

THE ROLE OF PARTNERSHIPS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW URBAN AGENDA

Exploring how joint action by national governments, local governments, and organised civil society can make cities more inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

A Side Event at the
Second Session of the Preparatory Committee for
the United Nations Conference on Housing and
Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)

Date: 14. April 2015

Time: 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Venue: United Nations Office at Nairobi (UNON) in Gigiri, Nairobi, Kenya

Hosts

The side event is hosted by the Cities Alliance Partnership consisting of UN-Habitat, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development (MFA), Shack/Slum Dwellers International (SDI), Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI), UK Department for International Development (DFID) and Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO).

About the Event

The proposed side event highlights the role of partnerships in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda. It will explore in practical terms how partnerships of national governments, local governments and the organised civil society can contribute to making cities more inclusive, resilient and sustainable. The side event will focus on how successful partnerships can be built to support good urban governance and inclusive planning, social development as well as inclusive economic development to create jobs and foster poverty reduction. The extensive experience from the broad spectrum of Cities Alliance members in supporting such partnerships approaches will provide an important contribution to shape the new urban agenda and the asset of inclusive partnerships for its implementation. The interventions as well as discussion with the audience will outline steps involved in building trust and common vision that makes such partnerships operational and successful, and reflect on the lessons learned.

About the Cities Alliance Joint Work Programme for Habitat III

Cities Alliance is a global partnership of local authorities, national governments, non-governmental organisations, foundations and multi-lateral organisations working together to ensure that cities increasingly are characterised by effective local government, active citizenship, and delivering improved and responsive services to the urban poor. It is as such, an example in itself of partnership across a spectrum of partners.

The Cities Alliance partnership has set up a Joint Work Programme to prepare inputs to the Habitat III Conference while discussing priorities and messages key to the Post-2015 Agenda. Outcomes from this side event will contribute to the discussion within the Habitat III preparatory process towards a New Urban Agenda and especially its implementation. The discussion will be facilitated by William Cobbett, Director of the Cities Alliance.

Panellists

- Mr. Alioune Badiane, Director of UN Habitat Project and Program Division, (**Facilitator**)
- Ms. Rubbina Karruna, Cities Advisor, Growth & Resilience Department, UK Department for International Development (DFID)
- Mr. Eric HUYBRECHTS, European & International Affairs Paris/Ile-de-France Regional planning Agency
- Ms Sarah Nandudu, Slum Dwellers International/Ugandan Slum Dwellers Federation
- National government representative, India (tbd)
- Mr. Michael Müller, governing Mayor of Berlin (tbc)
- Representative of United Cities And Local Government (tbd)

Working Agenda:

TIME	ITEMS AND SPEAKERS	NOTES AND KEY QUESTIONS
Facilitator: Alioune Badiane (UN Habitat)		
1. OPENING AND INTRODUCTIONS		
5 min	Welcoming by the Facilitator	- What is the CA and this Joint Work Programme? - What is the rationale of this Side Event? -Panel Introduction
2. THE ROLE OF PARTNERSHIPS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW URBAN AGENDA		
a. Creating platforms, mechanisms for national consultation and joint action		
5 min	National government representative, India (tbc)	Guiding key questions: How does India promote a dialogue on Cities and Urbanization?
5 min	Mr. Eric HUYBRECHTS, European & International Affairs Paris/Ile-de-France Regional planning Agency, France	Guiding key questions: How does the French Alliance for Cities and Territorial Development (PFVT) influence the French International Development Cooperation?
5 min	Ms. Rubbina Karruna, Cities Advisors, Growth & Resilience Department, UK Department for International Development (DFID)	Guiding key questions: What role do partnerships assume in promoting equitable economic growth in cities?
10 Min	Questions of Clarification from the floor	
b. Creating Inclusive Partnerships between Local authorities and Organized Civil Society		
5 min	Mr. Michael Müller, governing Mayor of Berlin (tbc)	Guiding key question: How do local policies in Berlin move towards a Socially Integrative City?
5 min	Representative of United Cities And Local Government (tbd)	Guiding key question: tbd
5 min	Ms Sarah Nandudu, Slum Dwellers International/Ugandan Slum Dwellers Federation	Guiding key question: What are the mechanisms and partnerships needed to increase the voice, policies and tools for an Inclusive City?
3. DISCUSSION AND CLOSING		
10 min	Questions & Answers, Comments <i>Plenary</i>	
5 min	Wrap-up and Closing by the Facilitator	

Note to Panellists

Please note that this Side Event will not make use of any visual presentations including PowerPoint Slides.