities to raise municipal revenues, use the available resources more efficiently and access innovative financing mechanisms. It contributes to creating an enabling environment for good urban governance including mechanisms for private sector participation. The networking event will offer the opportunity for discussing innovative approaches and experiences in assisting cities in providing better services for their citizens.

13 THE DRIVING FORCE OF THE CITY PROGRESS

- Room: MR 202

Urban Habitat Environmental Center, Beijing University

In the past 30 years, what is the driving force of the rapid development and progress in Chinese cities? In the future, what will be the energy source of the efficient and sustainable development in Chinese cities? Which force is pushing the Chinese cities undergoing Energy-saving and emission reduction to build a greener living environment. Which force is pushing the Chinese cities undergoing earthquake proof and disaster mitigation so as to build a more save urban home. The event will share the 30 years experience of the reform and opening in Chinese cities. And discover the forces of Chinese urban development.

14 RESIDENTIAL AREAS CONSTRUCTION AND SOCIAL HARMONY - Room: MR 203

China Real Estate and Housing Research Association

Since residential area is a key cell of a society, building up harmonious residential area has become an indispensable part to build up a harmonious society. We should build harmonious residential areas, focus living quality, and coordinate housing with human development. Harmonious residential areas not only promote urbanization standard, but make housing pleasant, easy, safe and civil by city housing environment reconstruction plan, and make residential areas more close to nature, harmony and health.

15 PLANNING AND BUILDING LIVEABLE CITIES

- Room: MR 206

Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions

This session will focus on planning and building for growth and mobility in harmonious cities. It will discuss how to achieve harmonious cities focused on the connection transport-building-housing-planning. Cooperation between

different levels of administrations, national-regional-local, is a key to sustainable urban development. In Sweden the municipalities have strong power. This means that there is no real national and regional physical planning level. Many regulations limiting environmental impacts from transport systems have made it a challenge to meet new requirements in the cities. The session will deal with the question of how to meet the challenges. Examples will be given from the participating cities.

16 COMMUNITY-LED INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE FACILITY (CLIFF) – THE GREAT DEBATE III

- Room: MR 207

Homeless International

Co-operation from government in forms such as policy, legislation, people and money to facilitate access to adequate housing and related infrastructure for and with the urban poor is vital in creating more equitable and socially harmonious cities. This session seeks to generate debate on the critical issue of "what's really stopping government from investing more resources and capacity in improving the lives of slum dwellers and providing adequate alternatives to new slum formation?" This question will be explored through a panel of six speakers presenting their views and drawing on experience of implementing the Community-Led Infrastructure Finance Facility (CLIFF), after which the debate will open up.

17 URBAN EXPANSION, LAND POLICIES AND ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY - Room: MR 208

The World Bank

While it is commonly known that world population may double between 2000 and 2030, it is less well known that at current rates, consumption of land by cities will likely triple in the same period. Such an outcome poses policy challenges for infrastructure provision, the welfare of the urban poor, environmental impact and

food security. In addressing these challenges, this session will feature the latest World Development Report (Rethinking Economic Geography) and a study of urban expansion in 120 representative cities from around the world. It will then highlight the relationship between land policies and spatial form of Chinese cities.

18 PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING: BALANCING RESOURCES FOR BALANCED DEVELOPMENT

- Room: MR 209

International Center of Urban Management and Municipal Development Partnership for Eastern and Southern Africa

Open discussion about the most recent achievements of Participatory Budgeting in Latin America, Africa, Asia and Europe. Besides spreading information about its expansion at global level, the session will emphasize on recent innovations such as its adoption as a tool for decentralization and good governance national policies; the structural changes generated by its application on local administrations, local economic and social development and public finances, and the important role of Participatory Budgeting National Networks, International Development Agencies, academia and other stakeholders on the promotion of this tool of local management.

19 BEST PRACTICES TRANSFER: LESSONS FROM LAC

- Room: MR 301

Iberoamerican and Caribbean Forum on Best Practices & Building and Social Housing Foundation (BSHF)

This session will offer a critical analysis of the lessons learned from recently undertaken, successful exchanges and transfers of Best Practices for improving the living environment in LAC, the lessons learned from these experiences that can help to assure similar exchanges of knowledge and to outline the methods undertaken to promote, fund and facilitate these transfers. Experts gather around the

transfer issue will also discuss the relevance and viability to implement a Fund for Transference of Best Practices in the region.

20 HOUSING INDUSTRIALIZATION AND ENVIRONMENT-FRIENDLY HOUSING

- Room: Zhongshan Ballroom

Center for Housing Industrialization of the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development, Jiangsu Construction Department and the Nanjing Chixia Development Co. Ltd

This event will introduce China's domestic development of housing industrialization and construction of energy-saving and environment-friendly houses in recent years, showing China's domestic technological innovation, integrated technology application, improving housing quality and other the new achievements. It will feature experts and studies from construction departments, real estate development enterprises, building material enterprises, and other organizations, in an effort to introduce the outcomes of housing industry from on different levels.

21 BACK TO THE FUTURE: DECONSTRUCTING URBAN CHANGE

- Room: MR 413

CHF International

For the past several decades, local and national governments in many developing countries around the world have attempted to deal with the increasing incidence of slums through programs designed to improve housing and basic infrastructure. Some slum communities have now become lively, safe neighbourhoods fully integrated into the urban fabric. Others remain squalid, abysmal and isolated. This session will take a retrospective look at slums in several countries and attempt to draw some lessons on the kinds of interventions that have succeeded and those that have failed, including some of the "unintended consequences" of slum improvement programs.

22 HOUSING FINANCE ACCESS: STUDIES IN AFRICA AND INDIA

- Room: MR 415

Habitat for Humanity International

This session will describe the status quo and explore options regarding access to housing finance by those at the bottom end of the income pyramid based upon studies commissioned by Habitat for Humanity and the FinMark Trust in seven sub-Saharan African countries (Botswana, Kenya, Zambia, Namibia, Ethiopia, Ghana and Nigeria); and by Habitat for Humanity in India. The session will review the study findings, consider the implications of study findings and explore how NGOs can significantly impact the lives of the poor through holistic habitat finance interventions.

23 STRATEGIES FOR IMPROVED GOVERNANCE OF LOCAL SAFETY

- Room: MR 416A

European Forum for Urban Safety

Issues that underlie crime, victimization and lack of social harmony are interrelated and require a coordinated inclusive response. Good governance for safer cities requires engagement of partners, sound analysis, and planning: together, they lay the groundwork for multisectoral work. Taking into account the diversity of national and local contexts, effective practices have been identified to guide policy makers and practitioners through this critical process.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4,
09.00-11.00 AM**

24 ECO-CITY FORUM

- Room: MR 303A

Eco-city branch of the Chinese Society for Urban Studies

Experts on eco-city planning, eco-city guideline systems design, eco-city construction and management in mountainous region and eco-economics will present case studies on urban issues.

25 HARMONIOUS EKISTICS

- Room: MR 303B

World Society for Ekistics (WSE)

In the new century, the pace of urbanization progresses rapidly in China and world. With regard to such a high speed of development, it is difficult to imagine what will take place in both the urban and rural areas, and uncountable new buildings and new facilities will be constructed and many new cities and new city-regions will be emerging. It will be hard for us to make any comprehensive strategies for urban and rural development of the world if we insist on the traditional concepts of architecture and city, i.e. to understand them only as isolated phenomenon instead of to consider them as parts of urbanization.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4,
14.00-16.00 PM**

26 SOUTH CITIES: LOCALIZING GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE - Room: MR 201

Enda Tiers Monde, Urbanization and Global Environmental Change Program

Burdened with many problems associated with growth, urban areas are increasingly subject to dramatic crises. This is especially true in poorer countries. These problems play an important role in the interactions between urban areas and global environmental change. These interactions create a diversity of impacts that can be grouped into two broad categories: those originating in urban areas that have a negative effect on global environmental change, and global environmental changes that have negative effects on urban areas. This session is a space of policy dialogue among different actors in an effort to localize the climate change agenda.

27 URBAN GROWTH AND SPRAWL - Room: MR 202

International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP)

Sprawl can be considered on the antipodes of a balanced territorial model. Its inefficiency is seen in the unused pockets of derelict land, the wasteful conversion of agricultural soil, the clogged-up roads and the expensive but under-used utility lines. However, sprawl continues to be a dominant form of city growth. The following questions will be at the centre of the discussion: Do we have the right kind of strategic concepts and policy instruments for delivering cities without sprawl? Can we retrofit sprawling cities to compactness? Who are the agents of sprawl, and how could they benefit from the compact city?

28 ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN CONTEMPORARY ARCHITECTURE

- Room: MR 203

Architectural Society of China

Leading architects and engineers from China will be invited to make presentations on the world's development of energy efficiency in contemporary architecture, the theory and practice of the Chinese architects in recent years as well as the practical technology and technique being used for energy saving in building construction.

29 LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: KNOWLEDGE IS POWER! - Room: MR 206

Local Economic Development Network of Africa

This session will focus on how local economic development (LED) offers a powerful development approach to job creation, community building and economic governance at the sub-national level. We will present the recently launched Local Economic Development Network of Africa, a free knowledge hub and social network, designed to promote more and better local economic development, especially in Africa. Rapid south-south, south-north, and north-south, learning and peer

exchange will happen and improve LED not just in Africa, but globally. Everyone present will be able to join if they want!

30 LEARNING CITIES – INTERACTIVE RESEARCH AND CAPACITY BUILDING PLATFORMS

- Room: MR 207

Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) and the Foundation for Strategic Environmental Research (Mistra)

Research and capacity building are key to tackling urban challenges ahead. However, a lot of existing know-what, know-how and know-why is not used in everyday operation. There is an urgent need for more policy relevant urban research and more knowledge-based urban development. This session invites practitioners, researchers and policy-makers to a discussion on new modes of operation in knowledge production and mutual learning, corresponding better to the needs of people responsible for urban action. The discussion will be illustrated by presentations of existing interaction platforms for urban research and innovation.

31 INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT OF NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM

- Room: MR 208

Municipality of Medellin and Urban Development Company of Medellin

The last administrations of the city of Medellín have given form to the North-eastern Integral Urban Project (PUI) with the objective of solving specific problems on a territory in which a generalized absence of state has appeared. In this respect, the intervention in the Juan Bobo creek, as a pilot exercise of intervention, marks the rule for the development of integral improvement projects, related in the urban conformation of the city. Thus, to present and to discuss this intervention becomes the key frame to visualize the future interventions, also allows valuing its achievements and correcting its limitations in order to the construction of better city.

32 LINKING GENDER, LOCAL GOVERNANCE, AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION

- Room: MR 209

Women in Cities International

This session will focus on innovative tools to prevent violence at the local level: developing local government-community partnerships, doing women's safety audits, integrating violence prevention into government policy. After a brief introduction to these tools, we will break into small groups to discuss what tools have been used, and overcoming barriers to effective action.

33 FROM DISASTER TO HARMONIOUS COMMUNITIES

- Room: MR 301

Canada International Development Agency (CIDA), Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) and Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada (DFAIT)

Many regions have experienced major natural disasters in recent months and years. Governments and international relief agencies deploy efficient response and relief efforts to rescue life and property, restore critical public services and provide food and shelter. However, challenges arise in the implementation of these reconstruction plans, requiring responses that are grounded upon strengthened community partnerships and engagement. This session will provide an opportunity to showcase practices and knowledge in the post-disaster context to directly benefit affected populations. Panel experts will demonstrate the value of integrated decision-making and participatory planning through governance, housing infrastructure, and human capital recovery perspectives.

34 BAHRAIN: A UNIVERSAL URBAN SOCIETY

- Room: MR 415

Government of Bahrain

Bahrain, an ancient trading country, is now a modern destination with the most diversified economy in the Gulf. It is a centre for finance and investment, a fast growing,

contemporary hub, with a highly skilled workforce, the most devolved democracy in the region, with sound and secure governance, and progressive, transparent and well regulated institutions, committed to go beyond the U.N.'s Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). This event will enable attendees to engage Ministers, Key opinion-formers and senior officials in an inter-active discussion to look at the 'Bahraini Experience' and the development options that it offers.

35 INTEGRATED APPROACH TO LOCAL URBAN MANAGEMENT

- Room: MR416A

Association of Mayors of Large French Cities (AMGVF)

In an urbanising world, how can local authorities conceive of an overall approach articulating all urban issues?

36 PARTICIPATORY PLANNING APPROACH IN THE ARAB WORLD - Room: MR 417A

UN-HABITAT

"Participatory Planning Approach" proposed to strengthening the institutional frameworks and to mainstreaming effective partnerships among governments, municipalities, private sector, civil society and UN agencies, to reach harmonious urban dynamics. This session tends to positively: affect the decision makers to use PPA for achieving harmonious urbanization, exchange experiences about mechanisms of PPA, highlight women's role and explore lessons learned from Francophone cities' experiences on alleviating urban poverty and countering socio-environmental negative impact. Efficient methodologies will be used to measure the session's impact. The session is also an occasion to support the launch of Youth Network for Harmonious Arab Cities.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4,
16.30-18.30 PM**

37 CITIES AND THE POST-KYOTO AGENDA

- Room: MR 201

Asian Development Bank

Climate change is primarily an urban problem. Approximately 75 percent of the greenhouse gas emissions are generated by cities or for city consumers. The Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) is an initiative to address climate change developed out of the Kyoto Protocol. The ADB and its partners have analyzed the CDM and its role in promoting systemic change. They have found its utility in this role to be marginal and have formulated some approaches to rectify the situation that should be incorporated in the negotiations for a post-Kyoto GHG regime. This session will serve to disseminate these findings.

38 PLANNING POST-VANCOUVER: CHALLENGES AND RESPONSES

- Room: MR 202

Commonwealth Association of Planners

The outcomes of WUF3 were important for planning globally, with evidence of a renewed confidence in the profession and of a new recognition of the importance of planning by government. During the past two years there have been many events supported by the partners in this networking event. The messages are clear. Planners are connecting with one another and seeking positive responses to the challenges we face in the 21st Century. This session will share lessons, debate issues and formulate a position on where planning needs to go from here.

