



WORLD URBAN FORUM III

AN INTERNATIONAL UN-HABITAT EVENT ON URBAN SUSTAINABILITY

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TRAINING & NETWORKING EVENTS

Training Events

These three-hour workshops are designed to impart professional skills to urban practitioners. Sign-up for these nine training events will take place in the main lobby of the Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre on a first-come, first-serve basis. Each session is limited to 40 participants.

Networking Events

A series of over 160 networking events will provide participants with an informal atmosphere to build knowledge, strengthen partnerships and share ideas and best practices. These events are open to all participants.

TRAINING EVENTS

Managed by UNDP World Campus

TUESDAY, JUNE 20
09:00–12:00

HOW TO IMPROVE PARTICIPATORY SPATIAL PLANNING WITH VISUALIZATION TECHNIQUES

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Oceanview Suites 3 & 4

Organized in cooperation with the International Institute for Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation-ITC

Participants will learn about the added value of visualization tools and techniques in Participatory Spatial Planning (PSP). The course is designed to introduce the latest issues on participatory use of spatial information in decision-making and to give practical examples of some of the current possibilities. The course is based on short lectures, open discussion and practical exercise.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20
09:00–12:00

TOWARDS INCLUSIVE CITIES: HOW TO WALK THE TALK

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Oceanview Suites 7 & 8

Organized in cooperation with UN-HABITAT

The course will illustrate how tools such as the Urban Governance Index and Participatory Budgeting can help in objectively measuring the quality of urban governance, and improving participation, effectiveness, accountability and equity in cities. Using a mix of powerpoint presentations and interactive group exercises, the course will develop participants skills in applying different tools to identify governance strengths and weaknesses, as well as defining capacity-building entry-points to address the latter.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20
09:00–12:00

DESIGN CHARRETTES FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Oceanview Suites 5 & 6

Organized in cooperation with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) and the National Charrette Institute

Design charrettes are becoming increasingly popular as a way to bring a range of expertise and interests together to collaborate on innovative design solutions that incorporate multiple objectives and interests towards sustainable cities and communities. The training session will guide those who would like to host or initiate a design charrette process for sustainable community planning, and will include examples of charrettes that have been held in Canada.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21
09:00 – 12:00

HOW TO “LOCALISE” THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS, PART 1:

Using the UN-HABITAT Guide for Local Authorities and their Partners

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Oceanview Suites 5 & 6

Organized in cooperation with UN-HABITAT

Using a recently produced guide entitled “Localizing the Millennium Development Goals: A guide for municipalities and local partners”, and based on experience from a number of cities who are implementing a project on localizing the MDGs, the training will take participants through a four-step process to translate the global MDGs in locally relevant targets and indicators, to translate the information gathered into participatory action plans, to implement those plans and to monitor and evaluate progress.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21
09:00 – 12:00

HOW TO MANAGE AIR QUALITY IN YOUR CITY

Using the UNEP/UN-HABITAT Interactive Air Quality Management CD-ROM

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Oceanview Suites 3 & 4

Organized in cooperation with United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)

Participants will learn to follow a logical analysis aimed at reducing urban air pollution. The interactive *Urban Air Quality Management Toolkit*, adapted to the needs of cities in developing countries, will help urban practitioners gather data, assess the health impacts of air pollution in their city, and devise ways of tackling it.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21
09:00 – 12:00

STRENGTHENING LOCAL GOVERNANCE

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Oceanview Suites 7 & 8

Organized in cooperation with UNDP LIFE Programme

At this training session, participants will be shown how slum dwellers and the urban poor can be helped through partnerships when given a direct say in improving their plight.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

**THURSDAY, JUNE 22
09:00–12:00**

**HOW TO CONDUCT PROJECT PRIORITIZATION AND
EVALUATION FOR IMPROVED DECISION MAKING AND
CONSENSUS BUILDING**

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Oceanview Suites 5 & 6

Organized in cooperation with EcoPlan International, UN-HABITAT

Participants will learn skills in evaluation and prioritization. Specifically they will learn how to structure a planning or decision problem, the benefits of and the method for distinguishing between facts and values, how to incorporate different perspectives in evaluation and prioritization and how these skills will help in promoting meaningful stakeholder involvement and better decision making.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 22
09:00–12:00**

UPSTREAM: LAUNCHING LIFE AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Oceanview Suites 3 & 4

Organized in cooperation with UNDP LIFE Programme

The training will show experiences of intervention to construct sustainable cities, poverty reduction and peace through social inclusion and partnership among private-public sectors, NGOs and CBOs. Key topics will include the crucial role of the different actors in the construction of sustainable cities; poverty reduction and peace; the micro-macro linkages in those processes; and how to do a real impact on the lives of the poor by bringing them to the decision-making process.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 22
09:00–12:00**

**HOW TO “LOCALISE” THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS
PART 2:**

**How to set up and run a Local Urban Observatory (LUO) to
Support City Planning and Management**

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Oceanview Suites 7 & 8

Organized in cooperation with UNDP World Campus and UN-HABITAT

The training session will provide participants with practical, step-by-step guidance on how to build and implement an urban monitoring system as an integral part of their own development strategies, programs and services. The session will present techniques, measurement tools, analytical methods and reporting procedures to guide partners through the design and implementation process. The training will start with basics on how to select relevant indicators. It will then show how to collect and organize data and maintain databases. The session will also demonstrate the potential uses of urban data for decision-making based on the application of different software.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

NETWORKING EVENTS

Networking sessions are being updated by their hosts daily. For the most up-to-date list of speakers in networking sessions please visit the website at:

www.wuf3-fum3.ca/networking_events/list_network_en.asp

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MONDAY, JUNE 19**14:00-16:00****Urban Aboriginal Diversity: Supporting Communities**

Location: VCEC – MR 12

Organization: Greater Vancouver Urban Aboriginal Strategy Steering Committee; The National Association of Friendship Centres

This discussion will focus on the methods to include urban Aboriginal people in policy and decision-making processes and will use the Canadian government's Urban Aboriginal Strategy as a model for discussion. NAFC will lead a discussion on promising practices on human capital and women's development. A facilitated dialogue session will enable participants to look at challenges and opportunities and to learn from other countries and jurisdictions about the approaches they are taking in this area.

Speakers:

Sylvia Maracle, Ontario Federation of Friendship Centres
Edith Cloutier, Centre D'Amitié Autochtone Val-d'Or GUVAS
International participants to be announced

14:00-16:00**HEC-SIDA Network Observatories: Tools and Facilities for More Effective Actions through Better Decision-Making**

Location: VCEC – MR 13

Organization: Habitat and Sustainable Environment Network (HSEN) and Habitat International Coalition (HIC)

The primary goal of the Local Development Observatories Program is to contribute to and strengthen the development of better urban management with participatory planning in the hopes of reducing poverty. Each observatory provides support and advice to decision-makers in the fields of participatory planning (by diagnosing given situations and developing, keeping track of, and evaluating local development policies using decision-making tools) and communication (by setting up a website that brings all the available information together.) The goals of these Observatories are to: strengthen the dialogue between civil society and local and government authorities; gain better knowledge and understanding of the public's opinions

on how their environment is managed, paying particular attention to the most vulnerable groups (youth and women and especially disadvantaged populations); encourage the public to participate at their own level, to the common local development effort; identify and highlight new potentialities; promote the sharing of experiences.

