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**61ST REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVES TO UNITED NATIONS HUMAN SETTLEMENTS PROGRAMME
15 JUNE 2016**

**Item 5: Briefing to the CPR on the status of preparations for
Habitat III and PrepCom III**

HSP/CPR/61/5



BRIEF SUMMARY: HABITAT III PROCESS IN APRIL AND MAY 2016

The last Habitat III regional meeting took place in Toluca, Mexico, from 18 to 20 April 2016. It was the last one of a series of Habitat III regional and thematic meetings all over the world since September 2015: Tel Aviv, Montreal, Cuenca, Jakarta, Abu Dhabi, Abuja, Mexico City, Prague, Barcelona, Pretoria and the last one in Toluca. More details on these activities and other substantively notable milestones are described below.

Thematic meeting on Informal Settlements in Pretoria, South Africa, on the 7th and 8th April.

This meeting explored approaches and strategies in the inter-related areas of tenure security and housing, livelihoods, safety, and governance. Planning and policy interventions aimed at improving the living conditions of informal settlements dwellers face key challenges, such as tenure security, land availability, provision of infrastructure, services, and socio-economic facilities, availability of appropriate construction materials and building technologies, poverty, high unemployment, and vulnerability. This culminated to a [declaration](#) on informal settlements as a contribution to the New Urban Agenda.

Thematic meeting on Public spaces in Barcelona, Spain, on the 4th and 5th April. This meeting on Public Spaces in Barcelona was an opportunity for discussions and inputs among global leaders and stakeholders in the field of urban development. In the [declaration](#), public spaces are critical for environmental sustainability and promote the use of public transportation, biking, and walking, reducing pollution levels in cities. Inclusive design and management strategies can be adopted to ensure human development, building peaceful and democratic societies and promoting cultural diversity, all of which help shape the New Urban Agenda for a sustainable urban future.

Open-ended Informal Consultative Meetings, New York, USA, from 25th to 29th April. Aligned with the vision for the preparatory process and for the Conference to be carried out in an inclusive, efficient, effective, and improved manner, the General Assembly, in its resolution A/70/210, decided to organize five days of open-ended informal consultative meetings before the submission of the draft outcome in order to provide opportunity for feedback on the conclusions of the Habitat III Policy Units and the Regional and Thematic meetings. The meeting participants included over 60 Policy Unit experts and representatives from co-lead organization.

Publication of the Zero Draft of the New Urban Agenda on 6th May 2016. The concerted efforts of the Habitat III Bureau together with contributions in the form of declarations from both regional and thematic meetings enabled the drafting of the Zero draft of the New Urban Agenda. The Habitat III zero draft was submitted on 6 May 2016 by the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee, and was discussed at the session of the informal intergovernmental negotiations and informal hearings with local authorities associations in May 2016. It will be discussed again with the civil society organizations in June, and July 2016, as decided by the General Assembly resolution [A/70/210](#).

Urban Breakfasts Series, New York, USA, on 31 March 2016, 21 April 2016 and 19 May 2016; Geneva, Switzerland, on 9 May 2016. Urban Breakfasts Series are held by the Habitat III Secretariat in collaboration with various esteemed partners every month all over the world. The main goal of the Urban Breakfasts is to create a platform for knowledge-sharing and to encourage an informal discussion on the challenges of sustainable urban development as well as key priorities to take into account in the New Urban Agenda. The Urban Breakfasts Series in New York (Urban Thursday Breakfast) are organized in collaboration with the Ford Foundation and are held every third Thursday of the month. The Urban Thursday Breakfast introduces and discusses the regional perspectives of urban development with the participation of key speakers from national governments, local authorities, academia, civil society, UN agencies and other stakeholders. The Urban Thursday Breakfast (New York) in March 2016 was discussing the urban development of Small Island States, in April 2016 – challenges of sustainable urban development in Europe, and urban development in North America in May 2016. The Urban Breakfast Series around the world concentrate on other cross-cutting topics related to urban development as well, for example, the Breakfast in Geneva (9 May 2016) was focused on humanitarian aid and human rights in the New Urban Agenda.