39 POSITIVE BEATS FROM CITY STREETS: PART 4

- Room: MR 206

Baobabconnections.org

Baobabconnections is an international media project supporting urban youth leaders. Together with Safer Cities Programme UN Habitat

Baobabconnections is launching the “International Youth-led Urban Development Platform”. In this session the role of cultural activities in urban crime prevention will be discussed. Experts in the field will be debating with policy-makers and academic experts.

40 CITIES BEYOND OIL

- Room: MR 207

Royal Institute of Technology and the Swedish Ministry of the Environment

The Swedish Ministry of the Environment, together with UN-Habitat, at WUF3 in Vancouver launched an ideas competition for “Cities Beyond Oil”. The objective of the competition is to analyse and discuss innovative ideas for how cities can envisage solutions that can lead to actions for sustainable urban development. The task of designing sustainable urban post-oil environments has been assigned to eleven student groups in Sweden and China. Ultimately the challenge lies in promoting sustainable urban qualities, thus the student projects will include qualified analyses of ecological, economic and social dimensions and should, if implemented, contribute to a sustainable development.

41 INNOVATIVE APPROACHES FOR IMPROVING SHELTER IN ASIA

- Room: MR 208

United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

UNESCAP and Habitat for Humanity International in Cambodia will present an innovative slum upgrading project from Battambang, Cambodia. Through an approach that links training with a demonstration project, the project has been successful in building long time partnerships between government, communities, civil society and international organizations. The partnership and the long term commitments from all organizations involved has resulted in an agreement with the local government to make land available for housing the poor. UN-HABITAT will present a business sector-led shelter development programme in

Metro Manila, the Philippines. The approach uses innovative financing combining the formal (bank) and the informal financial systems (NGO).

42 STRATEGIES AND PRACTICES FOR INCLUSIVE, WELCOMING COMMUNITIES

- Room: MR 209

The Department of Canadian Heritage, the Canadian Commission for UNESCO, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and Metropolis Canada

Social isolation, racism, discrimination, workplace barriers and labour rights inequities are acute human experiences occurring in cities around the world. Creating tensions among their citizens, such problems erode the community's vitality, competitiveness and long-term sustainability. At this session, diverse practitioners with international and domestic expertise will examine these pervasive socio-cultural challenges for residents, migrants, and newcomers to urban communities. A key objective is to generate participatory learning and knowledge sharing of innovative approaches towards more socially harmonious cities. Together, panellists and audience will explore successful strategies for promoting sustainable, inclusive, and welcoming communities through intercultural dialogue, social infrastructure, information outreach, and partnership.

43 URBAN LAND MARKETS IN AFRICA AND HOUSING THE POOR - Room: MR 301

International Housing Coalition (IHC)

Affordable land is a major constraint to the development of housing for low and moderate income household in urban areas. Typically land in cities in Africa is very expensive and very limited in availability. This precludes the development of housing affordable to the majority of the urban population. There are many constraints and obstacles that impede the operation of efficient land markets in Africa. This session will identify some of the constraints that prevent the development of affordable land markets. Strategies

and approaches to expanding the availability and efficient use of urban land will be proposed. The session will describe how land markets function in Kampala, Uganda and another Sub Saharan African city.

44 LOCAL PARTICIPATION: KEYSTONE IN CENTRAL AMERICAN RISK MANAGEMENT

- Room: MR 413

Mancomunidad de Matiklan

The Local Round Tables as instances of participation are key scenes for consultation and integration of several perspectives of development. Taking into account the increasing amount of vulnerabilities to disasters in Central America, this session will show some participatory experiences of local risk management that constitute basic premises to institutionalize the prevention of risks and the vulnerabilities reduction strategies into a local integrated planning, also propelling public accountability processes. So in this sense, strengthening local capacities for risk management and making communities more resilient, requires these inclusive and sustainable spaces where different sectors and local expression are represented.

45 KNEE DEEP: WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RURAL-URBAN LINKAGES

- Room: MR 415

International Development Research Centre

Across developing countries there exist a myriad of challenges associated with the effective management of liquid and solid waste. Poor management of waste can have acute impacts on human health, on the environment, and on downstream livelihoods, but good management, in contrast, can bring economic, health, and other benefits. Those most affected by waste management issues are often the urban poor and those living in peri-urban areas on the edge of cities. This session will engage waste management researchers and practitioners in a lively and informative discussion of current practice, next steps and policy directions.

46 ISTANBUL URBAN WATER CONSENSUS: MAYORS' COMMITMENTS

- Room: MR 416A

Secretariat for the 5th World Water Forum

The organizers of the 5th World Water Forum (Istanbul –Turkey, March 2009) have identified Local Authorities as one of the key actors in the Political Process for the 5th Forum. A primary output of this Political Process will be the “Istanbul Urban Water Consensus” which consists of Local Authorities’ commitments to initiate actions on urban water issues in the face of global changes. At this session, the Secretariat of the 5th World Water Forum, World Water Council, UN-HABITAT and other partners will explain the Local Authorities’ Political Process for the 5th World Water Forum and how to contribute.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5,
09.00-11.00**

47 SUSTAINABLE WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION SERVICES

- Room: Zhongshan Ballroom

UN-HABITAT

Inadequate water supply and sanitation services are one of the most critical problems in the developing world. Despite good progress towards achieving the water supply and sanitation goal, the pace to realize targets set for 2015 is quite slow and is causing serious concern. Sustainable service provision will be possible that all stakeholders include government, local authorities, utilities, NGOs, private sectors and consumers to make their efforts and contributions. The event will share the experiences and exchange the information from different stakeholders on improving the service of water supply and sanitation.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5,
14.00-16.00**

48 URBAN AGRICULTURE FOR RESILIENT CITIES

- Room: Auditorium

International network of Resource Centres on Urban Agriculture and Food Security (RUAF Foundation)

This session will provide the participants with the necessary foundation for the development of pro-active policies on urban and peri-urban agriculture (UPA) at national and municipal level. The session will expose them to profound city experiences with the formulation and implementation policies and programmes on UPA, showing that UPA can play a strong role in enhancing urban food security, local economic development, stimulating social inclusion, turning urban organic wastes into productive resources and provision of recreational services for the urban population. There will be ample opportunity for exchange, debate and networking. Policy briefs on UPA will be made available.

49 SLUM DWELLERS INTERNATIONAL URBAN POOR FUND - Room: MR 201

Slum Dwellers International

This session will showcase several city or country experiences in which grassroots savings, geared up with people’s savings and with capital from the global Fund have enabled slum dwellers to negotiate access to land, basic services and housing opportunities in such a way that they became central actors in citywide development strategies or policy frameworks, pushing forward sustainable, affordable, multi-stakeholder alternatives to forced evictions or to developments that further marginalize the urban poor. Panellists will include National Ministers, mayors, city managers, and slum dwellers federation leaders from different countries where SDI has a presence.

50 DISASTER PREVENTION AND REDUCTION IN CITIES

- Room: MR 202

China Civil Engineering Society and the China Exploration-Design Association

With the acceleration of urbanization and the scale expansion of cities, the possibility of experiencing the danger of sudden disasters increases. How to do a good job in urban disaster prevention and reduction has become the common concern of the community. In the form of keynote lectures and exchange, the city’s disaster prevention and reduction system and mechanism construction, international and regional cooperation and other issues will be discussed in this event.

51 YOUNG MUNICIPAL COUNCILLORS SUPPORTING THE MDG’S - Room: MR 203

International Cooperation Agency of the Association of Netherlands Municipalities (VNG International)

Young municipal councillors from The Netherlands will host this networking event to present a special initiative that entails the creation of a global network of young councillors supporting the MDG’s. This session will mark the start of joint efforts of municipal councillors from various countries in the world to contribute to achieving the MDG’s through the local level. Delegates from several countries from the ‘north’ as well as from the ‘south’ will share their experiences, observations, and their inspiration, and will initiate common action aimed at furthering the MDG’s in their respective municipalities.

52 MAKING MDGS WORK AT LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEVEL

- Room: MR 206

CITYNET & United Cities and Local Government Asia-Pacific Regional Section

Local governments, being closer to the people, are of enormously significant in ensuring the community and other local stakeholders are involved in achieving the MDGs. While efforts towards achieving the MDGs have gained much greater momentum with a further seven years to go, this

session will review what has worked and what has not worked. The session will also discuss appropriate strategies and approaches in making MDGs work at local level and share an effective tool – on the localisation of MDGs – for transferring experiences and expertise amongst cities.

53 OPPORTUNITIES, EMERGING SOLUTIONS IN INTEGRATED URBAN DEVELOPMENT PLANNING - Room: MR 207

Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)

This session will focus on experiences, best practices and lessons learned in integrated approaches to sustainable urban development planning. Taking off from local-level planning, the session will address the positive outcomes and impacts of participatory, inclusive and transparent approaches to urban planning, and discuss the transferability and applicability of practical experiences to other countries and contexts. To provide opportunities for broad discussion, the event will disseminate best practices from South Africa, the Balkans, Sweden and China. The session will assemble practitioners from various development contexts where integrated approaches to urban development are taken into consideration.

54 GRASSROOTS WOMEN: AT THE HEART OF HARMONIOUS CITIES

- Room: MR 209

The Huairou Commission

Women care for families, households and communities. When women in communities are free from eviction and have access to basic services, they are able to better contribute to sustainable urban development. Grassroots women have developed innovations to ensure secure tenure for themselves and their communities. These are at the foundation of harmonious cities. This session will give space to grassroots women from around the world to share innovative practices developed to secure their and their communities' access to land, housing and other assets, within the contexts of governance, disaster risk resilience, evictions and HIV/AIDS.

55 BUILDING UP EDUCATION TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT

- Room: MR 301

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

Dispensing social, cultural and educational services to all in a city are a complicated exercise requiring expertise and the collaboration of numerous partners. It is not alone that one can grasp the complexity of the urban world and manage a city. Its inhabitants also have to be taught to live together. This session will offer concrete examples of actions put into practice focusing on capacity building for local authorities, enhanced water governance, and promoting the whole-school approach.

56 CITY: THE SAFE HOME OF CITIZENS

- Room: Zhongshan Ballroom

Planning Department of the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development and the Urban Planning Society of China

The event will discuss, from the urban planning perspective, how to build a safe city. The safe city is the fundamental target of urban planning. China suffers from many natural disasters. Seventy percent of Chinese cities and fifty percent of the population are located or live in the areas which are suffered from typhoon, storm, earthquake, tsunami and so on. At the same time, China has rich experiences in disaster prevention and mitigation. The traditional idea of nature-human balance, the modern statement of human-land relationship as well as the concept of human-nature harmony are wealth of the human beings which need to be shared with people from other countries or regions.

57 HOUSING, HIV/ AIDS: LEARNING FROM AFRICA AND ASIA

- Room: MR 413

Rooftops Canada-Abri International, Youth for Unity and Voluntary Action, National Co-operative Housing Union, Positive Art Workshop

What is home based care without a home? HIV/AIDS is an urgent housing

issue especially among women and children living in urban slums. HIV/AIDS many dimensions have forced housing actors to re-think their strategies. Starting with examples from Kenya and India, this session will simulate action planning workshops organized with community housing groups. The first half will draw out participants' experiences of housing related impacts and responses to HIV/AIDS in Asia and Africa. Small group discussions will promote exchange and update knowledge. Participants will receive training materials and be invited to join an international e-network of practice.

58 LAND, POVERTY AND THE RIGHT TO THE CITY

- Room: MR 415

The Cities Alliance and the Government of Brazil

A high level panel including Spain, South Africa, India, Chile and Brazil will discuss recent policy initiatives to integrate the poor into their cities. Focusing on the crucial challenge of access to urban land, the panel will highlight the importance of appropriate public regulation in achieving social inclusion, and promoting a right to the city. However, the dangers of continued urban segregation can be challenged through the more transparent and democratic allocation of urban land. This networking event is designed to foster this debate, and promote a better understanding of new innovative policies and legal initiatives promoting a more inclusive urban development.

59 COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING IN CHINA AND CANADA

- Room: MR 416A

International Mayors Communication Centre

This session will highlight the experiences of Canada and China in developing comprehensive plans for urban areas. Canadian communities are currently required to develop Integrated Community Sustainability Plans to access federal money for infrastructure. ICSPs emphasize: long-term thinking, a systems approach, integration, collaboration, public engagement, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. China is facing the challenges of rapid

urbanization, globalization, a booming economy and scarce resources. A new approach to city planning focuses on rational decision-making, a strong vision for the future of the city, development guidelines, creativity in planning education, appreciation of human needs, the local environment and quality of life.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5,
16.30-18.30**

**61 ARAB URBAN
OBSERVATORIES: BUILDING
KNOWLEDGE FOR
DEVELOPMENT**
- Room: MR 201

*Municipality of Madinah Munawara
Urban Observatory, Saudi Arabia*

This session will showcase successful experiences and best practices of Arab local and national urban observatories. It aims primarily at highlighting the use of observatories, at the local and national levels, in support of knowledge based development. It also stress the Observatories contribution to the national efforts of achieving the Millennium Development Goals, especially in reducing poverty and facilitating the provision for adequate housing within the context of sustainable urban development.

**62 FINANCE ETHICS:
CHALLENGES IN NORWAY
AND TANZANIA**
- Room: MR 202

*Norwegian Association of Local and
Regional Authorities (KS)*

Finance ethics is a challenge in all countries. The event will examine two specific cases of misuse of funds, one from Norway and one from Tanzania. The Norwegian case study concerns a water company owned by local governments. Due to lack of routines, follow up and control by all parties, included the board and the auditor, the manager misused company funds during a long period. The Tanzanian case concerns illegal logging and export of timber, also involving local governments. A Norwegian research institution will comment on the two cases, analysing similarities and

differences.

**63 URBAN DISASTER RISK AND
SAFE SHELTER** - Room: MR 203

*Asian Disaster Preparedness Center
(ADPC)*

This session will focus on safe housing and shelter needs of the urban poor in the contexts of risk mitigation and reconstruction. Reducing urban disaster risk requires understanding the social, political and economic processes that create vulnerability. For the housing sector, vulnerability must be periodically re-integrated as risk specifications for construction regulations, and then use a holistic approach to guide people's choices and actions towards observing these. For housing reconstruction in either post-disaster or post-conflict situations, other sectors such as water, education and economic and social "livelihoods" should be integrated within a transitional settlement approach.