14:00-16:00**Promoting Affordable Housing in the United States**

Location: VCEC – MR 3

Organization: National Association of Realtors

This presentation will focus on the experience of the many diverse players in the production process. It will seek to tell the story of private sector leadership in facing this problem, especially the organization and use of local business associations to help tackle the problem, and the creation of public-private partnerships essential to fashioning special instruments of finance. It will use examples of the transformation of major, blighted public housing projects into successful mixed-income communities.

Speakers:

Al Mansell, NAR Past President
Alven Lam, HUD
Roger Williams, Annie E. Casey Foundation
Richard Hanson, Mesa Development, LLC
James Miller, Park Boulevard

14:00-16:00**The Bellagio Housing Declaration**

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Oceanview Suites 7 & 8

Organization: Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University

In May 2005, the Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University supported by the Rockefeller Foundation, established a new housing policy, known as the Bellagio Housing Declaration, affirming that sound, sanitary and affordable housing for all is central to the well-being of nations. Participants at an international housing meeting from Kenya, Mexico, South Africa, Thailand and the USA, affirmed housing is indeed more than shelter: it is a powerful engine which creates opportunity and economic growth. The panel will review the findings and implications for housing partnerships,

global networks, and next steps in their implementation.

Speakers:

David Smith, Founder, Affordable Housing Institute
Lauren Moser, VP ShoreBank International
Cate Ambrose, UN High Commission
Torre Nelson, Area VP, Latin America-Caribbean, Habitat for Humanity International

14:00-16:00**Citizen-Led Integration and Coordination: Transferring the Lessons from Pleasant Hill, Saskatoon, Canada**

Location: VCEC – MR 18

Organization: City of Saskatoon

A brief case study will be presented on the implementation of the Pleasant Hill Local Area Plan and its attempt at empowering citizens through knowledge transfer to lead the call for an intersectoral approach to improving policy, program, and service delivery coordination. There will be particular emphasis on the challenges of engaging indigenous peoples and organizations within an intersectoral framework. We will further demonstrate the applicability of this framework within a developing country (i.e. The Case of Gonzales, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad). Using focused conversation, participants will be asked to consider their own approach and experiences with citizen-led calls for intersectoral collaboration. Time will be allocated to developing individual and connective action plans to improve public engagement in implementing coordinated policy, program and service delivery models.

Speakers:

Lorne Sully, MCIP, Manager of City Planning, Saskatoon, Canada
Livia Kellett, MCIP, Local Area Planner, Saskatoon, Canada
Kelley Moore, MCIP, Regional Intersectoral Committee Coordinator, Saskatchewan Learning
Carol Bruce, Pleasant Hill Local Area Planning Committee, Saskatoon, Canada
Winifred David, Acting City Deputy Clerk, City of Port of Spain, Trinidad
Rev. Dr. Jason Gordon, Community of Gonzales Representative, Port of Spain, Trinidad
Deborah Thomas, Managing Director, East Port-of-Spain Development Company Limited, Trinidad and Tobago

14:00–16:00**Partnership Between Toronto Community Housing Corporation, the Johannesburg Housing Company and Rooftops Canada**

Location: VCEC – MR 1

Organization: Toronto Community Housing Corporation

This session will start by briefly outlining lessons learned from a successful four-year exchange between the Johannesburg Housing and Toronto Community Housing Companies facilitated by Rooftops Canada. Some of the key areas of sharing between the two non-profit social housing companies have included: decentralized social housing management; ideas and practices of community development and tenant engagement; housing development, community revitalization and city building. This will be followed by an interactive exchange among all the session participants using “open space” participatory methods to explore three themes: youth engagement in social housing; social housing management and community development; and learning from international exchanges. These themes and others identified during the open discussion will be the basis for small group discussions. Groups will explore the potential for widespread and local application of the benefits of international exchange.

14:00–16:00**Citizen Participation in Social Housing – The Quebec Experience**

Location: VCEC – MR 8

Organization: Government of Quebec

Beyond access to adequate housing, which remains a priority in Quebec, efforts have been made in recent years to develop a healthy and stimulating milieu where each citizen can participate in the decisions regarding his or her immediate environment and quality of life. Thus, management tools are put in place to improve the conditions of residents, but also to favour their inclusion within and integration into the social and economic life of the community. The proposed panel discussion will constitute a unique opportunity to exchange and share innovative ideas aimed at the same objective, that is, the implication of

those for whom social housing programs have been developed.

Speakers:

Hélène Aubé
Manon Jean
Daniel Dussault
Réseau Habitat et Francophonie Pays de l'Europe

14:00–16:00**Ideas into Action: The Cultural Basis of Sustainable Community Planning**

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Oceanview Suites 3 & 4

Organization: Creative City Network of Canada

This session will present an overview of the four-pillar model of sustainability, which recognizes culture as an essential element alongside economic, environmental and social considerations. All participants are invited to engage in an active discussion of what makes a culturally sustainable city. It will profile some outstanding examples of community sustainability initiatives incorporating the four-pillar model, with cultural considerations at their core, and will review their progress at various stages of development. Emphasis will be placed on actual implementation of the cultural components of integrated community sustainability plans, and best practices will be highlighted.

Speakers:

Jon Hawkes, Director, Community Music Victoria, Australia; author, *The 4th Pillar of Sustainability*
Gayle Broad, Professor, Algoma University; Research Supervisor, Batchewana First Nation, Canada
Francesc Casadesús, Director, Mercat de les Flors, Barcelona, Spain
Yasmine Laroche, Assistant Deputy Minister, Cities and Communities, Infrastructure
Andrew Wilhelm-Boyles, National Director, Creative City Network of Canada

14:00–16:00**Urban Safety in Practice – Youth Experience**

Location: VCEC – MR 9

Organization: UN-HABITAT; Urban Laboratory Göteborg; Young Urban Network

This session will illustrate the potential of youth in urban safety as it examines two professional actions initiated and

run by youth in agreement with UN-HABITAT. The YUN-driven European Safety Workshops in Strasbourg, Gothenburg, Gliwice and Milan contribute to local work and develop methods using comparative reflection. The Urban Safety Arena for Exchange, run by ULG, YUN, CTH and HABITAT, provide networks for good practice dissemination and peer dialogue. Authors from the starter phase of this cyclical event will present their findings and a future-oriented discussion will encourage group participation and networking.

