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Conference Programme

CITIES CONFERENCE

Implementing the New Urban Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean

Location: ECLAC, Santiago, Chile

2 - 6 October 2017

Habitat III and the New Urban Agenda

The United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development, Habitat III, took place in Quito, Ecuador from 17 to 20 October 2016. The third in the Habitat series, it aimed at strengthening global commitments for sustainable urbanization. The main outcome of Habitat III was the official adoption of the “New Urban Agenda” (NUA), the new mandate for the development of cities and human settlements over the next 20 years. The NUA is a strategic document that seeks to bring about a new urban paradigm for sustainable urban development.

Latin America and the Caribbean

The Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) region is characterised by its high urban population (79.5%) (UN DESA, 2014). The demographic, social, economic and political importance of the region’s cities make them fundamental in the sustainable development of the region (ECLAC and UN-Habitat, 2016). Sustainable urbanization and urban development are also critical for the development the region’s countries.

The Regional Report (ECLAC and UN Habitat, 2016) which was prepared for Habitat III by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and UN Habitat’s Regional Office, recognised the following major trends and challenges within the region:

- Today a double transition characterizes the region: urban transition (a significant decrease in the rate of rural-urban migration) and demographic transition (decreasing rates of population growth and the process of population



ageing);

- New patterns of production, distribution and consumption in urban economies, combined with old structural challenges, hinder economic inclusion and universal access to the benefits of urban development;
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- Vulnerability to the effects of climate change is on the rise with unequal socio-territorial impacts and urban ecological footprints that are increasingly driven by the pressures of consumption patterns;
- Significant progress has been made in recognizing the city as a macro-level public good, but institutional weaknesses persist with regard to managing sustainable urban development and fulfilling the right to the city

The sustainable future of Latin America and the Caribbean is closely linked to sustainable urbanization. Therefore, in order to make cities sustainable, the region must take an institutional and political path based on a new urban agenda and a regional action plan that addresses the challenges of a new phase of urbanization.

Regional Action Plan and Latin American and Caribbean Urban and Cities Platform

In order to build impetus on the commitments adopted at Habitat III, ECLAC and UN-Habitat, with the collaboration of the member countries of the Forum of Ministers and High-Level Authorities on Housing and Urban Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (MINURVI), as well as over 125 regional experts associated with diverse actor groups (ministries, local governments, academia, NGOs, development banks and the private sector) have developed a Regional Action Plan (RAP) for the implementation of the NUA in the region. A proposal for this document has been prepared to allow for presentation, discussion and dissemination during the Conference. The results of the Conference will be incorporated within a new version of the document for subsequent publication. To support the monitoring of implementation of this Plan and the NUA in the region, a Latin American and Caribbean Urban and Cities Platform will also be developed.

The Regional Action Plan seeks to be a key strategic and reference policy framework and governance tool for promoting the implementation of the NUA in Latin America and the Caribbean, steering national and sub-national development. It is intended as a regional guide, both adaptable to local conditions and needs, and capable of building synergies with existing global agreements and agendas, including: the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, the Paris Agreement, and the Small Island Developing States Accelerated Modalities of Action Outcome Document.

The implementation of the LAC Urban and Cities Platform will seek to provide an objective tool for monitoring the implementation of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, the New Urban Agenda and the Regional Action Plan. The Platform will offer an observatory for visualizing consolidated information on cities and urban areas throughout the region, and will provide a virtual forum to promote capacity building between urban stakeholders and cities. In this way, the Platform represents a tool for facilitating the exchange of experiences and ideas to strengthen regional, national and local capacities for sustainable urban development, and for promoting South-South cooperation as a mechanism for horizontal learning within the region.

Conference objectives

The Cities Conference will be held at ECLAC's headquarters in Santiago, Chile, from 2-6 of October 2017. One year on from Habitat III, the Cities Conference focuses on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean through the Regional Action Plan.

