



WORLD URBAN FORUM UPDATE

THE THIRD SESSION OF THE WORLD URBAN FORUM

An international UN-HABITAT event on urban sustainability

JUNE 19-23, 2006 VANCOUVER CONVENTION & EXHIBITION CENTRE, CANADA



This coming June, thousands of participants from around the world will meet in Vancouver to examine and identify solutions to the challenges of urbanization. Join us as we mark the 30th anniversary of the first UN conference on human settlements held in Vancouver in 1976, which led to the creation of UN-HABITAT.

Over five days, participants will have a unique opportunity to exchange and share ideas and best practices, to learn from high-profile speakers and to discover the city of Vancouver, one of Canada's most beautiful cities. An outstanding lineup of activities, networking sessions, side events and tours are offered to all participants.

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WORLD URBAN FORUM THEMES

Our Future: Sustainable Cities ***– Turning Ideas into Action***

Urban Growth and the Environment

- The Shape of Cities: Urban Planning and Management
- Energy: Local Action, Global Impact

Partnership and Finance

- Municipal Finance: Innovation and Collaboration
- Urban Safety and Security: Taking Responsibility

Social Inclusion and Cohesion

- Achieving the Millennium Development Goals:
Slum Upgrading and Affordable Housing
- Public Engagement: The Inclusive Approach

CONFIRMED SPEAKERS

Mrs. Anna Tibaijuka

Executive Director, UN-HABITAT

The Honorable Alphonso Jackson

Secretary of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, USA

Mr. Qiu Baoxing

Vice-Minister of Construction, China

Mayor Sam Sullivan

City of Vancouver, Canada

Madame Gao Yufeng

Chairperson, Shanghai Land Group Co. Ltd, China
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NETWORKING SESSIONS

Bringing ideas and best practices forward, 160 networking sessions will build knowledge, strengthen partnerships, and facilitate the sharing of ideas. Sample networking sessions include:

Creative Planning with Young People: The Growing Up in Cities Project of UNESCO

Organized by: UNESCO (GUIC)

City Networks: Engines of Urban Sustainability

Organized by: Federación Latinoamericana de Ciudades, Municipios y Asociaciones (FLACMA)

Sustainable Energy Systems for Large Cities: Emerging Best Practices in Developed and Developing Countries

Organized by: LEAD International

Empowering Cities to Mobilize Domestic Capital: Enabling Framework and City Level Actions

Organized by: Cities Alliance

Inclusive Governance in Conflict Cities: Achieving Safety and Security through Local Cooperation

Organized by: London School of Economics and Political Science and Development Studies Institute

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EXHIBITION

More than 50 international exhibitors will take over the Vancouver Convention and Exhibition Center for five days to showcase their latest research and development studies, best practices and technologies related to the sustainability of cities. Exciting country pavilions from Canada, Spain, China, Sweden, Holland, Japan and many others will make the World Urban Forum 3 the most important international event to take place in Vancouver since the World Expo in 1986.

Other exhibitors include:

Canadian Urban Institute – Canada

Enda Tiers Monde and IAGU – Senegal

Habitat for Humanity – Canada

Global Urban Development – USA

Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies – Netherlands

International Institute for Environment & Development – United Kingdom

UN-HABITAT – Kenya

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RELATED EVENTS

Before, during and after the World Urban Forum, several related activities, conferences and cultural events will take place in Vancouver. Here's a sample:

June 14-17 – International Landscape Architecture Conference: Shifting Ground

June 15-17 – Gaining Ground: Sustainable Urban Development Leadership Summit

June 16-18 – World Youth Forum

June 17-20 – World Planner Congress

June 19-21 – National Aboriginal week

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HOW TO REGISTER

You must register to attend the World Urban Forum. There is no fee for participants, but you must pay for your own travel and accommodation and make the necessary arrangements to get the appropriate visa to visit Canada. Registration is limited; please register early to avoid disappointment.

To register visit:

www.unhabitat.org/wuf
or www.wuf3-fum3.ca



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