14:00–16:00**Cities of the Future – Global Competition, Local Leadership**

Location: VCEC – MR 14

Organization: Pricewaterhouse Coopers

This event will include a presentation of PwC's new global report: Cities of the Future – Global Competition, Local Leadership. The report is based upon interviews with 45 mayors around the globe and focuses on trends affecting cities of the future linked to challenges and opportunities. Discussion will focus on several themes, including the multidimensional focus of managing resources and “capitals” in cities of the future; social analysis and strategic navigation; strategic city branding for better attractiveness; sustainable development in a practical perspective; and leadership development and challenges for city leaders.

Speakers:

Jan Stureson, Global Leader, PwC Cities of the Future Network, Sweden
Trygve Sivertsen, Member, PwC Cities of the Future Network, Norway

14:00–16:00**Debate: Urban Development Strategies are not Relevant to National Poverty Reduction Strategies**

Location: VCEC – MR 15

Organization: ComHabitat

Why is it that urban poverty and investments in housing and infrastructure for the poor are so rarely mentioned in national poverty reduction planning? ComHabitat will host a debate to explore this question based around a motion that “this house believes urban

development strategies are not relevant to national poverty reduction strategies". Those who think something can and should be done about the gap between reality and policy in this area will enjoy the event, which offers excellent opportunities for wide audience participation. Speakers include national and local government officials, slum dwellers and NGO representatives.

14:00–16:00

Iberoamerican and Caribbean Forum on Best Practices

Location: VCEC – MR 2

Organization: *Iberoamerican and Caribbean Forum on Best Practices*

The goal of organizing this meeting on the transfer of best practices from Latin America and the Caribbean is twofold. First, the forum hopes to share the success it has had in transferring technologies, lessons learned and knowledge from one city or town to another via peer-to-peer workshops, training, international or regional conferences, thematic events, the analysis and publication of capacity building tools, electronic conferences award process and through fostering direct transfers of best practices from one place to another. Second, we hope to stimulate a spontaneous debate about best practices the forum has identified which will be the impetus for a longer, more permanent, exchange of ideas. We hope this exchange will lead to mutually beneficial relationships across international borders and the transfer of best practices and improvement of the living environment. The forum has learned the only way to improve quality of life in our city is through mutual cooperation and collaboration at all levels, and that is the goal of this meeting.

14:00–16:00

Challenges of Cooperation between Local Authorities and Civil Society

Location: VCEC – MR 7

Organization: *The Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities (KS)*

The Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation has been contributing to several multi-year projects in Tanzania in the area of local government reform and cooperation

between civil society and local government. This session presents some of the main lessons and challenges from these projects, as well as comments from youth community leaders from Kenya. Two projects will be presented: Methods for Co-operation between Civil Society and Local Government on Service Delivery; and Formative Research on the Local Government Reform.

Speakers:

Einar Braathen, NIBR
Siri Lange, CMI
Hege Wallevik, AF
Liss Schanke, KS

14:00–16:00

Housing Reforms in Central and Eastern Europe: Challenges and Risks in Sustainable Housing Maintenance and Management for Providing Affordable and Adequate Housing

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Oceanview Suites 5 & 6

Organization: *The Institute for Urban Economics (IUE), Moscow, Russia*

This session will briefly review the privatization processes and the road map in housing which led to current problems and intrinsic risks in maintenance, management and rehabilitation of housing stock in Central and Eastern Europe. It will focus on the essence of reforms, policies, mechanisms and approaches used to tackle the problem of affordable and adequate housing for all. The objective is to identify priority challenges to be addressed within regional housing programmes and explore how to strengthen and balance between the rights and responsibilities of citizens and the public and private sectors with regard to their role in making urban development sustainable.

Speakers:

Dr. H.S. van Eyk
Nadezhda Kosareva
Alena Kasyanenko

14:00–16:00

Finance for Sustainable and Affordable Human Settlements Development

Location: VCEC – MR 17

Organization: *UN-HABITAT, UN-ECLAC*

This networking event aims to explore and discuss the following issues and

sub-topics: new approaches and trends in domestic finance for human settlements; sustainable financing for low-income housing and infrastructure development; affordable housing finance mechanisms; primary and secondary mortgage finance development; integrating informal and formal human settlements financing; innovative financing mechanisms and capacity building; strategies for developing sustainable and affordable human settlements finance mechanisms; housing microfinance; and related case studies.

Speakers:

L. Chiquier
Raquel Szalachman
M. Lindfield
Father Josse van der Rest Emsens
R. Struyk
Pedro Borbon

14:00–16:00

Local Authorities and the Promotion of Decent Work in Construction and Related Services

Location: VCEC – MR 10

Organization: *ILO*

Although local authorities play a significant role in construction and related services, information and knowledge of their potential to generate jobs and improve work conditions, through policy-making and strategic allocation of public resources is still poorly understood. While a number of local authorities implement best practices related to labour, few others have the knowledge necessary for such implementation. This discussion will aim to reduce the gap between the two sets of local authorities. It will include presentations of related research by the International Labour Office and the University of Geneva, complemented by speakers knowledgeable in good practices. This event will also discuss the formation of a mutually supportive network of local authorities with a view on promoting decent work.

14:00–16:00

Youth, Urban Safety and Post-Conflict Situations

Location: VCEC – MR 16

Organization: *UNICEF, UN-HABITAT*

The event will seek to explore approaches and links in urban safety in

post-conflict interventions, with particular focus on reintegration of youth into existing and re-constituted social structures. It will also explore measures and mechanisms to prevent crime and violence in post-conflict situations, maintain peace and stability, and lay the foundation for democratic and inclusive urban development policies. Two case studies of countries in post-conflict situations will be highlighted. The first will focus on youth-friendly cities and the engagement of youth in urban re-development and design in the Palestine context. The second will focus on the exchange of experiences between Latin American countries and Caribbean countries, looking at violence in schools.

Speakers:

- Mima Perisic, Project Officer, Adolescent Development and Participation Unit, Programme Division, UNICEF New York
- Roger Hart, The City University of New York
- Shahd Faqaha, Child Municipal Council Member, Jenin
- Suleiman Al-Fare, Child Municipal Council Member, Gaza
- Lara Abu-Shilbayeh, Adolescents Assistant Project Officer, UNICEF Jerusalem
- Penelope Campbell, Programme Officer, Adolescents & HIV/AIDS, UNICEF Kingston
- Orlando Hamilton, Xchanger & Youth Facilitator, Jamaica
- Jhana Harris, Youth Facilitator, Jamaica

14:00-16:00

Iran's Cities – Coping with Big Challenges

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Oceanview Suite 2

Organization: Urban Age Institute

This session will discuss challenges of decentralization in the Islamic Republic of Iran, specifically the shift of decision-making and spending power from central to local governments. A presentation of a recent analysis of governance and the current restructuring of government roles and functions will provide the basis for discussion. Panel members will comment on such topics as: the emerging roles of local and central government in determining the provision of services; the financing of services; and mechanisms of accountability.