The Conference seeks to bring together the diverse actors involved in the planning and management of urban and territorial development in order to dialogue about the benefits and associated commitments with regard to the implementation and monitoring of the Regional Action Plan and the NUA. The Conference offers an ideal space to discuss the implementation of the Plan with regard to its governance, financing and monitoring. The Cities Conference

seeks to be a strategic platform for dialogue and forging commitments towards implementing the New Urban Agenda, and contributing to the fulfilment of the SDGs, particularly SDG 11, in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Structure of the conference

The Cities Conference will integrate sessions relating to the governance, financing and monitoring of the Regional Action Plan and the Regional Urban and Cities Platform for with the areas of urban resilience, public-private partnerships, and urban mobility, in order to contribute to the discussions and reflection about how to implement and monitor the NUA and the transition towards sustainable urban development in the region.

Below we briefly detail the segments that make up the Cities Conference:

➤ **Resilient Cities in Latin America and the Caribbean: Key Concepts, Experiences and Projections**

2 October 2017

A guiding principle of the New Urban Agenda (NUA) is the creation of resilient cities and human settlements. The Regional Action Plan for the implementation of NAU also seeks to promote urban resilience to the impacts of climate change and both natural and man-made disasters. This activity takes place within the framework of the project "Disaster Risk Management: Resilient Cities" implemented by ECLAC with the support of GIZ in Angra Dos Reis (Brazil), Barranquilla (Colombia) and Chacabuco (Chile). The preliminary results of the project together with experiences derived from other international cases and contexts will guide the conversation.

Throughout the seminar, the proposed sessions will seek to identify, exchange and discuss examples of resilience policies, programs and practices as they relate to each of the six action areas defined by the Regional Plan of Action. MINURVI focal points representing the subregions of South America and the Caribbean will be invited to a panel discussion to identify subregional action to promote resilience and the challenges, vulnerabilities, needs, good practices and opportunities specific to each sub-region. The advances of the Subregional Action Plan for the Caribbean will guide a dialogue on the next steps and commitments for promoting the implementation of this Plan in the sub-region, as well as lessons learned and good practices relevant to subregional planning and implementation processes.

The day will conclude with a dialogue led by GIZ and IDRC Canada that seeks to identify existing gaps and barriers to accessing financing for resilient cities in LAC and to discuss opportunities and potential solutions for bridging these gaps in the context of climate change.

➤ **Implementing the New Urban Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean with the Regional Action Plan**

3-4 October 2017

The second and third days of the Cities Conference will focus their discussions on the strategic aspects and mechanisms associated with the implementation and monitoring of the NUA in LAC. Particular attention will be given to the Regional Action Plan. The sessions seek to discuss the aspects associated with the governance, financing and monitoring of the Plan with regard to its six implementation areas: 1) national urban policies, 2) legal urban frameworks, 3) urban and territorial planning and design, 4) financing urbanization, 5) local implementation, and 6) monitoring, reporting and review mechanisms.

The sessions will also focus on the Subregional Action Plan for the implementation the New Urban Agenda in the Caribbean and Latin America and Caribbean Urban and Cities Platform. Additionally, as was agreed at MINURVI's XXVI General Assembly in June of this year, these sessions will provide a space for representatives from MINURVI to present on their advances with regard to urban policies and plans and their monitoring frameworks for urban and habitat.

➤ **Public-Private Dialogue for Promoting Urban Sustainability in Latin America and the Caribbean**

4-5 October 2017

The private sector is a key stakeholder in the provision of urban goods and services that can have major impacts on fostering and building sustainable cities. The New Urban Agenda also recognizes this dimension, and calls upon businesses to apply their creativity and innovation to solving sustainable development challenges in urban areas (paragraph 133) and includes the private sector in its invitation to enhance multi-stakeholder coordination of urban development strategies within an integrated approach to sustainable urbanization (paragraph 82).

The purpose of the seminar organized by ECLAC, with the support of the Government of France, is to foster public-private stakeholder dialogue on sustainable urban development, and adopt a fresh approach to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, especially Goal 11, in cities in Latin America and the Caribbean.

➤ **Moving towards the implementation of Safe, Affordable and Sustainable Urban Mobility in Latin America and the Caribbean**

5-6 October 2017

This segment of the Cities Conference offers a platform for the exchange of best practice and local public policy relating to sustainable urban mobility. The sessions seek to support the strengthening of the institutional framework for urban mobility, as well as define the roles of the various stakeholders who can enable an effective sustainable transport agenda (development banks, private sector, cooperation agencies, etc.).