**64 URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT IN
SOUTHEAST ASIA**
- Room: MR 206

*Southeast Asian-Urban
Environmental Management
Application (SEA-UEMA) Project,
Urban Environmental Management
Field of Study (UEM FoS), School
of Environment, Resources and
Development (SERD an Asian
Institute of Technology (AIT)*

The Southeast Asia Urban Environmental Management Applications (SEA-UEMA) Project seeks to attain improved implementation and sharing of sound urban environmental management policies and practices in the three key urban environmental sub-sectors (water and sanitation, solid waste, and air pollution). Gender equality and the environment are two cross-cutting themes of the project. The experience of Capacity Development of UEM Expert and Managers in the region, Development of UEM networks, and Dissemination of Project Activities and Lesson Learned will be also shared with the various stakeholders during this session.

**65 ARE CITIES MORE
IMPORTANT THAN
COUNTRIES?** - Room: MR 207

*Institute for Housing and Urban
Development (HIS)*

In 2008, more than half of the world population lives in cities. Simultaneously, wealth is increasingly created in urban areas. Urban competitiveness forces city councils to compete globally and environmental degradation to collaborate globally. With their growing importance, city councils impact more and more on the lives of urban and rural dwellers. It is increasingly the city that determines wealth creation and quality of life. This requires us to rethink the roles of national and local governments: What do cities need from countries? What do countries need from cities? The discussions aim to identify policies, institutions, resources and capacities needed at both levels to function in the urban age.

**66 FOOD SECURITY AND
SUSTAINABLE NATURAL
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**
- Room: MR 208

*The Food and Agriculture
Organization of the United Nations
(FAO)*

Food security is a key dimension of sustainable urban development. Accelerating urbanisation generates challenges in terms of food supply, use of natural resources and livelihoods of poor population groups. This session addresses rural-urban linkages, urban food security, nutrition and livelihoods, and natural resource management – e.g. land use planning, water resources management, including access to water and sanitation. It aims to enhance awareness of municipalities, government authorities and related stakeholders of the importance of the above issues for urban policies and to promote intersectoral partnerships for sustainable urban development within a broader territorial framework.

**67 HOUSING FINANCE:
INNOVATIONS FOR LAND
AND SHELTER** - Room: MR 209

The Working Group for Housing Finance for the Poor - Consultative Group to Assist the Poor (CGAP)

This session will bring together experiences from various continents – Africa, Asia and Latin America – presenting innovative examples which have enabled the poor to access land, housing and services that is affordable and scalable. The discussion panel will feature testimonies from households and the institutions that have been instrumental in providing increased access to shelter. The audience will learn firsthand how bottlenecks in the housing value chain have been tackled in different contexts; the factors that have determined success and what has been less successful or remains challenging.

**68 AFFORDABLE HOUSING:
BUILDING AN AGENDA FOR
2020** - Room: MR 302

Ministry of Cities of Brazil

This session is organised as a panel focusing on housing strategies and policies to deliver affordable housing options to the low income population that has been historically out of reach of formal housing finance and conventional public housing programmes. It draws from country experiences from Brazil, Mexico, Chile, South Africa and The Netherlands that outline the current approaches, achievements, challenges and lessons to learned on the mechanisms and strategies to enable the provision of affordable housing options and the social production of housing as well as decentralized housing delivery models that makes housing accessible, specially by the urban poor.

**69 HOUSING FOR ALL: SHARING
EXPERIENCES GLOBALLY**
- Room: MR 301

Habitat International Coalition

HIC, established in 1976, is a transnational federate coalition of civil society organizations, social movements and individuals working in the field of human settlements

and governance. It has six regional focal points. The event will begin with presentations by HIC structures and members on habitat – and gender, housing and land rights, housing microfinance, environment and sustainable urbanization, social production of habitat, housing in conflict zones and HIV/ AIDS. Thereafter, participants will share their experiences working in two groups on the issues of habitat and human well-being, and habitat, human rights and governance. Participants will receive HIC publications and toolkits.

**70 PLANNING INCLUSIVE CITIES:
PRESENTING 'ACADEMIC
ACUPUNCTURE'** - Room: MR 413

Global Studio

This session will demonstrate ways in which emerging city building professionals using participatory planning and design approaches can work effectively to improve the lives of slum dwellers. The session case study will be Global Studio, an interdisciplinary, multi institutional 'think and do tank'. The session will showcase Global Studio engagement in the township Diepsloot, Johannesburg, and plans for work in India, and open up for critical evaluation the methods and merits of 'academic acupuncture'. Visual and written materials will be available to networkers who would like to explore the potential of academic acupuncture in their own cities.

**71 YOUTH ENGAGEMENT:
MAPPING THE CITIES OF
OUR FUTURE** - Room: MR 415

Children, Youth and Environment centre, University of Colorado

This event will bring together youth, youth-led development experts, cities and organizations to discuss the critical role of youth in planning for the future of the world's cities. The event will highlight the importance of involving youth in addressing the Millennium Development Goals, disaster planning and mitigation, addressing climate change, unemployment and combating poverty. This event will showcase the use of asset mapping and

GIS technologies, tools that are successfully being used to engage youth in city planning. Featured projects will include Dar es Salaam's Youth Asset Mapping Project, led by the International Centre for Sustainable Cities UN HABITAT and the University of Colorado.

**72 MEASURING
DECENTRALISATION AS A
TOOL FOR DEVELOPMENT**

- Room: MR 416A
United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)

This session will present the UCLG Global Report, with special emphasis in the Latin American and the African processes and discuss improvements for the next Global Report, expected for 2010. More concretely, this session will discuss the importance of decentralization processes around the globe in order to foster development, especially regarding the construction of socially and economically harmonious cities, specific forms of cooperation between international organizations and local governments will be identified; and a set of recommendations for the UCLG's Decentralisation & Local Self-Government Committee will be produced.

**73 POSSIBILITIES AND
PRACTICES FOR CHILD
FRIENDLY CITIES** - Room: MR 417A

World Vision

Since 1990, the promotion of children's participation has spread among child rights agencies. However, today, most children still do not participate in important decisions affecting them and the movement has not spread to the wider development community. This session will explore children's participation as part of urban planning. Participants will discuss good practices in promoting children's citizenship as part of a socially harmonious environment. It will give voice to children's potential and highlight risks in urban contexts. Explore ways duty bearers can interface to promote healthy cities and the role NGOs and CSOs can contextualize the UNICEF-CFCI.

TRAINING EVENTS

There will be a series of training seminars by UN agencies and international training institutions covering a wide range of urban topics from spatial planning, evictions, local economies, starting a new business to revitalising historic districts.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 09:00 - 12:00

Asian cities.

1 ALTERNATIVES TO FORCED EVICTIONS: SUSTAINABLE SETTLEMENT STRATEGIES

- Room MR201

Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions (COHRE), Institute of Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS), The Netherlands and UN-HABITAT

Housing

- Understand the problems related to forced evictions;
- Know how to identify and develop win-win alternatives to forced evictions;
- Be aware of the policy implications of these alternatives.

2 LOCAL CLIMATE ACTION – CHINESE CITIES (For Chinese Audience only) - Room MR202

ICLEI International Training Centre & ICLEI South Asia Secretariat

Environment

- Enable the participants - mainly mayors and senior decision makers from Chinese local authorities - to recognize their possibilities to contribute to "Local Climate Action" for both, mitigation and adaptation.
- Understand the importance of a comprehensive and cooperative local strategy towards climate protection.
- Contribute to raise awareness for a cooperation project in China of local authorities within ICLEI's Cities for Climate Protection (CCP) Campaign.

3 URBAN WATER CONSERVATION AND DEMAND MANAGEMENT FOR UTILITIES AND ALL OTHER STAKEHOLDERS - Room MR203

UN-HABITAT

Water and Sanitation

- Acquiring Knowledge and Developing various skills relating to WCDM as under:
- Technical Financial and administrative aspects of unaccounted for water;
- Public awareness and legislative measures;
- Best practices on water demand management in

4 TURNING MUNICIPAL PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT INTO AN EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT TOOL - Room MR206

International City Management Association (ICMA)

Management

- Develop a solid understanding of the basic framework for and purpose of municipal performance measurement;
- Build skills to design, develop and operationalize the performance measurement system.
- Review effective performance measurement models that trigger significant improvement in public service delivery, transparency and public decision-making in low income countries;
- Learn, through practical cases, how to use performance measurement systems to enable local governments to effectively respond to real community needs.

5 HOW TO APPLY PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE IN PREPARATION, MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF THE PROGRAMMES CONCERNED WITH INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES? - Room MR207

- Room MR207

Practical Action, UK

Governance

- Understanding of the governance issues, needs, practices and how to design programmes to address those issues.
- Understanding of some of the tools available and how to use them in developing countries.
- Enhanced skills on how to prepare, monitor and evaluate governance programmes.

6 HOW TO DESIGN AND APPLY AN INDEX FOR URBAN SAFETY? - Room MR208

Institute of Housing and Urban Development Studies, The Netherlands

Safety

- Acquire knowledge of the complexity and cross-cutting issues related to urban safety;
- Experience designing a safety index on the basis of appropriate indicators and a stakeholder network;

- Obtain insight into the applicability of an urban safety index with specific attention for partnership, operational, assessment and institutionalisation concerns.

7 HOW TO IMPROVE PARTICIPATORY SPATIAL PLANNING BY VISUALIZING LOCAL KNOWLEDGE - Room MR209

International Institute for geo-Information Science and Earth Observation – ITC, The Netherlands

Planning

- Get informed about visualization tools for participatory spatial planning;
- Learn about specific examples from developing countries;
- Understand what makes success or failure in Participatory Mapping.

8 TRAINING OF TRAINERS ON INTEGRATED URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT “APPROACHING URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT: ADDRESSING GOVERNANCE CHALLENGE - Room MR415

UNESCO International Hydrology Programme

Water and Sanitation

- To link governance challenges with the integrated urban water management;
- Understand new directions for sustainable urban water management;
- Understand the role of IHP on Integrated Urban Water Management.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 09:00 - 12:00

9 HOW TO PROMOTE RENEWABLE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AT THE LOCAL LEVEL - Room MR201

ICLEI International Training Centre & ICLEI South Asia Secretariat

Environment

- Learn what the main reasons are for specific activities of the local level for promoting Renewable Energy (RE) and Energy Efficiency (EE);
- Learn how to identify the local potentials and how to start a systematic process in the responsibility of local authorities.

10 GENDER MAINSTREAMING IN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS - Room MR202

Metropolis International Institute, Montreal

Governance

- Understand the importance of a well balanced Gender Equality strategy to delivering excellent services and programs for all citizens;

- Learn how to apply a UN Gender Equality Self-Assessment Framework for local governments as the foundation for creating a gender equality strategy;
- Create an initial plan for a gender equality strategy for local government including the first implementation steps in three priority areas

11 HOW TO NEGOTIATE TO MAKE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES WORK - Room MR203

Institute of Housing and Urban Development Studies, The Netherlands

Planning

- Understand the need for negotiation in participative planning situations to clarify roles and commitments and to commit to implementation;
- Understand the principles of private sector participation;
- Know and be able to apply key principles of successful negotiation

12 HOW TO DEFINE STRATEGIC SPATIAL INTERVENTIONS AS A MEDIUM OF INTEGRATION

- Room MR206

KULeuven

Planning

- Recognize, read and interpret qualitative data on visual representations as maps and plans,
- Use visual data in the elaboration of a problem formulation for a strategic urban intervention
- Complement written discourse with visuals in the elaboration of a project definition for a strategic urban intervention
- Define a city's problematics and identify strategic urban projects

13 HOW TO UNDERSTAND AND PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN A SLUM UPGRADING/ PREVENTION INITIATIVE AND LIVELIHOOD FRAMEWORK IN MY CITY/LOCALITY?

- Room MR207

World Bank

Economy

- Establish the rationale for upgrading and prevention and towards a livelihood framework;
- Development of a typical livelihood framework in a given low income/slum community tied to the city/region's local, social, employment;
- Discuss how a community upgrading and livelihood initiative starting from individual projects can be scaled up or expanded to a city region and nationwide programme.

14 INTRODUCTION TO PARTICIPATORY TRAINING METHODS ON URBAN ISSUES IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC - Room MR208

UNESCAP

Housing

- Participants know how to highlight critical urban issues through training using recently published materials and online resources such as www.housing-the-urban-poor.net produced by UNESCAP, UN-HABITAT and UNITAR.
- Participants exchange suggestions on how to further develop the presented training materials, create additional ones and increase their reach among target audiences.

15 HOW LOCAL AUTHORITIES CAN ENHANCE A SOCIAL AND A HUMAN APPROACH TO URBAN REVITALIZATION IN HISTORIC DISTRICTS - Room MR209

Social Sciences, UNESCO

Planning

Identify human, natural, socio-economic and cultural resources in a given historic urban context;

Place the urban revitalization project within the overall urban development in a given city taking particularly into account the local specificities and how to place people at the heart of the project;

Elaborate appropriate local urban policies and how to create technical structures to make diagnosis, plan of action participation plan and evaluation and communication in a sustainable perspective.

16 HOW TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE AND HEALTH IN URBAN SETTINGS - Room MR415

World Health Organization (WHO)

Health

- Define key terms and concepts on climate change and health;
- Describe the effects of climate change on health and their cities; and
- Plan public health interventions to address climate change and its health impacts.
- The action plans that will be developed may provide the starting point for advancing work for the participant's city sustainable development focused on climate change and health.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 09:00 - 11:00

17 TRANSPARENCY IN LAND ADMINISTRATION - Room MR201

UN-HABITAT

Land

- To show participants how opaque (non-transparent) land administration (LA) breeds land corruption;
- To introduce tools that would help mitigate land corruption and improve transparency in land administration (LA).

18 SUSTAINABLE SANITATION FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES - Room MR202

UN-HABITAT

Water and Sanitation

- Acquire Knowledge and Develop various skills relating to Sustainable Sanitation at local level as under;;
- Understand the sustainability of sanitation system;
- Sustainable Sanitation as a Business; and
- Meeting the Sanitation Challenges in Slum Areas.