Speakers:

- Tim Campbell, Chairman, Urban Age Institute
- Hedi Larbi, Sector Manager, Urban Projects, World Bank
- Pirouz Hanachi, Former City Planning Deputy Minister, Islamic Republic of Iran
- Dr. Kian Tajbakhsh, Urban Planner; Professor

16:30-18:30

From Vancouver '76 to the Present: Donor Investment in Housing – What has been Learned?

Location: VCEC – MR 18

Organization: The World Bank; International Housing Coalition

This event will present an overview of current donor activity supporting improved housing, followed by short presentations on donor views of the key housing and slum issues. A description of what they are doing to resolve these key challenges and the reactions of slum dwellers and academics monitoring the events will follow. This event aims to improve the way international institutions interact with slum dwellers and remove the obstacles inherent in project preparation.

Speakers:

- Chair: Maryvonne Plessis-Fraissard, Director, World Bank
- Eduardo Rojas, Inter-American Development Bank
- Michael Lindfield, Asian Development Bank
- Robert Buckley, World Bank
- Michael Shea, Westat Inc.
- Michael Cohen, New School
- Om Mathur, NIPFP

16:30-18:30

Local Agenda 21: Where do we Stand?

Location: VCEC – MR 3

Organization: African Urban Management Institute

Local agendas 21 constitute a new planning pedagogy for the sustainable development of cities. The use of various tools and techniques has made it necessary to examine the methodological lessons and best practices to improve knowledge and understanding related to developing local agendas 21. This event will bring different players together to discuss the

following aspects: financing the process, civic participation, effectiveness of the tools, institutionalization, liaison with national programs, and opportunities in decentralized cooperation. Presentations by experts from the field and elected officials will serve as a base for the discussions.

Speakers:

- Dr. Oumar Cissé, Executive Secretary, IAGU
- Bocar Sidick Kane, Maire de Guédiawaye, Senegal
- Soraya Smaoun, ONU-HABITAT, Localizing Agenda 21

16:30-18:30

Managing the HIV/AIDS Pandemic at the Local Level in Africa

Location: VCEC – MR 10

Organization: UN-HABITAT, Urban Management Programme

In 2000, as a part of the Millennium Declaration adopted by the UN, member states resolved to halt and begin to reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS. Since 2004, UN-HABITAT has been active in Abengourou, Côte d'Ivoire, Blantyre, Malawi, Kisumu, Kenya, Louga, Senegal and Makurdi, Nigeria, helping local authorities assess the impact of HIV/AIDS at the local level and planning responses with local communities. This networking event will showcase experiences from the cities and countries managing HIV/AIDS at the local level in Africa. It will also include presentations from key partners, such as the World Bank, AMICAALL, the Huairou Commission and various youth groups.

Speakers:

- Dr. Lycester Bandawe, Blantyre, Malawi
- Deliwé Malema, Lilongwe, Malawi
- Honourable Prisca Auma, Mayor of Kisumu, Kenya,
- Cllr. Samuel Nyabinda, Kisumu, Kenya
- El Housseynou Ly, IAGU, Senegal
- Pascal Rakotomalala, BNETD, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire

16:30-18:30**The Urban Development Timeline: Learning from the Past to Inform the Future**

Location: VCEC – MR 9

Organization: PADCO, AECOM

PADCO will raise awareness of urban policy and development through interaction with the Urban Development Timeline, a knowledge management tool designed to stimulate discussion and share lessons from the past. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in substantive discourse on the most pressing urban issues while learning from prior experience. This opening event, in conjunction with the Urban Development Timeline exhibit, will stimulate greater understanding of the critical role urban issues play in modern development as well as encourage concrete steps for future action to address urban policy and development.

Speakers:

Duane Kissick, President, PADCO

16:30-18:30**An Idea into Action: Discovering the Place of Children in Cities and Slums around the World**

Location: VCEC – MR 7

Organization: Children, Youth and Environments Center for Research and Design

This event focuses on the development of the forthcoming book, "The Place of Children" (co-sponsored by UN-HABITAT) and is open to those with skills, expertise or contacts to contribute to further conceptualization and implementation of this worldwide project. We will discuss the selection of cases and other methodological aspects, strategies for developing chapters around specific children's stories, and ideas and messages, which should be included in the book. "The Place of Children" will show how young people living in poverty are helping to achieve the MDGs by working to improve their communities. It will also review policies and programs supporting young people's engagement in local approaches to urban sustainability.

16:30-18:30**Sustainable Cities and the Cross-Cultural Peacebuilding Approach**

Location: VCEC – MR 8

Organization: YOUCAN, Rock.Paper.Scissors Inc

This networking session will be a participatory workshop where theory meets practice. This engaging event will allow participants to interact and add new tools to their conflict resolution approaches. Sustainable Cities and the Cross-Cultural Peacebuilding Approach will showcase the YOUCAN Peacebuilding approach with highlights from our pioneering Cross-Cultural Conflict Resolution Module for youth. Theory will be highlighted through group activities and discussion, understanding that while conflict is universal, how we deal with it is not. This workshop takes a holistic view of culture – including ethnicity, socio-economic status, sexuality, ability, and gender – to provide participants with a framework to build a culturally sensitive, collaborative conflict resolution process which can be tailored to their individual communities and cultures.

16:30-18:30**Local Government Excellence Through Collaborative Partnerships**

Location: VCEC – MR 1

Organization: Local Government Management Association of British Columbia

BC's local government system has attracted international attention due to the high levels of political autonomy, financial self-sufficiency and public accountability. It is successful in part because of the high degree of collaboration within the system. This workshop will provide an overview of this system and present case studies of how it works on the ground. This workshop will be of interest to delegates from all levels of government, academic institutions, and anyone interested in the subject of effective local government.

Speakers:

Tom MacDonald, Executive Director, LGMA

Gary Paget, Executive Director, Government and Structure Division, Ministry of Community Services

16:30-18:30**Understanding Local Economies: Tools and Methodologies**

Location: VCEC – MR 16

Organization: Cities Alliance

Urban poverty reduction is impossible unless cities are productive and capable of providing the poor with economic opportunities. This session focuses on strategic planning for economic development, for which city managers, private sector and local stakeholders need to understand the local economy, including its constraints and prospects. With the support of the Netherlands, Cities Alliance has commissioned research to identify tools, methods and good practices of cities taking steps to understand their local economy. This practical workshop aims to share global good practice in local economy and competitiveness assessments, and disseminate findings on tools and methods, which enable cities with little reliable information to design strategies with more confidence.