The overarching objective of these sessions is to support the widespread, more systematic and accelerated implementation of safe, affordable and sustainable urban mobility in Latin America and the Caribbean, as part of the implementation of global agreements (Paris Agreement, SDGs, NUA) and the Regional Action Plan. The sessions will seek to integrate priorities in terms of policy dialogue, capacity building and investment in the urban mobility sector. It will also look to deepen the understanding of the linkages between urban development and mobility (e.g. via Transit Oriented Development) and the role of mobility in resilience and adaptation, the potential of private sector involvement and equity/gender issues.

Participants

The Cities Conference seeks to bring together diverse actors from the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, including local, sub-national and national government representatives, civil society actors, NGO's, private sector and academia, among other stakeholders. It will invite international agencies and organizations whose work relates to dimensions of sustainable urban development as well as national and international development banks.

Languages

The Cities Conference will be conducted in Spanish and English. Simultaneous translation will be provided in English and Spanish.

Contacts

To confirm your participation, we would appreciate if you would please contact Ignacia Alvarado (ignacia.alvarado@cepal.org) copying Sophie Devine (sophie.devine@cepal.org).

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AM		"World Habitat Day"						Parallel Sessions throughout the day							
ROOM	RAÚL PREBISCH		RAÚL PREBISCH		RAÚL PREBISCH		RAÚL PREBISCH		CELSO FURTADO		CELSO FURTADO				
9:00	RESILIENT CITIES - ECLAC / GIZ / IDRC	Welcome Keynote Presentations		Inauguration: ECLAC MINURVI MINVU Chile UN-Habitat		Welcome		Session 3: The role of emerging technologies in promoting urban sustainability		Welcome					
9:30															
10:00		Coffee		RAP and Caribbean Sub regional Action Plan		Panel 4: ¿How to implement the RAP from different perspectives and sectors ?		Coffee		Session 1: Sustainable and inclusive mobility and global agreements		Session 5: Applying Quick Wins in LAC			
10:30				Coffee				Coffee		Coffee		Coffee			
11:00						Coffee									
11:30		Panel 1: Urban Resilience and the Regional Action Plan		Panel 1: ¿How to govern the implementation of the Regional Action Plan? Roles and Institutions		Panel 5: ¿How to finance the implementation of the RAP?		Session 4: New models and platforms for sustainable urban mobility		Joint Session 2 with Public Private Dialogues		Session 6: New alliances for inclusive and sustainable mobility in LAC			
12:00															
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14:00												Session 7: Monitoring and reporting for urban mobility			

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PM			<i>Afternoon Parallel Sessions</i>	<i>Parallel Sessions throughout the day</i>			
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14:00				<i>Inscription</i>			
14:30	Panel 2: Sub-regional resilience action: Challenges, vulnerabilities, needs, good practices and oppts.	Panel 2: Urban National Policies	Panel 6 (part 1): ¿How to monitor the Regional Action Plan? Cases and experiences	Opening remarks	Session 5: Fostering investment in infrastructure and sustainable services	Session 3: Key strategies for urban mobility in LAC - public policy	Session 7: Monitoring and reporting for urban mobility
15:00							
15:30				Session 1: The challenge of inclusive and sustainable cities			
16:00	<i>Café</i>		<i>Coffee</i>	<i>Coffee</i>	<i>Café</i>	<i>Coffee</i>	Session 8: A regional action agenda for urban mobility
16:30	Panel 3: Reducing financing barriers and access gaps for building Latin American and Caribbean cities resilient to climate change	<i>Coffee</i>	Panel 6 (part 2): ¿How to monitor the RAP? Observatory-platform	Session 2: New collaborative models between the public and private sectors	Session 6: Cooperation and resource mobilization to finance urban sustainability	Joint Session 4 with Public Private Dialogues	
17:00							
17:30		Panel 3: Legislation, planning and local implementation					<i>Closure</i>
18:00			<i>Closure</i>		<i>Closure</i>		
18:30		<i>Cocktail y Book Launch "Desarrollo sostenible, urbanización y desigualdad en ALC"</i>				<i>Cocktail</i>	
19:00							
19:30				<i>Cocktail</i>			