19 HOW TO DESIGN AND DELIVER EFFECTIVE DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT - Room MR203

World Bank

Learning

- Assess demand and supply for distance learning capacity for urban practitioners;
- Design effective pedagogy and use of technology in the context of Urban Management and Planning Capacity Building; Build communities or urban practitioners based on distance learning capacity building

20 HOW TO DEVELOP A COLLABORATIVE DIALOGUE PROCESS WITH COMMUNITIES, LOCAL AUTHORITIES, AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS USING THE LOCAL TO LOCAL DIALOGUE METHODOLOGY - Room MR206

Huairou Commission

Governance

- Engage a local community in a participatory priority-setting process;
- Design, plan and prepare for a Local to Local Dialogue; and
- Engage local authorities and other stakeholders in a collaborative and participatory dialogue and development of an action plan

21 HOW TO LINK UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION (UNCAC) TO THE CHALLENGES OF SERVICE DELIVERY BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS? - Room MR207

UNDP

Governance

22 INTEGRATED APPROACH TO CLIMATE, BIODIVERSITY AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT IN URBAN AREAS - Room MR208

International Urban Training Centre (IUTC), Korea

Environment

- Build a better understanding of the role of ecological restoration in climate change adaptation and mitigation;
- Appreciate the value and benefits of restoring ecosystem functions in urban areas to improve urban biodiversity;
- Better understand effective ecological restoration planning and implementation practices by case studies (with a focus on Korean examples)

23 INTEGRATED SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY PLANNING THROUGH STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Room MR209

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC)

Planning

- Identify issues and key factors that are relevant to your community and that must be addressed in the planning process;
- Organize, prepare and implement an integrated planning process framework;
- How to generate and secure stakeholder engagement so that all who need to be involved are included in order to work together in the integrated planning process.

HABITAT SEMINARS

Habitat Seminars on urban innovation allow UN-HABITAT partners from around the world to showcase innovative and unique responses to the challenges posed by a new urban era in which half of humanity already lives in cities. They focus on following up the theme of the Third Session of the World Urban Forum in Vancouver Canada of *turning ideas into action*.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3,
14.00-16.00**

1 HARMONIOUS DEVELOPMENT WITH URBAN CHARACTERISTICS -

Room: Zhongshan Ballroom

The Institute of Nanjing Urban Science Golden Eagle International Group

This session will discuss the basic principles of urban sustainable development, as we look to the future of China's own urban development.

2 OPENING MINDS, CLOSING GAPS: THE HUMANITARIAN DIMENSION OF URBANIZATION - Room: MR 417A

UN-HABITAT

Today millions of slum dwellers are living on the edge of survival. The risks they face today are no less severe than some situations described internationally as 'humanitarian emergencies'. This seminar will attempt to unpack some of the issues behind the humanitarian dimension of urbanisation. The seminar will try to answer the following questions: What are the critical aspects of the humanitarian dimensions of urbanisation? What makes cities fail? What are the key ingredients to develop urban resilience? How can humanitarian agencies and national and local authorities prepare themselves and what will be the nature of humanitarian engagement in cities?

3 WATER AND SANITATION FOR DEVELOPING CLEAN AND HEALTHY CITIES - Room: EH 101

Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI)

This session will present the findings of the multiple workshops and seminars at the 2008 World Water Week in Stockholm (August 2008). Presentations and discussion will focus on how planning growing cities – particularly those in developing countries – so that sanitation, stormwater, solid waste, water supply and other infrastructure systems can be energy efficient and guarantee quality environmental conditions. The seminar will evaluate strategic approaches to address the critical lack of access to sanitation in slums and integrated policy options to improve infrastructure and adapt to changes in hydrological variability and catastrophic weather incidents.

4 CITIES PROMOTING CLIMATE PROTECTION – RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS - Room: EH 102

Project Management Agency for the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (PT-DLR)

Fast growing urban centres, particularly those in newly industrialising and less developed countries stand at a crossroads: What obstacles do these cities face in combating climate change? Learn from the research cooperation between German teams and partners from Least Developed Countries working towards sustainable urban development and strategies to mitigate climate change. The German Federal Government promotes its climate protection policy in a global dialogue using an

approach based on research and the development of appropriate technologies and innovative services to achieve synergy between climate protection, economic growth and sustainable development.

5 HARMONIOUS CITIES: WOMEN'S STRUGGLE FOR ACCESS

- Room: EH 103

Economic and Social Women Empowerment Initiative Nigeria

This session will tackle the theme of socially harmonious cities and the issue of inclusion, right and equity particularly as it affects women. The session will examine the struggle for access and challenges facing the African women living in the Cities today, share experiences, tools and practice for harmonious cities and derive lessons and new skills.

6 HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND URBAN REGENERATION

- Room: EHB 101

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

A panel will discuss the important role of historic preservation in urban regeneration and providing affordable housing in inner cities. The cases and lessons in this panel will cover culture balance, financial feasibility, social harmony, and economic sustainability. The event focuses on three areas: 1) policy comparisons among cities in developed and developing countries; 2) effective public and private partnership cases; and 3) Strategic and sustainable urban redevelopment.

7 FIRST STATE OF ASIAN CITIES REPORT - Room: EHB 102

UN-HABITAT, United Cities and Local Government-Asia Pacific Regional Section (UCLG-ASPAC) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)-Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

UN-HABITAT's Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific and UNESCAP, in partnership with UCLG-ASPAC and UNEP-ROAP, are preparing the first State of Asian Cities Report. 2008/2009 on the theme of Harmonious Urbanization. The Report will complement the UN-HABITAT's State of World Cities Report 2008/2009. To enrich and broaden inputs to the Report's preparation, this session will present the salient features of Harmonious Urbanization in Asia-Pacific, share main findings and strengthen a network of key stakeholders the Asia-Pacific region. The session will also give a unique opportunity to policy makers at the local, national, regional and global levels to understand, learn from and contribute to the latest trends and processes of Harmonious Urbanization in Asia-Pacific.

8 DISCOVERING A HIDDEN COOPERATIVE ADVANTAGE IN SOCIAL HOUSING

- Room: EHB 103

Swedish Cooperative Centre

Housing improvement is important. Yet large groups do not have housing that can be improved, including tenants and people with insecure tenure. For these groups, new construction is required. This requires new financial solutions which can be achieved through a pro-poor mortgage solution where a housing cooperative stands as the legal owner of the entire housing stock so that cooperative members can enjoy safer tenure and lenders, safer payback. The session will discuss the cooperative option and present a pilot project in Nicaragua and El Salvador showing how poor people, when offered accessible financial conditions, can solve their housing needs and pay back 100% of the construction costs.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 16.30-18.30

9 GREEN JOBS, URBAN SUSTAINABILITY AND CONSTRUCTION

- Room: MR 417A

French Agency for Environment and Energy Management and the International Labour Organization

What are the possibilities of a win-win situation between ecological conservation and employment creation in the construction of cities and towns? The growing cost of energy and the threat of climate change are compelling governments to implement environmental policies and make more profitable investments in energy efficiency. The session will use current research as the basis for discussion on opportunities to create new jobs and skills training in the construction sector. It will assess whether these new opportunities help accelerate implementation of new environmental policies.

10 BUENOS AIRES MEGACITY, A DEFIANT TANGO

- Room: EH 101

Avina Foundation

AVINA, which has long presence and partnerships, projects and initiatives in Latin America, in a region where 80% of the population live in cities will discuss Buenos Aires, a city that become a mega city in 30 years time - where more than 50% of the inhabitants live 1% of the nation's territory.

11 ADDRESSING URBAN RISK IN AFRICA: LOCAL PERSPECTIVES

- Room: EH 102

African Urban Risk Analysis Network and ProVention Consortium

Africa is the most rapidly urbanizing continent and has extreme levels of risk from climate change and other natural hazards, yet little documented experience of disaster risk reduction. This session, will launch a new book from Earthscan

Disaster Risk Reduction - Cases from Urban Africa produced by AURAN, a partnership of universities and NGOs in 6 cities in Africa. The session will also present highlights from AURAN activities and conclude with an open forum on urban risk reduction in Africa.

12 GLOBAL CITY INDICATORS – MEASURING AND MONITORING PERFORMANCE

- Room: EH 103

The World Bank (Urban Anchor)

The Global City Indicators Program (GCIP) is a decentralized, city-led initiative that enables cities to measure, report, and improve their performance, facilitate capacity building, and share best practices through an easy-to-use web portal. An ISO standard for city indicators will be the first of its kind to ensure comparability and verification. The GCIP provides a standardized and consistent framework to compare indicators over time and across cities. The session will outline how the program was developed, present pilot city experiences, and invite cities to join the program.

13 TOWARDS INCLUSIVE CITIES: ENHANCING THE VOICE OF PRO-POOR ORGANIZATIONS

- Room: EHB 101

Development Innovations Group (DIG)

Presenters will discuss the objectives and achievements Urbis: The Urban Capacity Laboratory, a three-year urban initiative funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Launched in September 2007, Urbis is managed by the Development Innovations Group and seeks to strengthen the capacity and strategic growth of carefully selected pro-poor urban organizations around the world. This panel will discuss ways in which DIG and its partners are building the capacity of non-governmental and community-based organizations in eight cities, and the effect of these efforts on the voice of the urban poor in those cities.

14 HOUSING FOR INCLUSIVE CITIES - Room: EHB 102

All India Housing Development Association (AIHDA)

This session will focus on experience and expertise of Indian innovations on inclusive urban housing with mutual cooperation with stakeholders from the International community. The session will discuss the demand, typology and innovations in affordable housing, examine the role of housing for poverty alleviation, slum improvement, productivity and climate change mitigation. It will seek to develop a roadmap for inclusive housing covering equitable, pro-poor, sustainable and environment-friendly delivery of shelter and services.

15 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS AND SOCIAL HOUSING FINANCE

- Room: EHB 103

PricewaterhouseCoopers

PricewaterhouseCoopers has substantial experience and expertise in developing new approaches for the structuring and delivery of social and affordable housing. The session will focus on housing supply and finance: (1) Public-Private Partnerships to harness skills, competence and funding of private sector contractors; (2) equity home ownership as a means of improving wealth and opportunity; and (3) using housing associations and housing cooperatives. A recent PwC case study - Housing Finance in Kenya – will be used as an example.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 09.00-11.00**16 HARMONY OF URBANIZATION AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING** -

Room: Zhongshan Ballroom

Newsroom of Modern Urban Research Suning Universal Group

A dialogue between State-owned real estate enterprises and private real estate enterprises, the session will focus on housing for low-income people, review the key role of affordable housing, for harmonious urbanization, examine current housing challenges and explore possible solutions.

17 URBAN SAFETY AND THE POOR IN ASIA-PACIFIC -

Room: MR 413

UN-HABITAT

For a long time the Asia-Pacific has been considered one of the world's safest regions. However, urban insecurity is gradually emerging. The profiles of urban safety and security vary considerably between the different sub-regions, especially with regard to the urban poor. Researchers will present the findings of a 2008, UN-ESCAP and UN-HABITAT study on Urban Safety and Security and the Poor, in three Asia-Pacific three sub-regions.

18 ACHIEVING HARMONY IN SHRINKING CITIES

- Room: MR 416A

Urban Research Centre, University of Western Sydney and UN-HABITAT

This session will discuss and share experiences on the global phenomenon of shrinking cities, comparing impacts in the developing world with those in the industrialised world, including the social challenges needed to advance the sustainable urban development agenda on this topic. Presenters from the Shrinking Cities International Research Network will discuss urban and regional shrinkage in China, Chinese-Taipei, South-America, the UK, France, Germany and Australia.

19 LINKING URBAN RESEARCH AND POLICY TOWARDS SUSTAINABILITY

- Room: MR 417A

Network-Association of European Researchers on Urbanisation in the South (N-AERUS)

This session focuses on Urbanisation in the South exploring relationships between reflection (science) and action (management and politics) towards urban sustainability. The session will discuss the perspectives and potentials of research networks, and draw essential links to the round table on 'urban research'. N-AERUS is a not-for-profit, open and multi-disciplinary network.

20 SLUM MAPPING WITH SPACE IMAGERY - Room: EH 101

International Institute for Geo-information Science and Earth Observation (ITC) and the Ministry of Housing, Planning and Environment, The Netherlands

This session brings together experts in slum mapping to share their experiences with the wider WUF community. It will explain how information on slums can be extracted from very high resolution remote sensing images, for basic slum mapping, planning and monitoring purposes. It also provides insight into participatory approaches to slum mapping involving NGOs and CBOs. Examples of slum mapping from cities around the world are given, demonstrating the diversity of contexts and implications for slum mapping processes.

21 UNLOCKING URBAN LAND VALUES FOR INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE -

Room: EH 102

Public-Private Infrastructure Facility and the World Bank

This session discusses recent research in a new area of municipal finance that innovatively mobilizes private sector funds for infrastructure investments—by unlocking land asset values

through long term leases, sales or special taxation or charges. Transactions using this new model have mobilized substantial sums for infrastructure finance in cities around the world. With rapidly rising land values in developing country cities, land may be the city's most valuable asset, and can, if managed well, be used to mobilize substantial sums. The session will discuss the principles of land-asset based infrastructure finance and offer lessons learned in case studies.

22 URBANIZATION, HEALTH AND LABOUR - Room: EH 103

International Labour Office

This seminar underlines the challenges of rapid urbanization for health in a context of globalization. It focuses on the need to contextualise and address the neglected occupational health and safety rights of urban workers, particularly those in the informal economy. National and international policies have not properly acknowledged the linkages between poverty, working conditions, living environment and health inequities. Information on the scale of the problem and the health impact of worsening working conditions is still limited. Cases of best practice will be presented highlighting the role local governments can play along with civil society.

23 COSMOCITY: INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT TO ERADICATE INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS - Room: EHB 101

Department of Housing, Gauteng Provincial Government, South Africa

South Africa is one of the signatory countries to the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals and has equally declared its commitment to eradicate identified slums and informal settlements by 2014. The session will present Gauteng Provincial Department of Housing's Cosmo City case study - a Mixed Housing development

approach to promote social integration and create opportunities for the poor to be integrated into the mainstream of the housing market in South Africa. It enables cross-subsidization of basic services and savings on infrastructure development and allows for various housing typologies and more optimum use of urban resources.