Habitat III Urban Walks, New York, USA, 15 May 2016 and 18 May 2016. The Habitat III Urban Walks is an initiative launched by the Habitat III Secretariat in May 2016. The Habitat III Urban Walks are organized in collaboration with local partners with the goal of sharing the best practices of urban design and governance in New York City as well as showcasing how the New Urban Agenda can be translated to real life in cities. The Habitat III Urban Walks aim to initiate a discussion on urban planning and the challenges of sustainable urban development while demonstrating the successful planning tools to the attention of the audience. The Urban Walks are designed to attract various audiences, including local authorities, representatives of member states, high-level officials, stakeholders and other interested parties. The first Urban Walk (15 May 2016) was organized in collaboration with Community Access, and focused on the topic of 'Housing and Public Spaces: Historic New York City Neighborhood in Transition', while demonstrating the achievements of Lower East Side, Manhattan. The Urban Walk on 18 May in collaboration with Huairou Commission introduced the topic of 'Participatory Planning within Pressures of Inequality' in Williamsburg, Brooklyn.

Informal Hearings with Local Authorities Associations, New York, 16-17 May 2016. Conforming to the decision of the General Assembly in its resolution A/70/210, the Informal Hearings with Local Authorities Associations were convened on 16 and 17 May 2016 with the participation of more than 130 local authorities' representatives and over 30 elected mayors. This was the first time in the history of the United Nations when the consultative process recognizes and treats the sub-national governments as a specific consistency, providing a platform for a dialogue between national, regional and local government.

Informal Intergovernmental Meetings, New York, USA, from 18 to 20 May 2016. The Informal Intergovernmental Meetings in New York were aligned with the decision of the General Assembly in its resolution A/70/210. The main objective of the first Informal Intergovernmental negotiations on the zero draft was to invite member states to provide general comments and views on the zero draft, receive initial reactions and comments on other chapters of the draft as well as discuss the next steps, such as the modalities of the next informal intergovernmental negotiations taking place in June and July.



Technical Briefing

Nairobi, June 2016



Habitat III preparatory process

- Technical inputs process ended in April 2016 after the organization/preparation of 4 Habitat III regional meetings, 7 Habitat III thematic meetings, 10 policy papers and 22 issue papers.
- Thousands of experts have directly participated in the regional and thematic meetings.
- On-line dialogues were held in parallel allowing wider participation.
- The Policy Papers were elaborated by 20 co-leaders and 200 experts from all over the world. UN-Habitat co-led the Policy Unit 3 on National Urban Policies jointly with OCDE.
- The United Nations Task Team on Habitat III (H3UNTT) is composed by more than 25 UN agencies and programmes and it has met nearly monthly since January 2015 with two workshops in New York in May 2015 (finalization of Issue Papers) and April 2016 (inputs to the preparations of the draft outcome document). UN-Habitat led the preparations of 19 of the 22 Issue Papers.
- Several United Nations Expert Group Meetings within the H3UNTT have been organized or will be organized in the next weeks: Human Rights (OHCHR), Food Security (FAO), Gender (UN Women and UN-Habitat), Land (UN-Habitat), Migration (IOM), Safer Cities (UN-Habitat), Driving Smart Sustainable Cities Worldwide (ITU)
- UN Regional Commissions and UN-Habitat Regional offices have elaborated the Habitat III Regional Reports.



Thematic meetings

Thematic Meetings



Civic Engagement

Tel-Aviv, Israel
7 September 2015

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Metropolitan Areas

Montreal, Canada
6-7 October 2015

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Intermediate Cities

Cuenca, Ecuador
9-11 November 2015

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Sustainable Energy and Cities

Abu Dhabi, UAE
20 January 2016

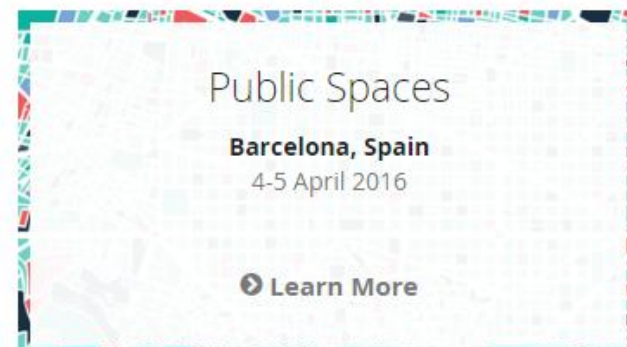
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Financing Urban Development

Mexico City, Mexico
9-11 March 2016

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Public Spaces

Barcelona, Spain
4-5 April 2016

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Informal Settlements

Pretoria, South Africa
7-8 April 2016


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Regional meetings

Regional Meetings

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21-22 October 2015
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Caribbean
Toluca, Mexico
18-20 April 2016
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Intersessional process