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3-4 October, 2017

Raúl Prebisch Conference Room, ECLAC, Santiago, Chile

Tuesday, 3 OCTOBER, 2017

8:30 – 9:00 Registration

9:00 – 10:15 Inauguration:

9:00 – 9:15 The New Urban Agenda, the Agenda 2030 and equality in the centre of sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean

- Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission of Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

9:15 – 9:30 Implementing the New Urban Agenda in the region: the vision from the South

- Marina Klemensiewicz, Under-Secretary of Habitat and Human Development, Ministry of Interior, Public Works and Housing, Argentina. Presidency of MINURVI

9:30 – 9:45 The impact of the New Urban Agenda on National Policies

- María Soledad Nuñez, Minister Executive Secretary, National Secretariat for Housing and Habitat. Paraguay. South American sub-regional representative to MINURVI

9:45 – 10:00 The impact of the New Urban Agenda on National Policies

- Paulina Saball, Minister, Ministry of Urbanism and Housing (MINVU), Chile

10:00 – 10:15 Realizing the opportunities of the New Urban Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean

- Elkin Velásquez, Director of the Regional Office of UN-Habitat for Latin America and the Caribbean (ROLAC)



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10:20 – 10:35 Presentation of the Regional Action Plan for the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean

- Ricardo Jordán, Office of the Executive Secretary, ECLAC

10:35 – 10:50 Presentation of the Subregional Action Plan for the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda in the Caribbean

- Dennis St. E Kellman, Minister, Ministry of Housing, Lands and Rural Development, Barbados. MINURVI Barbados

10:50 – 11:15 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00 Panel 1: How to govern the implementation of the Regional Action Plan? Roles and Institutions

Moderation and presentation of panel: Mauricio Cuervo, ILPES, ECLAC

Panellists:

- Oscar Angulo, Copresidency, Iberoamerican Capital Cities Union (UCCI)
- Claudio Orrego, Mayor, Metropolitan Regional of Santiago. Chile.
- Representative from the Chilean Chamber of Construction
- Ana Sugranyes, Habitat International Coalition, (HIC)
- Pablo Contrucci, Head of Urban Development Division, Ministry of Housing and Urbanism (MINVU), Chile
- Simone Reperger, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), Chile
- Ines Magalhaes, World Bank

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch





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14:30 – 16:15 Panel 2: The design and implementation of national urban policies (NUP): Best Practice, plans and existing national urban policies in Latin America and the Caribbean

Moderation and presentation of the panel: Elkin Velásquez, Director of the Regional Office of UN-Habitat for Latin America and the Caribbean (ROLAC)

Presentation: **National Urban Policies: Methodology, Criteria and Best Practice**

Enrique Garcilazo, Head of Rural Policy Programme, Regional Development Policy Division, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Panellists:

Implementing the New Urban Agenda: advances from Argentina

- Marina Klemensiewicz, Under-Secretary of Habitat and Human Development, Ministry of Interior, Public Works and Housing, Argentina. Presidency of MINURVI

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Advances: Urban Policy and Plans in Cuba

- Samuel Carlos Rodiles Planas, President, Physical Planning Institution (IPF), Cuba. Caribbean sub-regional representative to MINURVI

Advances: Urban Policy and Plans in Barbados

- Dennis St. E Kellman, Minister, Ministry of Housing, Lands and Rural Development, Barbados. MINURVI Barbados

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Urban City Systems Policy, Colombia

- José Antonio Pinzón Bermúdez, Sub-Director, National Planning Department, Colombia

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break



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16:30 – 18:15 Panel 3: Urban Legislation, Urban and Territorial Planning and Design, and Local Implementation for Sustainable Urban Development in Latin America and the Caribbean

Moderation and presentation of panel: Jorge Rodríguez, CELADE-Population Division. ECLAC

Panellists:

- Luis Eduardo Bresciani, President, National Board for Urban Development (CNDU), Chile
- Mauricio Viñambres Adasme, Quilpué Mayor, Valparaíso Region, Chile
- Iván Arciénega, President, Latin American Federation for Cities, Municipalities and Associations, (FLACMA)
- Anaclaudia Rossbach, Cities Alliance Latin America (HUB)
- Pablo Aguilar, Colegio National de Jurisprudencia Urbanística, Mexico
- Dr. Asad Mohammed, Director of BlueSpace – Caribbean Network for Urban Land Management