24 PUBLIC PRIVATE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Room: EHB 102

Society for International Development Urban Development Working Group

Strategic partnering may seem to be a fairly simple endeavour, particularly when partners are eager to work together. In practice, developing truly fruitful and effective partnerships require planning, due diligence, and consensus-building. Citizen participation is a key element to a successful outcome. This session explores effective partnerships that engage the public (national and local governments), the private sector, and families that live in the communities. Examples of these partnerships will be examined, such as local community efforts in Cambodia, Vietnam, Philippines, and Brazil.

25 RURAL DEVELOPMENT: AN APPROACH TO NIGERIA'S URBAN CHALLENGE - Room: EHB 103

National Union of Tenants of Nigeria

The session will highlight Nigeria's urban challenge as a catalyst for rural development and examine the challenge of addressing rural-urban linkages, with reference to Niger-Delta region. It will also examine the challenge of achieving harmonious cities in the region and assess the scale of attaining poverty reduction, environmental sustainability and good governance. It will showcase a policy of Deliberate Decentralization of Development by which the rural-urban gap could be bridged.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4,
11.30 - 13.30**

26 SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE IN DEVELOPING CITIES - Room: MR 416A

International Federation of Social Workers

Social workers globally are at the forefront of the battle against poverty in cities, soaring crime, unemployment, food insecurity, lack of affordable housing, urban disasters and the scourge of climate change. Rapid urbanization, fewer employment opportunities, multiple levels of deprivation and exclusive policies especially in cities of the developing world often aggregate these problems. Social harmony is often disrupted where there is real or perceived unequal distribution of resources and opportunities. This session will showcase activities aimed at reducing income disparities, facilitating access to services and building capacity for vulnerable groups, with a view of building harmonious relationships among city dwellers.

27 DECENTRALISED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FOR SMALL TOWNS - Room: MR 417A

Waste Concern

Waste Concern and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) will present their project on decentralized solid waste management based on the Waste Concern approach which has been tested in Matale, Sri Lanka and Quy Nhon, Vietnam. Inorganic, recyclable waste is sold to junk dealers and organic waste composted at a neighbourhood compost treatment plant. By treating waste close to the source of its generation, cost is reduced considerably. The two pilot projects have been completed and are generating revenues. Waste Concern and ESCAP will also present and discuss financing of solid waste management services through Clean Development Mechanism and non-CDM carbon financing.

**28 BUILDERS OF CITIES,
BUILDING NETWORKS***- Room: EH 101*

Building and Wood Workers International (BWI) and International Labour Organization (ILO)

To address their own challenges and ensure sustainable urbanization, construction workers – the builders of cities – are developing new approaches and initiatives by creating networks with enterprises, communities, environmentalists, NGOs, and international institutions. This session addresses such new relations. The theme is important because the construction industry produces the very fabric of human settlements, and a major employer, especially for the poor. The seminar will cover energy efficient buildings to address climate change, trade unions and communities at work, and homes for the builders of homes.

**29 HARMONIOUS SHELTER AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT***- Room: EH 102*

Housing Development and Management, Lund University

What kind and level of competence are needed to achieve harmonious shelter and urban development? What is the need of international and regional capacity development for the professionals working with shelter and urban planning on local government level in cities of 1-5 million inhabitants in order to achieve sustainable spatially and environmentally harmonious development? A moderated expert panel debate with public interaction focuses on adequate shelter considering sustainable social, economic and environmental development of the cities. The panel includes mayors successful in harmonizing shelter and urban development in their cities in Africa and Asia as well as international experts.

**30 GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION
SYSTEMS AND SUSTAINABLE
URBAN DEVELOPMENT***- Room: EH 103*

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

The panel will discuss the use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for Sustainable Urban Development. International cases in the fields of urban development, environmental planning, and infrastructure management will be discussed. The goal is to share the experience of using GIS in decision support and project implementation.

**31 ALLIANCES AND
PARTNERSHIPS FOR YOUTH
DEVELOPMENT***- Room: EHB 101*

UN-HABITAT

This session aims to promote interactive dialogue between the private sector, youth organizations, local and national governments, academic institutions, civil society representatives, to explore new forms of collaboration for youth development projects. The session will present successful experiences of partnerships in Latin America and encourage debate and sharing of ideas and best practices, and explore new approaches, innovative ideas and strategies to address urban youth needs. The session will focus on youth-led development.

**32 FINANCING LAND AND
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT
FOR WOMEN***- Room: EHB 102*

Women Land Access Trust (Kenya, Tanzania, Ghana and Uganda)

The Trusts and interested partners will discuss the establishment of a Global Network of Women Land Access Trusts and outline future activities that can support initiatives by existing and prospective trusts. Topics will include setting up women housing cooperatives, a revolving fund, bank guarantees, capacity building, advocacy and resource mobilization.

**33 ARTS TO THE RESCUE OF
URBAN SPACES***- Room: EHB 103*

SEDESOL Mexico and UN-HABITAT

The Government of Mexico is integrating communities in the appropriation of public spaces through its National Programme on the Rescue of Public Spaces. The Government of Canada has engaged youth from disenfranchised neighbourhoods in a dialogue on the use of art to bring about change in their communities and enhance safe cities and public spaces. The event will discuss the role of governments in supporting community appropriation of public spaces and review the role of diverse urban arts forms— ranging from theatre, music, poetry, to dance and hip hop — that empower young people ignite public spaces as sites for social interaction.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4,
14.00-16.00**

**34 BUILDING-LIVING AND
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
FOR THE FUTURE***- Room: EH 101*

The Swedish National Board of Housing, Building and Planning

The dialogue project Building-Living and Property Management for the future, called the Building-Living Dialogue, is a unique form of co-operation between companies, municipalities, national and local authorities, and the Government. Those involved want to reach beyond the limits laid out in laws and regulations to achieve sustainable building and property sector before 2025, in three prioritised areas: the indoor environment, the use of energy and the use of natural resources. This session explains how the Building-Living Dialogue works.

35 STRENGTHENING WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP IN LOCAL GOVERNANCE - Room: EH 102

Aagaz Foundation and the Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities

India has one third reserved provision for women in local government since 1993, there are nearly 1.2 million elected women representatives in India, approximately 40%. Norway has had a relatively high percentage of women in local and national government during the last 35 years. Nevertheless, women remain underrepresented in governance and politics in both India and Norway, when it comes to representation and participation as well as power. The two organisations AF and KS are partnering, and the presentations bring in Norwegian and Indian experience of increasing the impact of women leaders in politics through various methods and processes.

36 CITIES AND CLIMATE CHANGE: FROM BALI TO COPENHAGEN - Room: EH 103

United Nations Environment Programme

This session will bring together city representatives from developed and developing countries, urban researchers and practitioners, and representatives from international organizations and the private sector to discuss a Local Government Climate Roadmap process, from Bali to Copenhagen. The role of local governments to become a recognized actor in the post-2012 climate agreement will be debated with a view of collecting innovative ideas and proposals on how to formulate such a role in the implementation of the next climate agreement. Participants will also discuss practical measures to address climate change through urban environmental planning, innovative ways of mobilizing finance and technological solutions.

37 ACHIEVING EQUITY: TENURE AND SERVICES FOR ALL - Room: EHB 101

International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)

Half the world's population lives in urban areas and one third, almost 1 billion, are desperately poor and live in settlements without access to adequate water and sanitation. This session draws on research projects to highlight examples of effective interventions that have achieved greater equity in cities, particularly in terms of secure tenure, and access to water and sanitation. The presentations will draw on experiences in Central America, India and Kenya.

38 PAYING FOR GROWTH - Room: EHB 102

American Planning Association China Land Society

The challenge of paying for growth affects the entire spectrum of countries. Who benefits and who pays? Paying means money, lives, inequality, environmental degradation, risk, etc. Paying for growth suggests that we must be more attentive to all costs of development and urbanization and ensure that these costs are thoughtfully discussed along with the benefits. This session will share examples and approaches from the perspective of US experience with managing growth and the experience of China, the world's most rapidly urbanizing country. The discussion will identify how we might pay in the future and the role of planning.

39 MAKING SUSTAINABILITY REALITY - Room: EHB 103

City of Malmö, Sweden

This session will communicate how to move cities of today into the future in a sustainable way, both in the developed world and in developing countries. The emphasis will be on how to implement leading edge technology using

a holistic approach. The City of Malmö will highlight two crucial perspectives: dialogue with citizens and cooperation between different actors, all aiming for the sustainable city. The session will present examples from two different city areas: converting an old industrial site to a housing area powered by 100 % locally produced renewable energy, and transformation of a non-functional housing area from the '50s to a truly sustainable neighbourhood.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 16.30-18.30 PM

40 URBAN CONSTRUCTION AND MOBILITY

- Room: MR 203

Newsroom of Modern Urban Research Suning Universal Group

This session will highlight the contribution of petrochemical industry to energy conservation and environmental protection in an increasingly urbanised world.

41 MANAGING URBAN INFORMAL ECONOMICS – 21ST CENTURY INNOVATIONS

- Room: MR 417A

Cardiff University UK, London South Bank University UK, WIEGO (Women in the Informal Sector: Globalizing and Organizing)

Burgeoning urban informal economies are an integral part of 21st century cities, and the street is the new place of work for the urban poor. This session takes forward recent debates to explore innovations in harnessing the informal economy in the fight against urban poverty. Four themes are explored - formalisation, accommodation, representation and rights - by leading researchers, and practitioners from WIEGO, other NGOs, and international agencies.

42 AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND SUSTAINABLE CITIES DEVELOPMENT

- Room: EH 101

UN-HABITAT and Ministry for Regional Development, Russian Federation Affordable Housing and Sustainable Cities Development

Issues of affordable housing are among the most urgent for practically all cities in the countries that are making their historic transition towards market economy. Housing reforms that took place in the '90s as a rule concentrated on privatization and overlooked importance of a more flexible approach to meeting the needs of different population groups, particularly low income groups. Housing inseparably linked with construction and other sectors of urban economy and life is one of the sustainable urban development corner stones and has to be duly and properly addressed. Participants will discuss current challenges and exchange views and practices in tackling them.

43 PROMOTING EQUITY THROUGH COLLABORATION IN METROPOLITAN GOVERNANCE - Room: EH 102

Centre for Human Settlements, University of British Columbia, Canada and City-Region Studies Centre, University of Alberta, Canada

This session will stimulate thinking about how collaborative arrangements can help municipal, state and federal partners to develop robust, sustainable mechanisms to support metropolitan governance, and to what extent these arrangements could foster social inclusion and equity. Lessons to be learned from ways that metropolitan governance is approached in several countries will be discussed and a network for continuing exchange of knowledge and ideas initiated. Sample cases will be from Canada and the 'Regional Consortium: Mulheres das Gerais' in Brazil, a public

consortium to promote gender equity through regional programs and services to prevent violence against women.

44 SECURE TENURE EFFORTS: LESSONS LEARNED THROUGH ADVOCACY INITIATIVES

- Room: EHB 101

Habitat for Humanity International

Habitat for Humanity has worked with communities in over 100 countries to eradicate poverty housing around the world. It has become clear that a safe and secure home depends not only on the access to resources for the building of a house, but on access to land and the securing of tenure and property rights for that land. This session explores best practices used by HFHI and other organizations working on secure tenure activities, as well as regulatory and operational constraints. HFHI will have available a new report that addresses the importance of tenure security and highlights work being done around the world.

45 IMPROVING INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING FOR SMALL TOWNS - Room: EHB 102

UN-HABITAT

The rapidly growing urban centres in the Lake Victoria basin are playing an increasingly important role in the economic development of the region. But most of these towns are experiencing unplanned, spontaneous growth. The run-down and often non-existent basic infrastructure and poor urban planning in most of them poses a major threat to their sustainability. The objective of the seminar is to discuss key issues constraining infrastructure and urban planning in the Lake Victoria region and review lessons learned from implementing the Lake Victoria Region Water and Sanitation Initiative, a joint project involving UN-HABITAT and the Governments of Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda.

46 STRENGTHENING GRASSROOTS WOMEN'S KNOWLEDGE AND POLICY IMPACT - Room: EHB 103

Grassroots Organizations Operating Together in Sisterhood (GROOTS) International

Introduced in 2000, Grassroots Women's International Academies are intensive teaching/learning workshops which transfer and exchange grassroots development knowledge, document it, and stimulate policy changes. The sessions will present results of Grassroots Women's Academy by GROOTS International and partners to demonstrate how grassroots women's groups are building harmonious and resilient cities in the face of increasing natural disasters. Results of past Academies will be shared to show the positive impacts of grassroots women's issues and strategies on human settlements, when transferred and brought to scale.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5,
11.30 -13.30**

47 FIRST STATE OF AFRICAN CITIES REPORT 2008/2009

- Room: MR 413

UN-HABITAT

This seminar will provide a unique opportunity for local, national, regional and global partners of UN-HABITAT to understand, learn from and contribute to the latest trends and processes to achieve harmonious urbanisation in Africa and the Arab State Region. The three main objectives of the event are: To create a platform for regional information gathering and exchanging and stimulating regional debate among policy makers, urban thinkers and practitioners; to discuss and outline the major constraints, opportunities and salient features to achieving Harmonious Urbanisation; and to share the main findings of this first Africa Report with key stakeholders and partners in the region.

**48 UNIVERSAL SANITATION:
NEW RESOURCES FROM
ASIA**

- Room: MR 416A

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Achieving universal sanitation is possible: the right technologies and procedures have already been developed and tested. How can we ensure that the key decision makers in every city and town know the extent of the problem and the potential solutions? This session will introduce two new resources to disseminate knowledge on sanitation in Asian cities and towns: The Sanitation Databook for Asian Cities, by Citynet, Asian Development Bank, UN-HABITAT and Veolia Environment; and the e-learning Course on Urban Sanitation by UNESCAP and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR). Participants will be encouraged to provide feedback, make suggestions for further work and propose collaborations and partnerships.

