



New York Celebration

Monday, October 5, 2015
10:00am - 6:00pm
UN Headquarters - ECOSOC Chamber

The UN-Habitat, the Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization, the American Institute Architects New York, UN Women, the Institute of Global Homelessness, the United Cities and Local Governments and the Permanent Mission of Grenada to the United Nations join to host a high-level discussion, which will cover key developments in the area of public space design. In run up to the HABITAT III Conference, and following the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals, innovative solutions are necessary in an era of ever increasing urbanization.

In celebration of World Habitat Day 2015, cities around the world will celebrate by organizing events addressing *Public Spaces for All* exploring it through the lens of Sustainable Development Goal 11, *Making Cities and Human Settlements, Safe, Resilient and Sustainable* and Target 7 on *Public Spaces*. The objectives are:

- 1) To show the relationship between public space design and sustainable urbanization
- 2) To propose innovations and best practices in the area of public space design
- 3) To highlight the need for policies as well as innovative, replicable solutions, ideas, concepts, and approaches that can be used in different contexts for public space design; and,
- 4) To identify design ideas, concepts and approaches that are replicable.

Event in New York

This event will bring together high-level experts and representatives from national and local governments, non-governmental organizations, institutes, foundations and industry, who will present case studies from around the world on public spaces.

Please join us on this day to raise awareness about key human settlement and urbanization issues.

For security reasons, all participants must be pre-registered and on the official RSVP list.

Please RSVP to EVENT BRITE:

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/world-habitat-day-2015-tickets-18073760103>

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AGENDA

World Habitat Day 2015 New York: Public Spaces for All

Monday 5 October

ECOSOC Chamber, United Nations Headquarters, New York

10:00 Registration

10:40 Welcome Remarks

- **World Habitat Day Messages** by
 - **Secretary-General**
 - **Vice-President of ECOSOC**
 - **Executive Director of UN-Habitat**

10:55 Keynote Address

- **Mr. Daniel Libeskind**, Architect

11:10 Remarks

- **H.E. Mr. Denis G. Antoine**, Permanent Representative of Grenada to the UN
- **H.E. Mr. Sebastiano Cardi**, Permanent Representative of Italy to the UN,
- **H.E. Mr. Antonio de Aguiar Patriota**, Permanent Representative of Brazil to the UN
- **H.E. Ms. Katalin Bogyay**, Permanent Representative of Hungary to the UN
- **Ms. Lakshmi Puri**, Deputy Executive Director of UN-Women

11:30 Introduction of Panel Discussions

- **H.E. Mr. Talal Abu Ghazaleh, Chairman, TAG** on private sector partnerships
- **Ms. Aliye P. Celik**, PhD, President CSU, UCLG Representative in New York

11.36 Panel 1

Moderator:

- **Prof. Lance Jay Brown**, FAIA, ACSA Distinguished Professor, Spitzer School of Architecture, City College of New York (CCNY); Past President, AIA New York

Panellists:

- **Mr. Mitchel J. Silver**, FAICP, Commissioner of Parks and recreation NYC
- **Prof. Saskia Sassen**, Columbia University
- **Mr. Tomas Rossant**, FAIA, 2015 President, AIA New York Chapter
- **Dr. Alfred Chanza**, Acting Chief Executive Officer for the Council of Belantyre, Malawi; Representative of the UCLG Committee on Strategic Planning
- **Prof. Eugenie Birch**, Chair UN-HABITAT's World Urban Campaign

Discussion

12.40 Keynote Address

- **Mr. Orhan Pamuk**, Nobel laureate in literature



13.00 Lunch break

14:30 Panel 2

Moderator:

- **Prof. Urs Gauchat**, Dean, College of Architecture & Design, New Jersey Institute of Technology

Panellists:

- **Prof. Michael Van Valkenburgh**, Landscape Architect and Educator
- **Prof. Krzysztof Wodiczko**, Harvard University
- **Mr. Darren David**, CEO Stimulant
- **Ms. Tsipi Ben-Haim**, Executive and Creative Director of CITYarts
- **Ms. Anastasia Posadskaya-Vanderbeck**, Global Advisor and Manager of UN Women's Flagship Initiative - Safe Cities Free of Violence for Women and Girls

Discussion

16.00 Panel 3

Moderator:

- **Ms. Kat Johnson**, Institute of Global Homelessness

Panellists:

- **Prof. Paul Romer**, Director, Marron Institute of Urban Management
- **Dr. James L. Walls, Jr**, Mayor of the City of District Heights, Maryland
- **Prof. David Burney**, Pratt Institute
- **Prof. Dennis Culhane**, University of Pennsylvania

Discussion

17.30 Concluding remarks

- **Ms. Yamina Djacta**, Director New York Liaison Office UN-Habitat