16:30-18:30**MDGs and Local Urban Observatories**

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Oceanview Suites 5 & 6

Organization: UN-HABITAT, GUO, ROLAC

The main objectives of this event are twofold: to identify critical issues related to mainstreaming L-MDG action plans into existing local development plans, programming and management instruments; and to optimize the design, indicators and data management for urban monitoring systems, relating to the L-MDG. A representative from a local authority with experience in urban development and planning, with in-depth knowledge of the MDG and urban information and monitoring systems, will act as moderator. Three professionals will present their experiences and emerging issues arising from the setting up of L-MDG process and observatory/monitoring system.

*Speakers:*Municipalities of Belo Horizonte and Nova Iguaçu, Brazil
Municipality of Guayaquil, Ecuador
Caribbean Region

16:30–18:30**Rental and Co-operative Housing – A Necessary Complement to Ownership**

Location: VCEC – MR 13

Organization: International Union of Tenants and the Swedish Cooperative Centre

Part 1: The trend, today, is privatization of social and public housing in developed countries. We witness how the state and the public sector step away from their responsibilities, leaving the issue of access to affordable housing to NGOs and the private sector. In developing countries, rental housing is often undervalued and not considered an alternative to ownership. We will argue rental housing is a valuable tenure to virtually every household and therefore, should constitute a substantial element in the housing sector of every society. Part 2: Cooperative housing, especially those using methods of self-management, self-help and self-construction, has been successful in achieving housing accessible for low-income persons. Gustavo D. González will, through positive experiences from Latin America, show how non-profit cooperative housing has contributed to the realization of housing rights and, also, discuss the obstacles facing this model.

Speakers:

Magnus Hammar, Secretary General, IUT
Gusatvo Gonzáles, Swedish Cooperative Centre
Martha J. Lewis, Tenants' Rights Action Coalition
Sayed-Iqbal Mohammed, Organization of Civic Rights, South Africa

16:30–18:30**Rebuilding Homes in Sri Lanka – An Example of an International Partnership**

Location: VCEC – MR 15

Organization: Government of Quebec, SSHQ

In the wake of the tsunami in Southeast Asia, the Mouvement Desjardins has joined forces with the Société d'habitation du Québec and the Canadian International Development Agency to help with the rebuilding effort in Sri Lanka. The partnership will provide financial support and expertise for the SANASA network of savings and credit cooperatives to help build

and manage homes for underprivileged tsunami victims. Representatives from these organizations will discuss their experiences, concentrating on the benefits of the partnership formula and the challenges of rebuilding in disaster-damaged areas.

Speakers:

Robert Gaboriault, Economist
Bernard McNamara, Architect

16:30–18:30**Cities and the Public Realm: Reinvesting in Community Assets**

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Oceanview Suite 2

Organization: Canadian Urban Institute

The quality of urban life is rooted deeply in the strength of the public realm. Education, health care, social services, transit, the arts, water and sanitation, safety, justice, libraries, natural and built heritage, parks, recreation facilities, streets, markets and public places are connecting tissues linking our individual private worlds and fusing one generation to another. The public realm is the glue holding a city together and the bedrock upon which it builds prosperity, communities and social peace. Join CUI and its southern partners in an international dialogue on new ways to use urban economies and civic engagement to restore our city regions and their community assets, ecological systems, cultural souls and rural hinterlands. This gathering will provide unique perspectives from Ethiopia, Philippines, Cuba, Jamaica, Brazil and Ukraine.

Speakers:

Hon. David Crombie, President & CEO, Canadian Urban Institute; former Mayor of Toronto, Canada
Hon. Jerry Treñas, Mayor, Iloilo City, Philippines; President, League of Cities of the Philippines
His Excellency Ato Arkebe Oqubay, State Minister, Ministry of Works and Urban Development, Government of Ethiopia

16:30–18:30**Cities and Lakes: Sustainable Utilization of Lake Resources for Productive and Liveable Cities**

Location: VCEC – MR 12

Organization: Lake Victoria Region Local Authorities Association (LVRLAC)

This session will feature presentations by member cities and institutions.

16:30–18:30**Building an Integrated Urban Transportation Network**

Location: VCEC – MR 17

Organization: Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority – Translink

This networking session will be comprised of three short presentations focusing on the development of an integrated transportation network, using Greater Vancouver as a model. This event will include: governance and funding of urban transportation; integration of land use and transportation planning; and accessibility of public transport and the urban environment. The model includes a strong public consultation component, involving key stakeholders as well as public opinion polling on key policy and funding alternatives. Principles include integrated land use and transportation planning to shape urban development and that users of transport should pay for transport. A mixed delivery system including public and private operators encourages innovation, efficiency and customer service.

Speakers:

Malcolm Brodie, Chair, GVTA Board of Directors and Mayor of Richmond
Glen Leicester, Vice-President, Planning, GVTA
Clive Rock, Director, Strategic Planning & Policy, GVTA

16:30–18:30**Life in the Urban Landscape (1): Waste as a Source of Energy to Combat Climate Change**

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Oceanview Suites 3 & 4

Organization: Swedish Research Council Formas; Swedish EPA; Swedish National Heritage Board; SIDA; Swedish National Board of Housing, Building and Planning

This event will focus on the links between energy, waste management

and climate change. It will investigate how to use waste as a resource and show best practice. It will also discuss methods to minimize emissions causing climate change with various examples from Sweden and other parts of the world.

Speakers:

Helena Kock-Åström, Linköping
Lennart Erfors, Kristianstad
Frederika C Rentoy, Philippines
Ritma Dubrovskā, Latvia
Moderator: Tomas Kåberger

16:30–18:30

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

Location: VCEC – MR 14

Organization: UNESCO – GUIC

What is it like to grow up in your city? What works, and what doesn't, for children and youth in the most challenging neighbourhoods of your city? How can you engage young people as meaningful partners for community change? What can we learn from them that will lead to more effective policies and services? For ten years, the Growing Up in Cities project has been engaging young people as co-researchers in understanding their communities, identifying priorities for change, and working to make change happen. This session will be an opportunity to hear from adults and young people involved in GUIC projects from Mexico, Japan, Canada, Kenya and elsewhere, to learn from their experiences and determine how to apply their lessons to your community.

Speakers:

Representatives from Growing Up in Guadalajara, Growing Up in Tokyo, Growing Up in Gatineau and others

16:30–18:30

Fighting Forced Evictions: Two Years of Efforts of the UN Advisory Group on Forced Evictions and its Partners

Location: VCEC – MR 3

Organization: UN-HABITAT— Advisory Group on Forced Evictions

This event will demonstrate alternatives to forced evictions are possible, even in difficult situations. The first session will highlight the global picture on forced evictions with a focus on the

last decade. The second session will include regional presentations from Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe focusing on recent and ongoing cases, and various solutions and successes in fighting evictions. The final session will present a play by community members on creative ways to deal with forced evictions. This event will bring together participants from countries successfully dealing with evictions with those from countries facing large-scale eviction situations, creating a debate among government, civil society, and slum dwellers communities.