CALENDAR APRIL-JULY 2016

25-29 APRIL

Open-ended
informal
consultative
meetings

16-20 MAY

16-17 May
Informal hearings
with local
authorities
associations

18-20 May

Informal
intergovernmental
meetings

Submission
DRAFT ZERO

6-10 JUNE

6-7 June
Informal hearings
with stakeholders

8-10 June

Informal
intergovernmental
meetings

29 JUNE-1 JULY

Informal
intergovernmental
meetings

HABITAT III
CONFERENCE
New Urban Agenda
17-20 OCTOBER

SURABAYA
PREPCOM3
25-27 JULY



Open-ended informal consultative meetings



Open-ended informal consultative meetings

25 to 29 April 2016, United Nations Headquarters, NY

- More than 500 participants
- Discussion led by the Habitat III Policy Units as well as the host countries/cities of the regional and thematic meetings
- All information regarding the open-ended meetings at: <https://www.habitat3.org>
- UN TV Webcast
- Report from IISD at <http://www.iisd.ca/habitat/3/oeicm/>



Zero draft and informal hearings



Zero Draft

- Submitted by the Co-Chairs on 6 May 2016
- Prepared on the basis of inputs from broad regional and thematic consultations, as well as the policy recommendations elaborated by the policy units and comments thereon received by participating states and all stakeholders
- Available at www.habitat3.org/zerodraft
- On-line Urban Dialogue in parallel with the informal inter-governmental meetings and stakeholders hearings
- Moderated by the United Nations Task Team on Habitat III



Urban Dialogue on the Zero Draft



Informal hearings with local authorities

16 and 17 May 2016, United Nations Headquarters, NY

- More than 130 representatives of local authorities, 30 elected mayors
- Opened by the UN Deputy Secretary-General and the Secretary-General of the Conference
- Key note speech by Julian Castro, Secretary of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Panels led by the Global Task Force on Local and Regional Governments
- UNACLA session coordinated by UCLG and UN-Habitat
- All information regarding the hearings at: <https://www.habitat3.org>
- UN TV Webcast
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Informal intergovernmental negotiations

- General comments to the zero draft by member states
- Next informal intergovernmental negotiations on 8 to 10 June 2016 and 29-30 June and 1 July 2016

Informal hearings with stakeholders

- On 6 and 7 June 2016



PrepCom3 Surabaya



The third session of the Preparatory Committee of the third United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)—**PrepCom3**—will be held in Surabaya, Indonesia, from Monday, 25 July to Wednesday, 27 July 2016.

PrepCom1 was held in New York, at the United Nations Headquarters, from Wednesday, 17 September to Thursday, 18 September 2014.

PrepCom2 was held in Nairobi, Kenya, from Tuesday, 14 April to Thursday, 16 April 2015.



PrepCom3 Preparations

- Letter of convocation sent to all Permanent missions in New York
- Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations are invited to confirm the participation of their Governments before 15 June 2016
- LDCs participation supported (one delegate per LDC)
- Side events call open on 15 April and deadline on 15 June 2016
- Exhibition information available on the website



Venue

PrepCom3 will be held in Surabaya, Indonesia, from Monday, 25 July to Wednesday, 27 July 2016 at the Convention and Exhibition Hall Grand City Convex Surabaya, while certain parallel events might occur at another location before and after PrepCom3. Venue of the meeting is located 22 km from the Juanda International Airport.

Side Events

Side events were an important element of PrepCom1 and PrepCom2, as well as all Habitat III Regional and Thematic Meetings held in 2015 and 2016, and as such will be organized in July during the PrepCom3 in Surabaya, Indonesia.

Side Events provide a platform for governments, civil society organizations, private sector, community representatives, international and national organizations, academia, international and regional finance institutions, and other United Nations entities to debate, showcase, or present their views on housing and sustainable urban development.

[Application deadline is 15 June 2016.](#)



Parallel Events

Parallel events related to housing and sustainable urbanization will take place within and outside the PrepCom3 venue. During PrepCom3, all stakeholders, programmes and projects, as well as global and regional networks of partners, can use this opportunity to meet and advance the debate on the New Urban Agenda.

Parallel events can take place shortly before or after PrepCom3 (i.e., 24 July or earlier; 28 July or later).

Parallel events being held during the days of PrepCom3 should be scheduled during intervals that are not in conflict with the PrepCom3 plenary sessions.

[Application deadline is 15 June 2016.](#)



Exhibition

Member states, stakeholders, and organizations advocating housing and sustainable urban development are invited to participate at the exhibition, which aims to inspire visitors to consider the overall theme of housing and sustainable urban development while learning about many new urban initiatives.

Application deadline is 15 June 2016.