**49 A CULTURE OF
SUSTAINABILITY: MULTI-
STAKEHOLDER PROCESS**

- Room: MR 417A

Canadian Environmental Network Health Caucus

The Canadian Environmental Network process of multi-stakeholder consultation with government and diverse civil society groups is recognized internationally as unique. This session will gather a diverse audience of academia, policy-makers, non-governmental groups, and development institutions to create multi-stakeholder partnerships based on identifying resources and solutions to common obstacles. Small groups will discuss issues of harmonious urbanization and as a larger group strategize innovative communication and fundraising, with hands-on components. Partnership best practices on urban innovations, including lessons learned post-WUF3, will be highlighted through poster presentations.

**50 THE CROSS-CULTURAL
PEACEBUILDING APPROACH**

- Room: EH 101

YOUCAN and Rock.Paper.Scissors Inc

A participatory workshop where theory meets practice, this engaging session encourages participants to interact and add new tools to their conflict resolution approaches. The YOUCAN / Rock.Paper.Scissors Inc. peacebuilding approach will be described with highlights from our pioneering youth Cross Cultural Conflict Resolution Module, for while conflict is universal, how we deal with it isn't. This workshop takes a holistic view of culture (including ethnicity, socio-economic status, gender and more), to provide a framework for how to build a culturally sensitive, collaborative conflict resolution process that can be tailored to fit individual communities and cultures.

**51 DONOR ASSISTANCE FOR
HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT**

- Room: EH 102

Westat and International Housing Coalition

Panellists will discuss the decline of support for urban housing in developing countries by bilateral donors and the continued support for urban housing by the multilaterals. The session will explore the reasons for the bilateral donor decline and elicit suggestions on ways to increase donor funding for housing. The World Bank will present an Urban Strategy Update on its funding for housing while the International Housing Coalition (IHC) will present an update on its activities and its strategy for increasing housing funding for developing countries.

**52 TRANSFORMING
URBAN MARKETS FOR
THE POOR THROUGH
ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

- Room: EH 103

Ashoka Innovators for the Public and Global Urban Development

This session will present the main findings of a special issue of Global Urban Development Magazine to be published at end of October 2008. The issue, developed with Ashoka on market-based strategies for low-income urban markets, includes articles on pioneering approaches to grow business-social models based on a deep understanding of poor communities, fostering alliances among players along the value chain to create packages of services, and attracting new type of financing to scale emerging models. The panel will be interactive and will explore collective actions with the audience.

**53 GLOBAL CITY INDICATORS
FACILITY: INFORMATION
SESSION**

- Room: EHB 101

Global City Indicators Facility and the World Bank

The Global City Indicators Facility (GCIF), created by the World Bank, is a decentralized, city-led initiative that enables cities to measure, report, and improve their performance, facilitate capacity building, and share best practices through an easy-to-use web portal. An ISO standard for city indicators will be the first of its kind to ensure comparability and verification. Cities gather all or most of the data for this set of indicators, just not in a way that allows for global consistency and comparability. The GCIF provides a standardized and consistent framework to compare indicators over time and across cities. The session will announce the launch of the new Facility.

**54 YOUTH AND SHELTER:
WHAT ARE THE WIN-WIN
STRATEGIES?** - Room: EHB 102

UN-HABITAT

The presentation explores win-win strategies to enhance shelter and livelihoods for urban youth. It discusses the urgency of addressing urban youth as contributors to shelter and service provision and how governments can support this role through enabling policies for pro-poor housing and land tenure systems. UN-HABITAT's catalytic role in policy and institutional reform from a youth-led development focus is outlined. Principles and good practice in the development and implementation of age-sensitive housing, land management and shelter policies are presented. The post-presentation discussion will seek to draw out current status in different regions.

**55 GLOBAL PLANNERS
NETWORK MESSAGES AND
OUTREACH** - Room: EHB 103

The Global Planners Network (GPN)

The session will report on the outcomes of the Second Global Planners Congress (GPC) in Zhenjiang which precedes WUF4. The GPC examines responses to the urgent challenges for human settlements of rapid urbanisation, urban poverty and inequality, climate change and disaster mitigation. This session will demonstrate spatial planning approaches to address these challenges and deliver the Habitat agenda for change, characterised by being integrative, inclusive, sustainable and creative. Also, the session will convey messages from a wider planning community from over 100 countries who have participated in GPN's innovative outreach capacity research programme.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5,
14.00 -16.00**

**56 DECENTRALIZED FINANCE
FOR SECONDARY CITIES:
LEARNING FROM
EXPERIENCE**

- Room: MR 208

The World Bank

The early 21st century will see the bulk of its urban population growth in cities under 2 million in population, especially those under 500,000. The challenge for all governments and financiers is how to reach these cities and interact with them to meet these diverse investment needs. The World Bank recently reviewed its experience with specialized funds for this purpose, and finds the experience promising. This session will discuss how to expand support for decentralized finance in varied environments. Fund managers in Least Developed Countries will also present their experience.

**57 FUNCTIONS OF AN
ENTERPRISE IN SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT**

- Room: MR 302

*Nanjing Real Estate Development
and Construction Association*

This session will discuss the topic of urban sustainable development, and inquire into the functions of enterprises in urban sustainable development and the construction of a harmonious habitat.

**58 TURNING COMMITMENTS
TO PARTICIPATION INTO
REALITY** - Room: MR 417A

Practical Action

There are many commitments to ensuring the participation of poor urban people in decision-making about planning and infrastructure services. These are at various levels, from neighbourhoods and wards to city-wide initiatives. Government decentralisation is thought to promote participation. But, beyond isolated projects and islands of success, it is still not a reality. This session will look at the barriers to widespread, effective participation of the poor from a range of

perspectives. Practical Action and its partners will share their experiences and approaches. Views will be presented from civil society movements, local government, planners and international agencies

**59 FINANCING WATER AND
SANITATION IN ASIAN CITIES**

- Room: EH 101

Asian Development Bank

This session will discuss the latest trends in meeting the huge investment requirements for urban water and sanitation in Asian cities. The session focuses on the new frontiers of water financing in selected Asian countries. It is particularly interesting to note that recently, more efforts are being made by international development agencies to promote private investments and non-sovereign lending in financing of urban water and sanitation. On the other hand, the public-public partnership is gaining new interest by the region's utilities. Innovative ways of financing water and sanitation is therefore a continuous challenge to all involved in the sector.

**60 CITIES, CLIMATE CHANGE
AND SPATIAL PLANNING**

- Room: EH 102

*The World Bank Urban
Development Unit, Sustainable
Development Department, East
Asia and the Pacific Region)*

This session offers three inter-related presentations on the challenges posed by climate change for cities in East Asia and how they can respond by reducing their current vulnerabilities to climate impacts and natural disasters as well as their future vulnerabilities by applying more environmentally sustainable practices and spatial planning. The session introduces new approaches that the World Bank has developed to assist its clients: (i) Ecological Cities as Economic Cities (with a focus on Tianjin); (ii) Spatial Growth of Metropolitan Cities (focusing on Tianjin, Zhengzhou, and Shanghai); and (iii) Climate Resilient Cities (looking at the East Asia region broadly).

61 PEOPLE'S PROCESS OF RECOVERY AND RECONSTRUCTION

- Room: EH 103

UN-HABITAT

In post disaster and post conflict situations, UN-HABITAT advocates seamless transition from the emergency relief phase to early recovery and reconstruction phases. This literally brings people back on their feet in the shortest possible time. To rebuild the lives of people, calls for a people centred approach. UN-HABITAT has successfully executed this approach in post disaster and post conflict programmes in Afghanistan, Indonesia, Maldives, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. To unlock the huge potential of the people requires support. The session will describe the key means of support necessary for people to rebuild their lives and assets.

62 BUILDING LEADERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Room: EHB 101

Harmony Foundation of Canada, Environmental Management College of China and National Training Center for Mayors of China

The session begins with an examination of the benefits created when leaders from local government, business, urban development, and the community cooperate to achieve sustainable community development. A guided discussion follows: how to develop skilled leadership, public participation and multi-sector cooperation for sustainable community development. It closes with an exercise to identify opportunities for collaboration through sharing of best practices and innovative methods.

63 CLIMATE PROSPERITY: SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Room: EHB 102

Global Urban Development, and the Rockefeller Brothers Fund

Climate Prosperity generates substantial economic and employment growth and sustainable business and community development by demonstrating that innovation, efficiency, and conservation in the use and reuse of all resources is the best way to increase jobs, incomes, productivity, and competitiveness. Climate Prosperity is also the most cost-effective method of promoting renewable energy and clean technologies, protecting the environment, and preventing harmful impacts from global warming.

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65 PREVENTING AND MITIGATING HIV IN THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT CONTEXT

- Room: EH 101

Asian Development Bank (ADB), Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) and CityNet

Preliminary findings indicate that knowledge and capacity-building interventions alone are necessary but not sufficient to effect behaviour change and create the conditions to build community assets and lasting reforms. Awareness, vision and knowledge among the leadership of urban local government are necessary to implementing effective networks that address a wide range of issues, including HIV/AIDS prevention. Without addressing the built and social environments, the determinants of poverty, including individual behaviours and LG stakeholder perceptions will continue to address only symptoms. Integrated urban planning requires

input from all resident groups, especially self-help groups who play a large part in the response.

66 EXPANDING SERVICES TO THE URBAN POOR

- Room: EH 102

The World Bank

Environmentally harmonious cities require provision of water supply and sanitation services to all city dwellers. Poor sanitation services in particular can result in negative environmental health impacts for the entire urban population. The Water and Sanitation Program has completed a set of Guidance Notes on Services to the Urban Poor which distils experiences from Latin America, Africa, South Asia, and East Asia that that overcome barriers for expanding services to the urban poor. After presenting these Guidance Notes, through a participatory discussion this session will identify suggestions for improving national networks to promote and monitor innovative approaches for expanding services to the urban poor.

67 YOUTH EMPLOYMENT: A WAY OUT OF URBAN POVERTY

- Room: EH 103

International Youth Foundation and United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

Youth unemployment and underemployment are major and growing problems in urban areas for unskilled poor youth. Several hundred million young people will be looking for work over the next ten years to escape poverty. A number of municipal governments have developed model programs, built on partnerships with the private sector and civil society organizations, to turn at-risk youth away from destructive activities such as crime, prostitution and drugs, and instead train them in job skills and place them in decent employment. Speakers will highlight the reasons for these successful programs and how they can be replicated and scaled up.

68 FINANCING HOUSING AND SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT - Room: EHB 101

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

The panel will discuss cases of innovative financing tools used in building housing and urban infrastructure. The current financial crisis will affect the capital markets - with limited resources, government and the private sector must work collectively to leverage resources and expertise. Examples in developing countries will be discussed.

69 ENGAGING PRIVATE CITIZENS IN URBAN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT - Room: EHB 102

Sister Cities International and AECOM International Development

Sister Cities International has hosted a sustainable development network within its membership for several years. This session will highlight the lessons learned and success stories from the sister cities movement, including the dissemination of a Models Report which showcases successful environmental projects as models for replication. The sharing of experiences will evolve into a discussion forum of current challenges for implementation of environmentally sustainable projects at local levels, how to overcome these challenges and how to increase private citizen participation in urban sustainable development projects. It will also show the process of establishing a successful sister city program.

70 SHELTER COORDINATION AFTER DISASTER: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES - Room: EHB 103

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Disasters result in an increase in the caseload of households requiring adequate housing, either temporary or permanent. Such events also provide an opportunity to reduce housing risks and vulnerabilities, if the emergency relief and recovery activities can be effectively coordinated. What are the challenges in ensuring such coordination, particularly involving the built environment professions, and what opportunities does effective coordination present? The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies is responsible for coordinating emergency shelter in international relief operations following natural disasters. This session will explore some of the issues arising from recent major emergencies, and initiatives between the humanitarian sector, professional institutes and the private sector to improve the effectiveness of the post-disaster housing response in support of host Governments.

ROUNDTABLES

Roundtables are organized by Habitat Agenda Partners such as ministers, mayors, youth, women, parliamentarians, and others. Access to some of these meetings may be restricted.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 14.00 - 17.00

1 MINISTERS' ROUNDTABLE - Room: MR 302

The Ministers' roundtable makes recommendations to the UN-HABITAT Governing Council, and the regional groups of housing ministers – AMCHUD in Africa, MINURVI in Latin America and the Caribbean, and APAMCHUD in Asia and the Pacific, and others working to harmonize urbanization, especially with regard to social and environmental problems. They also seek to ensure national and local implementation of the Millennium Development Goals.

Confirmed speakers: *Chair: H. E. Weixin Jian, Minister of Housing and Urban Development, China; Vice-Chairs: H.E. Ms. Elisabet Falemo, State Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Sweden; Hon. Mr. Mario Fortes, Minister of Cities, Brazil; Hon. Mr. Mohammad Saieedikia, Minister of Housing and Urban Development, Islamic Republic of Iran, and Chair, APMCHUD; Hon. Ms. Kumari Selja, Minister of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, India and President, UN-HABITAT Governing Council; Hon. Mr. Chuka Odom, Minister of State for Environment, Housing and Urban Development, Nigeria*

2 MAYORS' ROUNDTABLE - Room: MR 303A

Organized by leading networks of local authorities, including the United Cities and Local Governments and the Chinese Mayors Association in collaboration with UN-HABITAT, this roundtable will build on the momentum gathered by the local authorities' movement around the world and discuss the role of cities and city managers in helping governments achieve harmonious urbanization.

