Local and regional governments’ contributions to Habitat III: priorities, expectations, and challenges for sustainable cities and territories
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Habitat III will be a key moment for Local and Regional Governments, as it will be charged with the definition of a shared vision of the “New Urban Agenda”, and it will most probably define many of the implementation mechanisms of the 2015 Summit Resolutions and Sustainable Development Goals.

The Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments for Post-2015 Agenda towards Habitat III (GTF) gathers local and regional government leaders and their global organisations in order to build a joint strategy to contribute to the international policy making debates towards Habitat III.

The side-event will provide the opportunity to reiterate the commitment of local authorities to contribute and it will provide indications of policy priorities, challenges experienced in the Habitat II outcomes implementation as well as presenting expectations of local and regional governments, their networks and partners towards the Habitat III agenda.

Building on the patrimony of the First Assembly of Local Authorities organised in Istanbul in 1996 during Habitat II, the Global Taskforce is a key bridge between the local leaders and the conference.

It puts the knowledge and hands on experience of the constituency and the capacity of the over 20 networks involved in the Taskforce to the service of the Conference in order to enrich the debates and provide sound consultation of the key Habitat partner that local authorities represent.

PROPOSED SPEAKERS

- Mauricio Rodas, Mayor of Quito, UCLG Co-President
- Cllr Philip McPhee, President, Caribbean Association of Local Government Authorities, Vice Chair of the Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF)
- William Cobbett, Director of Cities Alliance
- Annemarie Jorritsma, Mayor of Almere, President of VNG, President of CEMR
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