Speakers:

Jean de Plessis, Ag Director Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions
Leticia Osario, Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions, Latin America
Marilu Sanchez, Huairou Commission

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13:30–15:30

Local Public Finances and Decentralization

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Oceanview Suites 7 & 8

Organization: Association internationale des maires francophones

Upon completing the decentralization processes, mayors of southern cities are required to take on new responsibilities, including increasing their ability to mobilize funds. This session will demonstrate how AIMF supports its member cities in several ways. First, the city of Douala, Cameroon, will present how it mobilizes private funds by improving its accounting and financial management. Second, the Niamey addressing project will demonstrate how it maximized the city's fiscal potential through tax collection. Finally, the Dakar experience will demonstrate how a city can revitalize its socio-economic fabric and increase its fiscal resources through micro financing.

Speakers:

Simon Compaore, Mayor of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
Lamine Mbassa, Director of Financial Affairs, Douala, Cameroon
Amadou Souley, Directeur de la cellule d'adressage de Niamey, Niger
Fayol Tall, Dakar

13:30–15:30

Practices on Responsive Local Governance: Women Building Sustainable Communities – From Grassroots to Local Governments

Location: VCEC – MR 13

Organization: The Huairou Commission – Governance Campaign

This session approaches building sustainable communities from the unique perspective of enhancing governance through collaborations between grassroots women and local authorities. The dialogue will show how developing partnerships between grassroots women's groups and local government have contributed to the improvement of cities, including slum-upgrading, increased access to basic services, increased participation in government processes and safer urban environments. This is a session to share actionable ideas to build knowledge, strengthen existing partnerships, create new collaboration opportunities, and to provide a platform for innovative ideas and practices.

Speakers:

Tessie Fernandez, Lihok Philipina
Elizaveta Bozhkova, Information Center of the Independent Women's Forum, Russia
Sonia Jay Wright, Centro das Mulheres do Cabo, Brazil

13:30–15:30

Community-driven Tsunami Rehabilitation Process

Location: VCEC – MR 9

Organization: Asian Coalition for Housing Rights

Teams of community leaders and supporters from tsunami-hit areas of India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Thailand will share their unconventional strategies and experiences in rebuilding their lives, communities, livelihoods and environments. Because the scale of the disaster was too great for governments and aid agencies to handle alone, the tsunami provided a rich opportunity for exploring new aspects of people-centered disaster management and longer-term development, in which affected communities have been key actors, rather than passive victims. The likelihood of increasing natural and man-made calamities makes it crucial lessons of the Asian tsunami be shared, understood and built upon,

to encourage the mainstreaming of people's central participation in disaster rehabilitation.

Speakers:

Somsook Boonyabanch, ACHR/CODI, Thailand
Wardah Hafidz, Urban Poor Link
Sandeep Virmani, India
KA Jayaratne SEVANATHA, Sri Lanka

13:30-15:30

Building Capacity for Better Cities: What Have we Learned?

Location: VCEC – MR 16

Organization: Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies

In Istanbul, 10 years ago, we shared experience between some of the major institutions involved in Capacity Building for urban development. Discussion was based on a publication aiming to link experience with more strategic action. This meeting in Vancouver aims to share the approaches tried and focus on the most strategic directions to make investment as effective as possible. This session will include inputs on the concepts, barriers to effective use of capacity, experiences showing potential, and strategic ways to progress. Participants will be encouraged to share their input in the fields of barriers, positive experiences and the most strategic future directions.

Speakers:

Banashree Banerji, IHS Associate, Consultant, India
Forbes Davidson, HIS
Caren Levy, DPU
Johnny Astrand, Lund
Raf Tuts, Chief Training and Capacity Building, UN-Habitat

13:30-15:30

Growing Better Cities: Create Jobs, Protect the Environment, and Enhance Food Security

Location: VCEC – MR 8

Organization: International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and ETC Foundation

Urban agriculture can help solve a range of social, economic, and environmental challenges. Local authorities will discuss ways to use urban and peri-urban agriculture initiatives to build cleaner, greener, and food secure cities.

Speakers:

Chair: Marielle Dubbeling, ETC/
International Network of Resource Centres on Urban Agriculture and Food Security (RUAF), Leusden, the Netherlands.
Honourable David Crombie, President of Canadian Urban Institute
Miguel Zamarinini, President of Rosario's Municipal Council, Argentina
John Ssebaana Kizito, former Mayor of Kampala, Uganda
Peter Ladner, Municipal Councillor, Vancouver, Canada.
Junping Liu, Director of Resources & Regional Planning Office, Beijing Research Centre of Rural Economy, Beijing, China
Naser Faruqui, Team Leader, Urban Poverty and Environment Program, International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Ottawa, Canada.

13:30-15:30

How to Integrate Environmental Aspects in City Long-term Strategic Planning

Location: VCEC – MR 2

Organization: Cities Alliance, UNEP

The Cities Alliance is focusing on integrating environmental aspects into its approaches and activities. This event will give city practitioners, donors and the research community an opportunity to exchange views and discuss tools and best practices on incorporating environmental systemic issues into long-term strategic planning of cities. How can a city achieve long-term gains and savings by factoring environmental costs and services into planning and budgeting? This event will present and discuss three topics: presentation of a paper arguing for "why" and "how" the integration of environment into strategic planning is important; examples from cities which have been environmentally successful; and an overview of available tools and methodologies.

Speakers:

Jeremy Harris, former Mayor of Honolulu, USA
Mayors from two developing cities

13:30-15:30

From Vancouver 1976 to Vancouver 2006: Summary on Concepts and Actions

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Oceanview Suites 3 & 4

Organization: ENDA Tiers-Monde

It is not easy to measure the impact of meetings organized by the United Nations for discussing the problems of a given domain, especially in such limited time frames that durable results and genuine obstacles cannot be fully considered. However, over a thirty-year time span, there is evidence of mounting interest in having a critical report on the path thus far travelled and the impact of reflection and action. How has the African city evolved in its configuration, its facilities, its constraints, its resources, and its challenges? What is the impact of initiated action on its development and management? What have been known successes and setbacks? How have the concepts that guided action fundamentally changed? What has happened to the catastrophic projections and predictions made in the 1970s to justify general intervention and mobilisation against urban problems? How have the experience's and lessons learned been documented by countries? Have they been shared? With who? Which new theoretical and political perspective must be given in order to get to the desired massive and durable changes. This networking event is a prolongation of this debate. It will constitute one privileged moment to take stock of the thought and the interventions in the cities in general and the African cities in particular. It will be held in the presence of leading research experts, local authorities and various representatives interested in questions regarding the urban issues. The results of these exchanges will account for the paradigmatic perspectives and will direct the postures of the future.

