

CALENDAR

Sunday 18 June

6 p.m.
Opening of the stand of UNESCO & The Canadian Commission for UNESCO
Exhibits - UNESCO & CCU Stand

Monday 19 June

1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
World Heritage and Historic Urban Landscapes
Informal debate - UNESCO & CCU Stand

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Creating Better Cities with Young People: the Growing Up in Cities Project of UNESCO
Networking Event - MR14

Tuesday 20 June

12:30 a.m. - 1:30 pm
The inclusion of youth in local community life
Informal debate - UNESCO & CCU Stand

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Integrating culture into sustainability planning
Informal debate - UNESCO & CCU Stand

Wednesday 21 June

12:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014): Challenges and Future Perspectives of Education for Sustainable Development
Informal debate - UNESCO & CCU Stand

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Participation of Mr Pierre Sané UNESCO's ADG for Social and Human Sciences in the debate "Cities of Diversity :changing places creating success"
Networking event - MR13

Thursday 22 June

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
The role of Municipalities in enhancing the "Right to the City" concept at local level. The Mayor of Montréal
Informal debate - UNESCO & CCU Stand

12:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
The inclusion of women in local government life and local democracy
Informal debate - UNESCO & CCU Stand

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Urban Policies and the Right to the City: towards Good Governance and Local Democracy
Networking Event - Oceanview 2

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
International Coalition of Cities Against Racism: towards an inclusive urban society.
Networking Event - MR07

Friday 23 June

11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Official Speech of Mr Pierre Sané in the name of Mr Koïchiro Matsuura, Director General of UNESCO
Closing Ceremony - Exhibition hall A



UNESCO at the WORLD URBAN FORUM 3 Vancouver, 19-23 June 2006

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UNESCO & CCU Stand

Location: main WUF III exhibition hall, next to the UN-plaza

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The Third session of UN-HABITAT World Urban Forum (WUF3), Vancouver. From 19 to 23 June 2006, over 8000 participants from over 150 countries will gather in Vancouver Canada for the third session of the World Urban Forum. The biennial UN-HABITAT event on urban sustainability examines and identifies solutions to the critical problems cities are facing around the globe. The forum is entitled: “Our Future: Sustainable Cities – Turning Ideas into Action”.

Cities and Urban issues at UNESCO



UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, addresses cities and urban issues mainly through research, advocacy and capacity building. Sectors across UNESCO, National Commissions for UNESCO, Cities, Universities, International and regional city associations and specialized urban NGOs collaborate within networks on urban research, urban management and civil society participation in the following areas: natural disaster impact reduction, urban water management, urban ecology, urban development and revitalization, migration, living cultures, cultural diversity, intercultural dialogue, social integration and the training of local actors with a specific focus on World Heritage Cities and education for sustainable urban development.

All UNESCO programmes and projects relating to cities and urban issues come within the remit of the “UN Millennium Development Goals”, UNESCO’s “Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions” and the “UNESCO Strategy on Human Rights”. These programmes address the following themes: - Balancing urban growth and the environment, The city as the centre of democracy, The city as liveable cultural heritage and breeding ground for creativity and a laboratory for intercultural dialogue.

Cooperation between UNESCO and UN-HABITAT since WUF2



UNESCO will be at the fore of the WUF3 in Vancouver.

The organization will be hosting **three networking events, two exhibitions and various side events** at a large UNESCO stand in the main hall. This presence is a result of the strengthened cooperation between UNESCO and UN-HABITAT since the World Urban Forum 2 in Barcelona (2004). UNESCO and UN-HABITAT subsequently signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 18 March 2005. The Memorandum commits the agencies to the development of common approaches to strengthen their collaboration in fields of mutual interest, namely on the role of cities in the reduction of urban poverty and for the elaboration of strategies in the field of urban development in particular the social function of the built environment as cultural heritage.