Confirmed participants:

Mayor Zhang Guangning, Co-President UCLG (Chair); Representative from the China Association of Mayors (Co-chair); Mr. François Amichia, Mayor, Treichville and President, Union des Villes et Communes de Côte d'Ivoire, Côte d'Ivoire; Mr. Simon Compaore, Mayor, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso; Hon. Michel Destot, President, Association des maires de grandes villes de France, Deputy and mayor, Grenoble, France Hon. Anders Knappe, Mr. Serguei Lazarev, Chief of UNESCO's Struggle against Discrimination and Racism Section, Paris; President of the Swedish Association of Local authorities, Sweden; Mr. Ousmane Masseck Ndiaye, Mayor, Saint Louis and Ministre d'Etat de la Décentralisation et des Collectivités locales, Senegal; Ms. Anita Normark, Building and Wood Workers'

International, BWI; Mr. Konrad Otto-Zimmermann, Secretary General, ICLEI; Ms. Olga Ramasalon, Mayor, Antsirabe, Madagascar; H.E. Mir Abdul Ahad Sahibi, Mayor, Kabul, Afghanistan; Hon. Mel Senen S. Sarmiento, Mayor, Calbayog City, The Philippines; Dr. Wolfgang Schuster, Mayor, Stuttgart, Germany; Mr. Kep Chuk Tema, Governor, Phnom Penh, Cambodia; Mr. Mohamed Hadj Taieb, Mayor, Sfax, Tunisia

3 WOMEN AND HARMONIOUS CITIES

- Room: MR 303 B

Commonwealth Association of Planners, Women in Planning Network and Nanjing Womens' Federation in collaboration with UN-HABITAT

With increasing urbanization, the majority of the world's population is currently living in urban areas. The roundtable will provide a platform for partners working globally on gender equality and women empowerment. Women in cities face challenges of access to affordable housing, land and secure tenure, basic infrastructure, water and sanitation and services. Moreover the urban planning practices that shape the cities do not take into account the realities and needs of women. This roundtable will examine the challenges faced by women in cities and discuss strategies and actions needed for addressing gender and women's concerns in urban development policies and practices.

Confirmed speakers: *Ms. Nyaradzayi Gumbonzvanda, World YWCA General Secretary; Ms. Sheela Patel, Founding Director, Society for the Promotion of Area Resource Centers (SPARC); Ms. Christine Platt, President, Commonwealth Association of Planners; Dr. Alison Todes, Member, Commonwealth Association of Planners; Ms. Jin Yihong, Director, Woman's Development Center of Nanjing Normal University and Professor, Jinling Woman College of Nanjing Normal University; Ms. Wang Yonghong, Vice Mayor, City of Nanjing, People's Republic of China*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 14.00 - 17.00

4 PARLIAMENTARIANS' ROUNDTABLE

- Room: MR 302

Global Parliamentarians on Habitat in collaboration with UN-HABITAT

The Parliamentarians' Roundtable will focus on the overall theme of Cities and climate change and the Role of Global Parliamentarians. The main objective is to find a common understanding and commitment

to for parliamentarians to work in their respective counties to pass relevant legislation, policies to tackle the climate change and commit funds for their implementation. They will share regional perspectives, success stories, steps to address climate change, and policy approaches to promote the right policies to achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

Confirmed speakers: *Hon. Peter Goetz, MP, President of Global Parliamentarians on Habitat - EUROPE (Chair); Senator Eloy Countu Segovia, Former President of GPH, LATIN AMERICA; Hon. Kumari Selja, Chairperson of GC21, ASIA; Hon. William F. Shija, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and Hon. Mariam Nalubega, Member of Parliament, Uganda, AFRICA; Chinese host from China*

5 YOUTH ROUNDTABLE - Room: MR 303A

Participants at the roundtable will present examples of youth-led development practices and provide recommendations on how practices can be supported. Specific questions to be addressed include: (i) What youth-led projects, innovations, good practices are being undertaken by young people particularly in the areas of employment, good governance, adequate shelter, secure tenure, environment, and peace and security; (ii) How can these practices be supported at the country and local levels? and (iii) How can the Youth Fund facilitate mobilization of young people to help strengthen youth related policy formulation, share best practice and build the capacities of governments at all levels?

Confirmed speakers: *Mr. Erik Berg, Ministry of Development Cooperation, Norway; Mr. Steven Milambo, Youth Mayor- Kinondoni Municipality, Tanzania; Ms. Cindy Rocha, Association Internationale des Etudiants en Sciences Economiques et Commerciales (AIESEC), Rotterdam, Netherlands; Mr. Joao Scarpelini, Peace Child International; Ms. Nola Kate Seymoar, International Centre for Sustainable Cities, Canada; A representative from Nanjing Youth Federation*

6 GLOBAL LAND TOOL NETWORK ROUNDTABLE - Room: MR 303 B

The Global Land Tool Network (GLTN) contributes to the implementation of pro-poor land policies to achieve secure land rights for all. This roundtable seeks to develop the Network's understanding of land governance. It will look at the Network's progress on a new land governance policy paper, indicators on good land governance, gender criteria for large scale land tools, and criteria for up scaling grassroots initiatives. It will also discuss practical implementation. It builds on the GLTN roundtable held in Vancouver at the Third Session of the World Urban Forum in 2006, where the network was launched.

Confirmed speakers: *Mr. Alain Durand-Lasserve, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS),*

France; Mr. Stig Enemark, International Federation of Surveyors (FIG), Denmark; Mr. Paul Munro Faure, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Italy; Mr. Li Guo, World Bank, USA; Ms. Agnes Kalibbala, Uganda High Commission and Chair of the GLTN International Advisory Board, Kenya (Chair); Ms. Edith Mbanga, Slum Dwellers International (SDI), Namibia; Mr. Chris Paresi, International Institute of Geo-information Science and Earth Observation (ITC), Netherlands; Mr. Geoffrey Payne, GPA Associates, UK; Mr. Opiata Odindo, Hakijami, Kenya; Mr. Humphrey Otieno, Nairobi Peoples Settlement Network, Kenya; Ms. Lay Lee Tang, Hakijamii, Australia, Mr. Morten Wasstøl, Political advisor to the Norwegian Minister of International Development and Environment, Norway (Keynote); Ms. Ayse Yonder, Pratt Institute, USA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER, 14.00-17.00

7 URBAN RESEARCHERS' ROUNDTABLE - Room:MR 303A

The objective of the Urban Researchers Roundtable is to explore the fundamental issues and policy challenges in one key dimension of sustainable urbanization that UN-HABITAT's normative work will need to address during the implementation of its strategic plan 2008-2013, namely, Cities and Climate Change. Four leading researchers in the area of cities and climate change have prepared substantive, research-based, papers for presentation and discussion at the roundtable.

Confirmed speakers: *Ms. Cynthia Awuor, African Centre for Technology Studies, Kenya; Prof. Xingpeng Chen, Lanzhou University, China; Dr. Winnie Mitullah, University of Nairobi and Chairperson, Global Research Network on Human Settlements (Chair); Dr. Mark Pelling, Kings College, London University; Professor David Simon, Royal Holloway College, London University; Dr. Graham Tipple, University of Newcastle and Vice-Chairperson, Global Research Network on Human Settlements (Facilitator)*

8 HABITAT PARTNER UNIVERSITIES ROUNDTABLE - Room: MR 303B

Norwegian University of Technology in collaboration with UN-HABITAT

The Habitat Partner University collaboration allows UN-HABITAT to enlarge its cooperation with institutions of higher education. The collaboration facilitates exchange and cooperation between universities around the world to build capacity and promote sustainable urban development. The objective of the roundtable is to identify, explore and further develop coordination and cooperation between the present and prospective Habitat Partner Universities. Organized by the Norwegian University of Technology, the event brings together partner universities from across the globe, under the joint Chairmanship of Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden, and Tongji University, China.

SPECIAL SESSIONS

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4,
09.00 -12.00**

PRIVATE SECTOR CONSULTATION - CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDA HARMONIOUS CITIES (By invitation)

- Room: MR 302

This session will bring together businesses committed to corporate responsibility, improving the lives of the urban poor and those working towards harmonious cities. The meeting will discuss whether Bottom of the Pyramid approaches can work for the urban poor, affordable technologies and business models for slums and informal settlements, climate change models for sustainable urbanization, and responsible business practice.

Confirmed speakers: Mr. Gordon Feller, CEO, Urban Age Institute (rapporteur); Dominique Héron, Senior Executive, Veolia Environment; Ramin Keivani, Oxford Brookes University; Mrs. Inga Klevby, Assistant Secretary General, United Nations and Deputy Executive Director of UN-HABITAT; J. Gary Lawrence, Urban Strategy Leader, Arup; Meisheng Nie, President, China Real Estate Chamber of Commerce; Bill Reinert, Senior Executive, Toyota; Eduardo Sevilla, Global Housing Foundation; Edmundo Werna, International Labour Organisation

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UN-HABITAT LECTURE AWARD AND LAUNCH OF URBAN WORLD

- Room: MF Hall 2

The Global Research Network on Human Settlements (HS-Net)

The UN-HABITAT Lecture Award recognizes outstanding and sustained contribution to research and thinking in the human settlements field. The Award winner is presented with a cash prize and commemorative plaque. Upon selection, the Award winner is invited to deliver a thought-provoking lecture at one of UN-HABITAT's international events. The Award rotates regionally every year with the 2008 Award focusing on the Asia Pacific region. This year's Award goes to Professor Anthony Gar-On Yeh of the University of Hong Kong who delivers his lecture GIS as a Planning Support System for Harmonious Cities. During the session, the new flagship magazine of UN-HABITAT, Urban World will also be launched by the Executive Director, Ms. Anna Tibajiuka.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4,
14.00-16.00**

HARMONY IN THE RAPID PROCESS OF URBANIZATION

- Room: Zhongshan Ballroom

Jiangsu Province

THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT IN HOUSING FINANCE SYSTEMS: THE SUB-PRIME MORTGAGE CRISIS – IMPLICATIONS, LESSONS AND OPTIONS

- Room: MR 413

UN-HABITAT

This special session discusses the current housing finance crisis and its impacts on the global housing sector and affordable housing and economy. It examines the underlying factors and evolution of the sub-prime crisis and its spreading, and the major players in the crisis, particularly the role of government, government-sponsored enterprises and specialised housing finance institutions and innovative funding instruments. Will the bailout plan bring an end to the crisis or to the Dollar hegemony? The special session will discuss lessons and options under the crisis and implications of extended government intervention in the housing finance market.

WEDNESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER
09.00 - 12.00

CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS CONSULTATION - Room: MR 302

UN-HABITAT

The theme of the Consultation is Civil Society: Partner and Catalyst for Sustainable Urbanization and Harmonious Cities. The meeting will provide a platform for Civil Society Organizations representatives to discuss issues of sustainable urbanization and the goal of harmonious cities; it will also promote Civil Society Organizations' capacity in these areas. The first part of the Consultation will consist of a presentation of current urban issues and trends mainly taken from the State of the World's Cities Report 2008/2009. During the second part, UN-HABITAT will present a Civil Society strategy paper for discussion and comments. The third part of the session will be reserved for CSO issues arising from WUF4.

CHALLENGES FACED BY INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN URBAN AREAS - Room: MR 303A

The Government of Canada, in collaboration with UN-HABITAT

Indigenous peoples are particularly vulnerable to discrimination and often hindered from fully participating in the social, political and economic spheres of the city. In addition, environmental challenges, notably the effect of climate change on traditional territories, can have a particularly negative impact on livelihoods, contributing to increased migration to urban areas. This event brings together indigenous peoples' representatives, governments, UN agencies, academics and NGOs to

discuss the role of local authorities in addressing challenges facing indigenous peoples in urban areas and to identify priority areas for tool development to support national and local authorities in responding to indigenous people's issues.

UN-HABITAT GENDER EQUALITY ACTION PLAN - Room: MR 301

UN-HABITAT and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway

Cities and towns are growing rapidly. These cities face enormous challenges that include rising unemployment, poverty, lack of affordable housing and secure tenure, infrastructure and access to basic facilities. Recent studies conducted by UN-HABITAT show that the degree of deprivation experienced by the world's one billion slum dwellers is often higher and that the most vulnerable among the slum dwellers are women and young girls. To meet this challenge, UN-HABITAT is developing a Gender Equality Action Plan. This consultative event brings together Donors, National and Local Governments, NGOs, grassroots women organizations, professional institutes and other stakeholders to identify the priority areas for UN-HABITAT gender equality action plan and provide inputs to the draft framework prepared.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5,
14.00-17.00

DECENT WORK IN THE URBANIZED WORLD: BUILDING SUSTAINABLE CITIES – THE DECENT WORK AGENDA IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR - Room: MF Hall 2

MF Hall 2

International Labour Organization (ILO) and Building and Wood Workers International (BWI)

The construction sector contributes significantly to the economy and employment of cities. Building workers make and shape our cities. This session will facilitate dialogue between building workers, employers and local authorities to promote their role and improve their working conditions. It will highlight the role of building workers in the creation of sustainable cities. It will highlight working conditions of construction and migrant workers and stimulate debate on how to improve these conditions to meet national and international norms and standards. The role of local authorities and other stakeholders in promoting sustainable building and the decent work agenda within the construction sector through appropriate instruments such as labour standards and procurement policies will be discussed. Notable speakers representing labour, employers and local government will share their perspectives and experiences.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6,
11.00 - 12.00

FROM CHINA TO BRAZIL
- Room: Auditorium

SIDE AND SPECIAL EVENTS

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3,
14.00-15.00**

TRAINING EVENTS ORGANIZERS' MEETING (By invitation only)

- Room: MR 200

UN-HABITAT

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3,
17.00-18.30**

WUF CAMPAIGN PREPARATORY MEETING (By invitation only)

- Room: MR 205

UN-HABITAT

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4,
09.00-11.00**

WATER AND SANITATION FOR HARMONIOUS CITIES

- Room: MR 301

Society for the Preservation of Water and UN-HABITAT

The event aims at explaining the concepts of Human values-based water, sanitation and hygiene education. It will share experiences from different regions in responsive values-based public policy formulation. Educating everyone from schoolchildren to adults on water and sanitation related matters creates a proper sense of and helps improve service delivery by reducing wastage. The Society for the Preservation of Water in Thailand in cooperation with UN-HABITAT, under the Water for Asian Cities Programme, has been working to build new ethics on water use and sanitation.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4,
12.30-14.00**

CAMPAIGNING FOR A BETTER URBAN WORLD - Room: MR 201

UN-HABITAT

UN-HABITAT and its partners are launching a new global campaign to promote better cities for all. At a time of global financial crisis, the campaign takes on a special sense of urgency in the drive to reduce urban poverty, cut back on fuel, pollute the air less, and promote cleaner, safer, greener cities where all feel they belong, whether rich or poor. As humanity now moves into a new urban era, the idea is to take these urgent issues as campaign themes to exploit the combined power and influence of governments, local authorities, the media, business, and others to achieve policy change, bring in new thinking and awareness of the importance of living in a better urban world. In short, to consider urbanisation as something positive and wonderful, as something that can enhance humanity's greatest legacy – our cities.