Surabaya, Indonesia

Quito 2016



Stakeholders' Forum – Quito Forum

From 15 to 23 October 2016

- Side Events
- Networking Events
- Training Events
- Parallel Events
- Dialogues
- Youth Assembly
- Children Assembly
- Women Assembly
- Business Sector Assembly
- Mayors Assembly
- Special Sessions
- Urban Talks
- One UN
- Habitat III Film Festival



Stakeholders' Forum – Quito Forum

- Call for Side Events
 - Open: 11 April 2016
 - Deadline: Extended up to 15 June 2016
 - Selection: 30 July 2016

- Networking Events
 - Open: 11 April 2016
 - Deadline: Extended up to 15 June 2016
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- Training Events
 - Open: 15 June 2016
 - Deadline: 15 July 2016
 - Selection: 1 August 2016

- Habitat III Film Festival
 - Open: 15 June 2016
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Expo Habitat and Habitat Village



HABITAT III VILLAGE

Submit your proposal to show innovations
and urban solutions in the streets of Quito

[Find out more](#)



ADECUACIÓN CASA DE LA CULTURA ECUATORIANA

CARACTERÍSTICAS GENERALES



Área Total

85.000 m²



Casa de
la Cultura
Ecuatoriana

50.000 m²

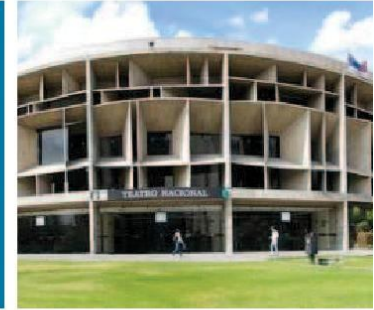


Parque
El Arbolito

35.000 m²



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19 May
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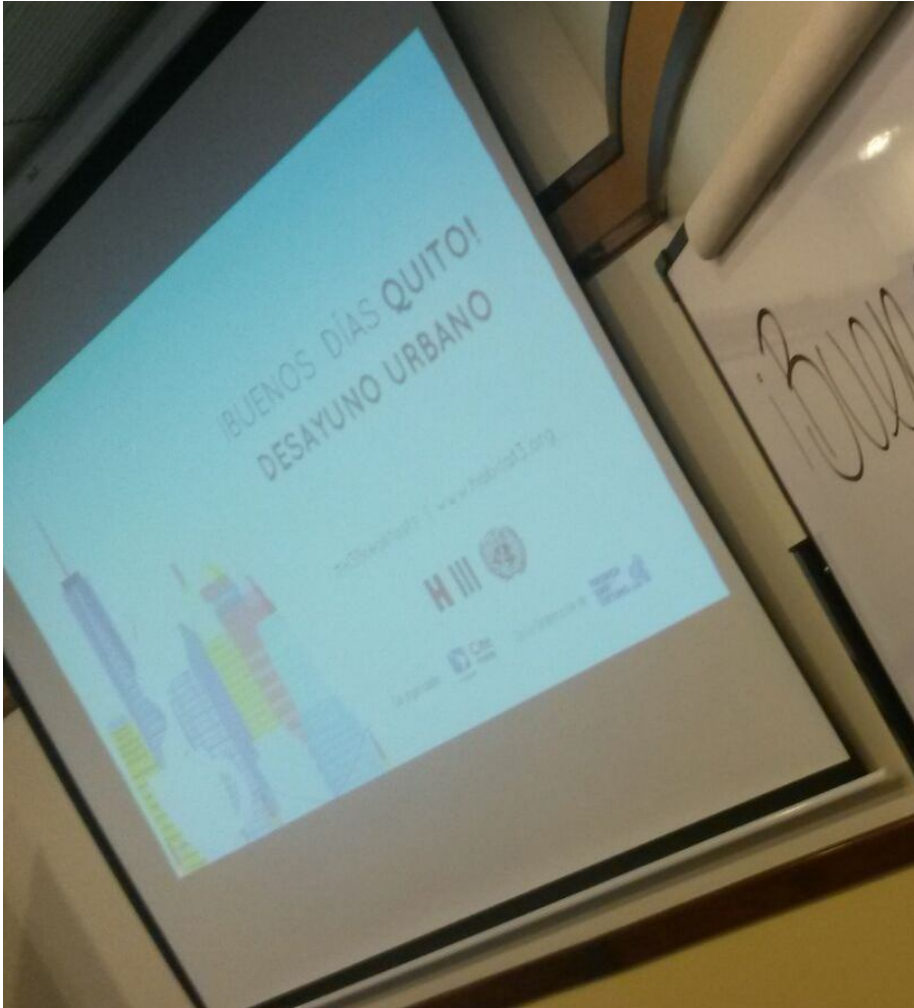
Good morning **Paris!**

Good morning **Geneva!**









Buenos días
Quito!

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