UNESCO activities presented at the WUF3

Networking Events

Creating Better Cities with Young People: the Growing Up in Cities Project of UNESCO

In collaboration with the UNESCO Social and Human Sciences sector and the Canadian Commission for UNESCO, the UNESCO Chair on Growing Up in Cities at Cornell University (U.S.A.) will be hosting a networking event on creative planning with young people. The event will provide concrete examples of how children and youth can be integrated into participatory planning processes, drawing on project experiences in diverse countries and cultures. It will also provide a forum for dialogue between young people, city professionals, elected officials and researchers on ‘best practices’ for young people’s participation in urban management, and the ways in which adults and young people can work together to facilitate greater youth participation in their own cities, consistent with the overall WUF III theme “(...)Turning ideas into action”.

Date: Monday, 19 June 2006, 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm; Location: MR14
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Urban Policies and the Right to the City: towards Good Governance and Local Democracy

This session, co-organized by UN-HABITAT and UNESCO, will discuss “Urban Policies and the Right to the City: towards Good Governance and Local Democracy”. UNESCO first discussed the concept of “the Right to the City” in 1995 at a Conference on “City of Solidarity and Citizenship”. UN-HABITAT addresses this topic as part of the Global Campaign on Urban Governance and its emphasis on the Inclusive City. The aim of the session is to discuss the notion of the Right to the City and to share the views of city stakeholders – local government, civil society, grassroots groups, etc. on what is meant by the concept of “the Right to the City”.

The session will also discuss existing urban policies at regional and municipal level, as well as practices and approaches that promote the Right to the City. There will be brief presentations by panellists followed by a discussion on social cohesion and inclusiveness in urban management and development and how to take this concept to international level. The event will also include the involvement of the Water Division of UNESCO’s Science Sector.

Date: Thursday 22 June 2006, 1:30pm-3:30pm; Location: Oceanview 2
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International Coalition of Cities Against Racism: towards an inclusive urban society

The International Coalition of Cities against Racism is an initiative that was launched by UNESCO in 2004 to establish a network of cities interested in sharing experiences in order to improve their policies and strategies to counter racism, xenophobia, discrimination and exclusion. The “International Coalition of Cities Against Racism” will host a networking event called “Towards an Inclusive Urban Society”. It will be a first meeting for city planners, decision-makers, researchers and NGOs from Canada and other regions of the world. They will exchange experiences on good practices and discuss how they might help improve the democratic governance of municipalities by supporting the pluralism of ideas and promoting diversity. The event is being prepared by UNESCO’s Social and Human Sciences Sector in collaboration with the Culture Sector and UNESCO’s Creative Cities Network.

Date: Thursday 22 June 2006, 4:30pm-6:30pm; Location: MR07
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Exhibitions

“Sketches Around the World - Messages about Progress for the future of our planet “

An exhibition presenting the winning drawings of the “Sketches around the World” 2006 campaign, orchestrated by Veolia Environnement, with the support of UNESCO’s Education Sector, the UNESCO Associated Schools Project Network, the French National Commission for UNESCO and UNEP, in the framework of the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014). In the context of a class project, children (aged between 9 and 11) from 23 countries investigated the concept of progress and sustainable development in their regions, towns, districts or villages, and as a result proposed projects they wished to see carried out.

Location: UNESCO & CCU stand in exhibition hall
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International Student Competition on Urban Design: “Historical District Renewal Area”

The aim of this international student’s competition, jointly organized between Carleton University and UNESCO, was to develop a pragmatic interdisciplinary research approach to an urban design proposal for a historical district from the joint perspective of local residents and businesses, transnationals, transient citizens, tourists, etc. The winning urban design projects will be displayed in recognition of their advancement of innovative guidelines and best practices. This will benefit multicultural cities around the world in dealing with issues of urban revitalization, transformation and gentrification, and to promoting social sustainability in historical districts.