HABITAT EXCHANGE

- Room: MR 209

University of British Columbia, Canada and UN-HABITAT

The Habitat Exchange is the result of an agreement between UN-HABITAT and the University of British Columbia to Turn Ideas into Action through the online sharing of practical, innovative and adaptable urban resources. The Habitat Exchange is an online venue for governments, NGO's, academics and civil society to share and discuss tool kits, best practices, manuals, action plans and other resources being used in the quest for more ecologically sound and

socially equitable urbanization. This event will demonstrate the intent and functionality of the Habitat Exchange website and explore future directions for greater information sharing.

UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (ESCAP) AND PARTNERS (invitation only)

- Room: MR 303A

UNESCAP

UNESCAP is the chair of the Regional Consultative Meeting on Good Urban Governance, which convenes annually to share experiences and identify common areas of work. This meeting has been operating since 2000, usually in conjunction with another event, bringing together regional agencies and programmes that work on urban issues in Asia. The meeting is an opportunity to exchange information about activities and to update the partner agencies on current and future regional activities and to find mechanisms for complementing or reinforcing each other's work for the promotion of good urban governance and eradication of urban poverty.

SUSTAINABLE CITIES PROGRAMME /LOCALIZING AGENDA 21 ACHIEVEMENTS AND OUTLOOK (By invitation only) - Room: MR 303B

UN-HABITAT

CHALLENGES FOR CHINA AND ASIA UNDER THE GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS - Room: MR 301
(Chinese language only)

UN-HABITAT

This event will discuss the current housing finance crisis and its impacts on China and Asia. It examines the underlying factors and evolution of the sub-prime crisis and its spreading, and the major players in the crisis, its wide implications for Chinese and Asian housing markets and real estate development. How can China, Asia and developing countries respond to the crisis? How China and Asia can contribute to reconstructing a new global financial system?

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4,
18.30-20.00**

TAKING THE GENDER MECHANISM FURTHER: WHAT DOES UPSCALING MEAN FOR GRASSROOTS WOMEN? (By invitation only) - Room: MR 206

UN-HABITAT

This event will unpack the issue of upscaling land tools- which has shown to have different meanings to different stakeholders. Key relevant concepts around upscaling will be drawn from a recently prepare paper on the theme for GLTN, and a discussion will follow by 10-15 grassroots women's representatives.

RECEPTION: LAUNCH OF THE OPPORTUNITIES FUND FOR URBAN YOUTH LED DEVELOPMENT

- Room: Zhongshan Ballroom

UN-HABITAT and the Government of Norway

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5,
09.00-11.00**

EXPERT GROUP MEETING ON INTERNATIONAL GUIDELINES ON ACCESS TO BASIC SERVICES FOR ALL GC RES. 21/5 (By invitation only) - Room: MR 303B

UN-HABITAT

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5,
12.30-14.00**

TAKING THE GENDER MECHANISM FURTHER: HOW CAN GRASSROOTS WOMEN BE INVOLVED IN PILOTING EVALUATION CRITERIA? (By invitation only)

- Room: MR 206

UN-HABITAT

This side event will present the evaluation criteria on gender-responsive land tools that have been discussed through a 5-week e-forum running from 8 September-15 October 2008 on the GLTN website (www.glttn.net). A short brochure will be available on the theme. The question to discuss is what to do next, from a grassroots perspective, in testing and using this evaluation criteria. The side event will include a short presentation followed by discussion by 10-15 grassroots women's representatives

LAUNCH OF STATE OF THE RUSSIAN CITIES REPORT AND BOOK LAUNCH OF CHINA'S URBANIZATION: PATTERN PROCESS AND MECHANISM

- Room: MR 302

The Ministry for Regional Development of Russia, the National Natural Science Foundation of China, the Doctoral Programmes Foundation of the State Ministry of Education of China and UN-HABITAT.

The State of Russian Cities Report is an outcome of joint UN-HABITAT and the Ministry for Regional Development of Russia activities. Its aim is monitoring the living environment in Russian Cities under conditions of on-going transformation. The Report's assessment of the current situation is contrasted with a retrospective analysis. It highlights achievements and challenges in implementation of Habitat Agenda and MDG in Russian cities. The Report also presents findings of a pilot Local Urban Observatories in four Russian cities working in collaboration with and under the guidance of National Urban Observatory closely linked to UN-HABITAT Global Urban Observatory and Regional and Technical Cooperation Division.

The book entitled China's Urbanization: Pattern Process and Mechanism is based on the Study on the Types, Process, and Mechanism of China's Urbanization, a key project sponsored by the National Natural Science Foundation of China and PhD Programs Foundation of the State Ministry of Education of China. It examines the patterns, processes, and mechanisms of China's urbanization from multiple perspectives.

CITIES: KEY PLAYERS FOR ADDRESSING THE CAUSES OF HEALTH INEQUITIES

- Room: MR 303B

World Health Organisation

In many developing countries, slum dwellers live less healthy lives and die younger than people in more affluent areas and even rural populations. However, the health of urban populations is not only a measure of urban inequities and therefore a measure of how well a city functions but it is the ultimate measure of human welfare. This side event will introduce the findings of the Knowledge Network on Urban Settings which provided the substantive inputs to the report of the WHO Commission on the Social Determinants of Health which will be launched on 7 November 2008. The sessions will also provide an overview of the importance of health indicators to measure the wellbeing of cities and introduce case studies of cities tackling the underlying causes of ill health.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 18:30 – 20:00

COCKTAIL RECEPTION

- Room: Zhongshan Ballroom

Nanjing Women's Federation and UN-HABITAT

The Nanjing Women's Federation and UN-HABITAT warmly welcome partners and delegates to a reception to celebrate the deliberations held on gender equality, women's rights and sustainable urbanization at the Fourth Session of World Urban Forum. Join us to share ideas, strengthen partnerships and promote the goal of inclusive development with leading experts, networks and organizations from around the world throughout this social evening

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 09.00-11.00

CITIES ALLIANCE AND UN-HABITAT (Invitation only)

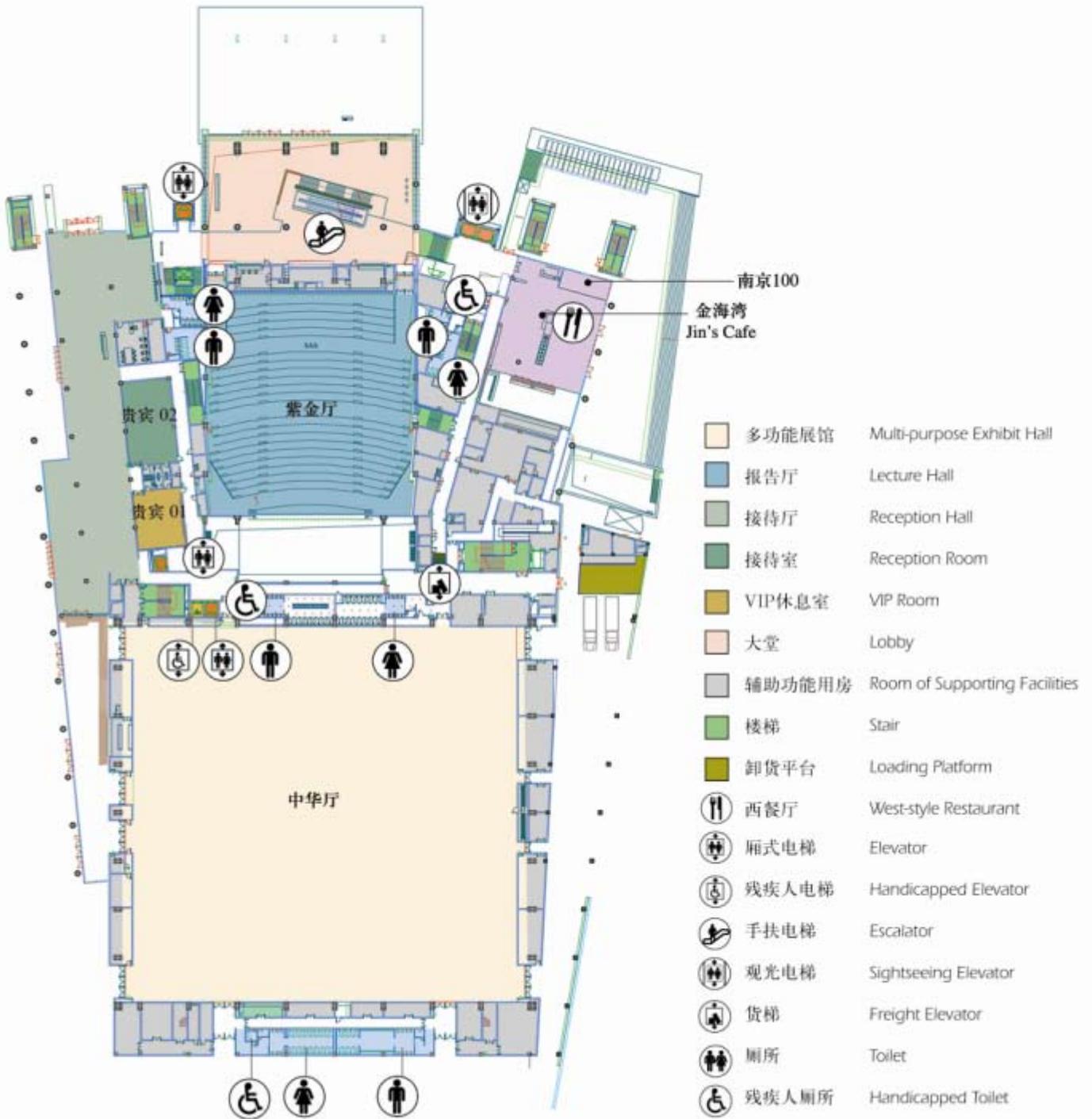
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Cities Alliance and UN-HABITAT

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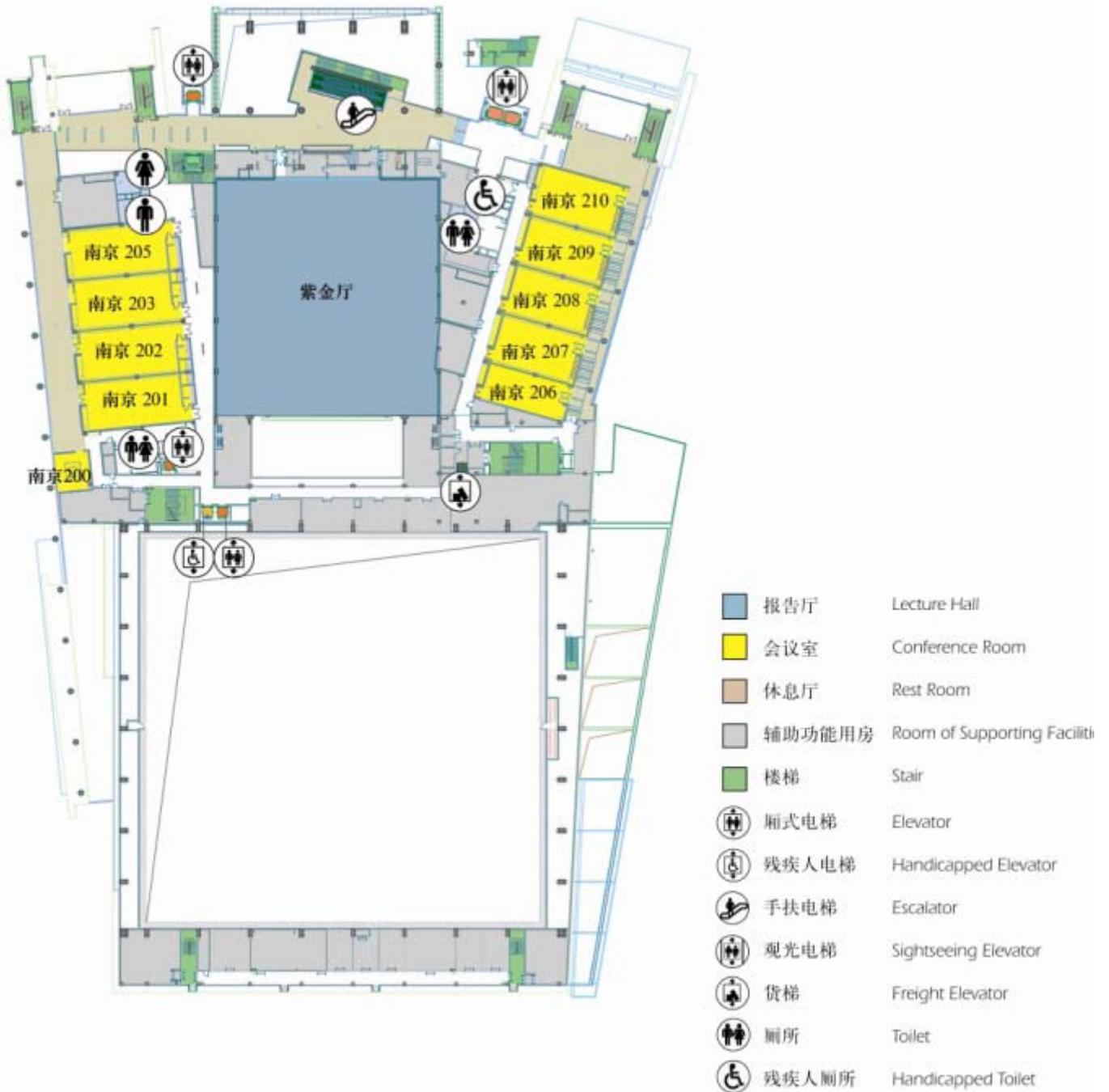
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FLOOR 2



FLOOR 3



FLOOR 4

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- 包间 Private Room
- 辅助功能用房 Room of Supporting Facilities
- 楼梯 Stair
- 厢式电梯 Elevator
- 残疾人电梯 Handicapped Elevator
- 厕所 Toilet
- 残疾人厕所 Handicapped Toilet

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