

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

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

CONCEPT NOTE

for a side event of the Cities Alliance Partnership
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: 13:30 - 14:30

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 function within three thematic areas: (i) urban governance and planning, (ii) social development as well as (ii) economic development for jobs and poverty reduction. The extensive experience from the broad spectrum of Cities Alliance members with supporting such partnerships will provide an important contribution to better understanding the “how” of implementing urban development efforts. The presentations 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.

Panelists:

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Working Agenda:

TIME	ITEMS AND SPEAKERS	NOTES AND KEY QUESTIONS
Facilitator: <i>tbd</i>		
1. OPENING AND INTRODUCTIONS		
5 min	Welcome	- Introduction to CA and JWP - Introduction to Partnership approach - Introduction of Panel
2. THE ROLE OF PARTNERSHIPS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW URBAN AGENDA		
a. Urban Governance and Planning in promoting an equal future for Women and men		
10 min	Partnership I Speakers: <i>tbd</i>	How have CA members built up partnerships in urban governance and planning and used them as strategies for inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable cities?
b. Inclusive and Social Development to promote equity		
10 min	Partnership II Speakers: <i>tbd</i>	How have CA members built up partnerships in social development and used them to make cities more inclusive and safe?
c. Economic Development for Jobs and Poverty Reduction		
10 min	Partnership III Speakers: <i>tbd</i>	How have CA members built up partnerships in economic development and used them for job creation and poverty reduction in cities?
3. DISCUSSION AND CLOSING		
20 min	Questions & Answers, Comments <i>Plenary</i>	
5 min	Wrap-up and Closing	