13:30-15:30

Urbanization Management Strategies and Sustainable Communities

Location: VCEC – MR 3

Organization: Government of Quebec, Ministry of Municipal and Regional Affairs

This session will examine viable communities in urban areas, offering various perspectives, such as: a

presentation by the *ministère des Affaires municipales et des Régions du Québec* on urban planning management strategies and various tools; a presentation by Québec City, with a population of 524,000, formed through the amalgamation of 13 municipalities, on its land use and development plan; a presentation by the Metro Council of Portland, Oregon, on the practices most often cited by advocates of the smart growth movement; and a presentation by *Vivre en ville*, an organization which assembles over 300 members from Québec's regions and has produced a multimedia initiatives kit.

Speakers:

Alain Caron, Urbaniste, Gouvernement du Québec
 Fernand Martin, Directeur de l'aménagement, Ville de Québec
 Rex Burkholder, Metro Council of Portland
 Alexandre Turgeon, President, Vivre en ville

13:30-15:30

Social Cohesion – Ensuring the Inclusion of Immigrants and other Newcomers

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Oceanview Suite 2

Organization: Ministry of Attorney General and Ministry Responsible for Multiculturalism, Government of British Columbia

Since the 1950s, the percentage of the world's population living in urban areas has increased to nearly 50 per cent and is expected to rise to 60 per cent by 2030. Population movements have led to a mix of ages, cultures, religions, nationalities and citizenship status, and urban populations are, in many jurisdictions, becoming increasingly diverse. This networking session is an opportunity to explore the impact of international migration on urbanization and the pursuit of social cohesion in our cities. Panel commentary will cover demographic trends, efforts at immigrant integration and addressing increasing cultural diversity, through the experiences of three urban mayors from three continents. Each panelist brings an insight and experience in fostering social cohesion within their cities and regions, which will serve as a launching point for an interactive discussion.

Speakers:

Sam Sullivan, Mayor of Vancouver, Canada
 Carlos Alberto Richa, Mayor of Curitiba, Brazil
 Adam Kimbisa, Mayor Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania

13:30-15:30

Addressing Conflict in Water and Sanitation Services for the Urban Poor

Location: VCEC – MR 18

Organization: Canadian International Development Agency; Swedish International Development Agency

The delivery of water supply and sanitation services to the urban poor poses a special challenge for developing countries. Exploding population growth, increased demand, crumbling infrastructure, and limited financial and institutional resources combine to compromise the health, livelihoods, and overall well-being of millions. Under decentralization, municipal authorities grapple with the needs for system rehabilitation and extension, legislative reform, stronger institutional capacity, and improved cost recovery. The poor tend to seek their own solutions, some innovative, but many expensive and unreliable, with attendant environmental and health risks. This networking event focuses on the types of conflicts emerging in compromised circumstances. These may arise from particular management or ownership arrangements, revenue collection strategies, water quality problems, or loss of access to resources. The discussion will include conflict situations arising in India, South Africa, Vietnam, and Zimbabwe, and the attempts to resolve them.

Speakers:

Refilwe Pitso, South Africa
 Dr. Ranjith Perera, Thailand
 Dr. S. Janakrajan, India
 Dr. Bekithemba Gumbo, Zimbabwe

13:30-15:30

Accessible Urban Space: A Facilitated Discussion on Inclusive Cities and Communities

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Crystal Pavilion C

Organization: Social Planning and Research Council of British Columbia (SPARC BC)

How does urban planning affect community accessibility and social inclusion for people with disabilities? How does accessibility play out in different cultural and economic contexts? These are two questions participants will engage with in SPARC BC's facilitated discussion. During this unique opportunity to share ideas and learn from each other, participants will examine models from around the world which have broken down barriers to accessibility for people with disabilities. Through a guided exploration of challenges, best practices, and ways forward, participants will draw upon their own experiences to find commonalities in the solutions presented, and determine ways to incorporate these into their own communities. Various assistive technologies will make this event accessible to people with disabilities attending WUF. It will also feature an innovative and real-time online conferencing tool linking in virtual participants from around the world.

13:30-15:30

A Worldwide Review of the Housing Sector Strategies and Finance in Developing Countries

Location: VCEC – MR 14

Organization: World Bank

The event will bring together participants who have worked on distinct, but inter-related aspects of shelter policy in developing countries. The areas of focus will include civic society, land development, the provision of subsidies, and reaction to crises such as a tsunami.

Speakers:

Sheela Patel, Director, SPARC
 George Soraya, Aceh, Indonesia
 Sonia Hammam, Sector Manager, South Asia Infrastructure, World Bank
 Jacquiline Schafer, Assistant Administrator, United States Agency for International Development
 Mila Friere, Regional Advisor, Urban Housing and Municipal Services, World Bank

13:30–15:30**Sustainable Community
– Government Partnerships on
Gendered Violence Prevention**Location: Pan Pacific Hotel –
Oceaview Suite 1*Organization: Women in Cities International;
UN-HABITAT Safer Cities Programme*

Women in Cities International is currently engaged in linking local community-government partnerships working on violence prevention from a gendered perspective. There are projects in Canada, Australia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, Europe and Asia, working on these issues, bridging violence prevention in both public and 'private' space. What are the opportunities? What are the roadblocks and how can they be overcome? What can we learn from one another? How can we create ongoing cross-cultural communications on our common issues? This event will attempt to gain perspective into these questions.

Speakers:

Cookie Edwards, South Africa
Dipak Naker, Uganda
Olga Segovia, Chile
Johanne Bouchard, Canada

13:30–15:30**Aboriginal Housing in Canada
– Building on Promising Practices**

Location: VCEC – MR 12

*Organization: Canadian Real Estate
Association*

Aboriginal housing is recognized as the worst in Canada. Fifty-four per cent of housing on reserves is substandard. The Canadian government and aboriginal organizations are currently in discussions aimed at implementing a transformative solution. The resource paper will review the reasons for the poor state of aboriginal housing and will examine the particular, and unique, challenges involved in housing aboriginal Canadians living both on and off reserves. The paper will showcase eight existing aboriginal housing providers as models for future success. They represent "aboriginal homeownership," urban rental and social housing projects. These models demonstrate principles helping bring about the desired transformation of aboriginal housing. At the networking session an aboriginal panel will lead

a discussion based on the models to propose a strategy for the future.

Speakers:

Ron Jamieson, Six Nations Reserve;
retired Senior Vice President, Bank of
Montreal
David Seymour, National Aboriginal
Housing Association; Executive
Director, M'akola Group
Beverley Jacobs, President, Native
Women's Association of Canada

13:30–15:30**High Level Commission on Legal
Empowerment of the Poor:
Promoting Inclusion, Access
and Opportunity in Urban
Environments**

Location: VCEC – MR 17

*Organization: High Level Commission on
Legal Empowerment of the Poor*

The High Level Commission on Legal Empowerment of the Poor is a new, independent initiative aiming to make legal protection and economic opportunity, not the privilege of few, but the right of all. The Commission of global policymakers seeks reforms that ensure secure tenure and enforceable property rights to the world's poor. This event will seek to build dialogue with civil society to ensure participation of citizens groups and the private sector in developing new approaches to legal empowerment.