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The Joint UNESCO and Canadian Commission for UNESCO Stand

UNESCO and the Canadian Commission for UNESCO (CCU) will be present at the World Urban Forum with a large stand. The stand will house two exhibitions: “Sketches Around the World: Messages of progress for the future of our planet” and “Historical District Renewal Area”. Furthermore, printed and audiovisual material presenting the Organization’s projects on cities and urban issues will be available. There will be several informal debates held at the UNESCO stand during lunchtime and coffee breaks where more than 8000 urban specialists in attendance at the Forum will be able to learn more about the Organization’s work on cities and urban issues.

Including informal debates such as:

• United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014): Challenges and Future Perspectives of Education for Sustainable Development

Education for sustainable development seeks to contribute to preparing citizens to face the challenges of the present and the future, and decision-makers who will act responsibly to create a sustainable world. Education for sustainable development is a complex and evolving concept. Thus, five kinds of fundamental learning must be enhanced: learning to know, learning to do, learning to be, learning to live together, and learning to transform oneself and society. Following a brief presentation of the Decade, an informal discussion will focus on the challenges of education for sustainable development and on how it can be implemented in various settings.

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• World Heritage and Historic Urban Landscapes

Over 200 World Heritage sites are historic cities, considered as flagships for good conservation practice. Their urban heritage faces the reality of increased attention and immense development pressure.

The World Heritage Cities Programme supports the efforts of these cities to protect their urban heritage and to find solutions for adjusting to the cities’ needs for modernization without compromising their historic character and identity. Facilitating research and cooperation in urban conservation and development, the Programme also contributes to debates on standards and practices.

In 2005 the “Vienna Memorandum on World Heritage and Contemporary Architecture” was elaborated to give guidance to cities’ decision-making processes. The UNESCO World Heritage Centre and its partner organizations have started discussing principles for integrated urban heritage management in view of a future “Recommendation on the Safeguarding of Historic Urban Landscape”, applying the notion of “historic urban landscape” to anchor the designated sites in their larger urban contexts.

Date: Monday 19 June, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Location: UNESCO & CCU stand in exhibition hall
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• The role of Municipalities in enhancing the “Right to the City” concept at local level.

Informal discussion conducted by Pierre Sané, Assistant Director General for the Social and Human Sciences sector and Wataru Iwamoto, Director of the Social Sciences Research and Policy Division of UNESCO. This debate, involving the participation of the Mayor of Montréal, Gerald Tremblay and the Deputy Mayor of Lyon, Pierre Laréal will examine the methods through which the level of the municipality can play a key role in the enhancement of the ‘right to the city’. The exploration of the citizens’ relationship with municipal decision makers will be highlighted with a specific focus on the Montréal charter of Rights and Responsibilities.

Date: Thursday 22 June, 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. Location: UNESCO & CCU stand in exhibition hall
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• Youth engagement in local community life

Youth can be the most active and dynamic actors in a society. Their engagement in local community life is of great importance. Empowerment of young people and incentives for intergenerational dialogue is key to ensuring their participation in decisions that affect all of us. This session will include a brief presentation of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO’s vision of youth engagement, followed by a discussion that will explore different ways for youth to become involved and difficulties that may arise. This informal debate is organized by the Canadian Commission for UNESCO and will be moderated by Cynthia Lacasse, Programme Officer for Youth, in cooperation with youth partners.

Date: Tuesday 20 June, 12:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Location: UNESCO & CCU stand in exhibition hall
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• The role of women in local government life and local democracy

The Canadian Commission for UNESCO, in conjunction with Women in Cities International, will be conducting an informal discussion on the role of women in local government and in enhancing local democracy. The discussion will focus around innovative new practices in Canada and around the world that make local government processes more inclusive. The discussion will look at different strategies for enhancing local democracy through the greater participation of women. It will also address strategies that focus on the role of community-based women’s groups working in partnerships with local governments, those that focus on the election of women, and those that focus on the role of city staff and city administrative units working for gender equality.

Date: Thursday 22, 12:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Location: UNESCO & CCU stand in exhibition hall
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• And other informal debates on city issues such as: “Integrating culture into sustainability planning” etc.