



5th World Urban Forum

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The Right to the City-Bridging the Urban Divide



Nine years of the City Statute

With the aim of encouraging debate on the processes involved in building the City Statute and implementing it over a period of nine years, as a major endeavour to confront and deal with social inequality in Brazil's cities, the Cities Alliance, jointly with the Ministry of Cities, is pleased to announce the online event "Nine Years of the City Statute in Brazil".

In addition to analysing the importance of the regulatory and urbanistic frameworks designed to confront the many and varied urban shortcomings in Brazilian cities, it is hoped that this debate will draw international attention to the Statute and provide opportunities for assessing the potential and limitations for replicating its proposals in other countries.

This event is one of the results of the highly successful partnership forged between the Cities Alliance and the Ministry. It is basically an extension of the material contained in the publication "The City Statute in Brazil: A Commentary", which will be launched at the 5th World Urban Forum. The publication describes the content and process of elaboration of the Statute, as well as the political, social and economic background against which the relevant legislation was formulated and is now being implemented.

Date: 22 March, 4.30 – 6.30 pm.

**Venue: Avenida Rodrigues Alves, Armazém 2,
Rio de Janeiro (near to Praça Mauá, City Centre)
World Urban Forum
Room W3 - 19 – NE22**



**Publication: The City Statute in Brazil : A Commentary
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Inauguration: Celso Santos Carvalho, Deputy National Secretary for Urban Programmes – Ministry of Cities
William Cobbett, Director-General – Cities Alliance

Coordination: Kumari Selja, Minister of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation – Government of India. (tbc)

"The Statute of the Peripheral City " - Prof. Ermínia Maricato, LabHab/USP (Brazil).

"The Statute of the Cities: Potential for Replications in Latin America" – Prof. Carlos H. Morales-Schechinger, IHS - Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (Mexico).

"Land and infrastructure in India" - Dr. Isher Ahluwalia, Chairperson - High-Powered Expert Committee on Estimation of Urban Infrastructure Investment Requirements, HPEC Secretariat - National Institute of Urban Affairs (India).

"Land Regulation and Potential for Replicating the Statute in South Africa" – Mr Sithole Mbanga, CEO – South African Cities Network.

"Land Regulation and Potential for Replicating the Statute in India" – Ms. Kiran Dhingra, Secretary - Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation - Government of India. (tbc)

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