18:15 Launch of “Development, Urbanization and Inequality” (inter-divisional ECLAC publication)





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Wednesday, 4 OCTOBER, 2017

9:00 – 9:15 **Welcome remarks**

- Ricardo Jordán, Office of the Executive Secretary, ECLAC

9:30 – 11:00 **Panel 4: How to implement the Regional Action Plan from multiple perspectives and sectors?**

Moderation and presentation of panel: Rodrigo Martínez, Social Development Division, ECLAC

Presentation: Graciela Dede, Human Rights Advisor, Regional Office for South America, United Nations High Commissioner of Human Rights (OHCHR)

Panellists:

- Mark Major, Senior Advisor, Partnership on Sustainable Low Carbon Transport SloCAT (urban mobility and transport)
- Mónica Ramírez, Housing and Human Settlements Director, Habitat for Humanity (housing, habitat, urban services, water and sanitation)
- Anaclaudia Rossbach, Cities Alliance Latin America (HUB) (housing, habitat, urban services, water and sanitation)
- Gabriela Elgueta Poblete, Executive Resilience Director, Metropolitan Region of Santiago, Santiago (urban and climate resilience)
- Patricia Rojas, Policies for Equality Division, Ministry of Women and Gender Equality (gender equality in the city)
- Hely Olivares, Principal Executive of Social Development, CAF, (infrastructure and urban investments)

11:00-11:30 Coffee break





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11:30-13:00 Panel 5: How to finance the implementation of the Regional Action Plan?

Moderation and presentation of panel: Lucy Winchester, ILPES, CEPAL

Panellists:

- Sergio Escobar, Executive Director, Cooperation and Investment Agency of Medellin and the Metropolitan Area, Colombia
- Veronica Adler, Housing and Urban Development Lead Specialist, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
- Hely Olivares, Principal Executive of Social Development, Development Bank of Latin America (CAF)
- Luis Miguel Triveno, World Bank
- Cristian Salas Parra, Technical Advisor for Latin America and the Caribbean, Management Unit, Global Initiative on Disaster Risk Management, GIZ

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 17:45 Panel 6: How to monitor the implementation of the Regional Action Plan? Monitoring and Evaluation Experiences, Best Practice and Challenges for National Monitoring Frameworks in Latin America and the Caribbean

14:30 – 16:00 Part 1

Moderation: Elkin Velásquez, Director of the Regional Office of UN-Habitat for Latin America and the Caribbean (ROLAC)

Panellists:

National Urban Policies: Monitoring and information

- Andrés Sanabria, Economist, Urban Programme of the Regional Development Policy Division, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Experience with CPI in Mexico

- Alfonso Iracheta, Regional Project Social-Ecological Transformation, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Mexico





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BID-UNIAPRAVI Observatory

- Ramón Santileces, Director, UNIAPRAVI

Raising their voice: Open data platforms for the social inclusion of informal settlements

- Luis Bonillo Ortiz- Arrieta, Director of International Relations, TECHO International

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 17:45 Part 2

Moderation: Joseluis Samaniego, Director, Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Division, ECLAC

Presentation: **Latin American and Caribbean Urban and Cities Platform**

- Ricardo Jordán, Office of the Executive Secretary, ECLAC

Panellists:

Diagnostic of National Statistical Capacities for the Production of Urban Indicators for the SDGs in Latin America and the Caribbean

- Daniel Taccari and Pauline Stockins, Statistics Division, ECLAC

Availability, comparability and disaggregation of urban data in the Caribbean

- Samuel Carlos Rodiles Planas, President, Physical Planning Institution (IPF), Cuba. Caribbean sub-regional representative to MINURVI
- Dennis St. E Kellman, Minister, Ministry of Housing, Lands and Rural Development, Barbados. MINURVI Barbados

17:45 – 18:00 Closing remarks

- Ricardo Jordán, Office of the Executive Secretary, ECLAC
- Elkin Velásquez, Director of the Regional Office of UN-Habitat for Latin America and the Caribbean (ROLAC)



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