Speakers:

Lindiwe Sisulu, Minister of Housing,
Republic of South Africa
Erna Witoelar, UN Special Ambassador
for MDGs in Asia & the Pacific
Lloyd Axworthy, former Minister of Foreign
Affairs for Canada

13:30–15:30**Sustainable Relief and
Reconstruction- Turning
Discussions into Operational
Reality**

Location: VCEC – MR 7

Organization: UN-HABITAT – DMP

The objective of this event is to draw together partners of UN-HABITAT for an informal, provocative networking session concentrating on the operational aspects of the conceptual framework and guiding principles. The event will introduce good practices and lessons learned from the field, all within the context of reflecting and reviewing

the precision of the conceptual Sustainable Relief and Reconstruction framework. This event hopes to further elaborate the SRR framework into the following outcomes: inputs received, both operational and normative, for the UN-HABITAT Policy on Human Settlements in Crisis; participants are committed to the Sustainable Relief and Reconstruction approach on normative as well as operational level; cohesion and framework developed on how and in what ways participants will implement the Sustainable Relief and Reconstruction guiding principles.

Speakers:

Scott Leckie, COHRE
Moderator: Wayne Caldwell, University
of Guelph

13:30–15:30**Improving Urban Policies
Through Best Practices Transfer**Location: Pan Pacific Hotel –
Oceanview Suites 5 & 6*Organization: Ministry of Housing, Spain*

The transfer of Best Practices, which have obtained remarkable results in the sustainable development of many urban areas, with the consequent improvement in the life conditions of their citizens, constitutes a mechanism of easy application for the improvement of urban policies in other cities. Learning from the results of successful practices allows other cities to avoid mistakes and to assure favourable effects in the short term. This event is an interactive discussion through the exposition of three Spanish Good Practices developed in the city of Zaragoza (Ecocity of Valdespartera), in La Habana, Cuba and within the Spanish territory (Green Ways Program), analyzing their capacity to be transferred to other cities or countries. The three practices have been selected as "good" or "best" practices by the United Nations in their Awards promoted from 1996 to 2004.

Speakers:

Miguel Angel Portero, Ecocidad
"Valdespartera", Zaragoza
Carmen Aycart, Fundación de Ferrocarriles
Españoles, Programa de Vías Verdes
Mariano Calle, Movimiento por la Paz, el
Desarme y la Libertad, Cooperación
con La Habana

13:30-15:30**Human Settlements: It's More Than Homes**

Location: VCEC – MR 10

Organization: NGO Committee on Human Settlements (Vancouver Work Group)

This event will present the review and outcome of projects from the field and ongoing research, which has contributed to improved living conditions in informal settlements, including slums and squatter communities of disadvantaged citizens and marginalized groups. The crosscutting issues generated in all aspects of human settlements have motivated this presentation by representatives from youth, practitioners from the private sector, and seniors. This intergenerational overview will highlight how the provision of affordable housing and basic infrastructure leads to increased amenities, better health conditions and improved livelihoods for all members of the recipient communities. These efforts reflect the implementation prospects for the Habitat Agenda, Johannesburg Plan of Implementation and the Millennium Development Goals.

Speakers:

Maria Rosario
Johan Josiah
Sonia Zapata

13:30-15:30**Child and Youth Friendly Cities**

Location: VCEC – Ballroom B

Organization: One Stop Youth Information Resource Centre

A child and youth friendly city is one that supports all aspects of a young person's development, including self-efficacy, education, recreation, the experience of cultural harmony and a sense of connection to urban environments. This event examines urban youth issues and looks at how the Centre for Urban Youth Development, under the Global Partnership Initiative, is seeking solutions to issues of youth in the urban environment. These include policy and planning to preserve and design urban environments, such as creating safe spaces for play, recreation, relationship building and capacity building; educating peers on safety, health and wellness related matters, including crime prevention,

food security, and unemployment; and improving local access to natural resources and municipal infrastructures.

Speakers:

Darcy Varney, Director of Special Projects, Children, Youth and Environments Center for Research
S. Ananthakrishnan, Chief Partners and Youth Section, UN-HABITAT

13:30-15:30**Planning Successful Sustainable Cities: Case Study Vancouver, Canada**

Location: VCEC – MR 1

Organization: City of Vancouver

Vancouver is recognized as one of the world's most liveable cities. Senior City officials will share their experiences in establishing sustainable governance, financing, and planning approaches and delivering transportation, social, and infrastructure services. The presentations will focus on innovative local government tools to turn ideas into action. These include techniques for engaging broad public participation in policy planning and program implementation; financing the maintenance of existing infrastructure and provision of new growth related services; design-based management of development; and using partnerships with other governments, business, and the community to implement plans.

Speakers:

Judy Rogers, City Manager, City of Vancouver
Dr. Ann McAfee, Co-Director of Planning, City of Vancouver
Larry Beasley, Co-Director of Planning, City of Vancouver

16:30-18:30**Ontario's Approach to Urban Sustainability****Location: VCEC – MR 10***Organization: Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal, Province of Ontario*

The Government of Ontario has embarked on a comprehensive approach to growth management that will achieve long-term sustainability, a high quality of life and prosperity. Innovative policy and planning initiatives have been undertaken to provide a rational planning approach to sustainable growth and infrastructure

development including Places to Grow and the Greater Golden Horseshoe Growth Plan, the Greenbelt Plan, and the Toronto Waterfront revitalization plans for the West Don Lands precinct. This networking session will highlight the key features of these initiatives including: legislation, stakeholder involvement, and inter-ministerial collaboration. Subsequent breakout groups will offer opportunities to explore and discuss the Ontario experience, as well as the experiences and lessons learned in sustainable growth planning from other jurisdictions around the world.

Speakers:

Paul Evans, Assistant Deputy Minister, Infrastructure Policy and Planning Branch, Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal
Brad Graham, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ontario Growth Secretariat, Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal
Barb Konyi, Manager, Planning And Development Division, Ministry of Municipal Affairs And Housing
Joe Berridge, Partner, Urban Strategies Inc
Debbe Crandall, Executive Director, Save the Oak Ridges Moraine
Kristin Jenkins, VP Public Affairs, Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation
Cynthia Wilkey, Chair, West Don Lands Committee

16:30-18:30**Sustainable Cities: PLUS Network – Partners for Long-term Urban Sustainability**

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Oceanview Suite 2

Organization: International Centre for Sustainable Cities

Cities copy one another's best ideas. The PLUS Network has pioneered advances to urban sustainability planning by encouraging cities to imagine their future in 100 years instead of the more typical 5-20 year timeframe. The PLUS Network is a peer-learning network of cities from around the world embarking on bringing such ambitious plans into action. In this session, cities and communities using this approach will discuss their key challenges, opportunities and current actions as they plan far beyond the current electoral term.

Speakers:

Juan Blanco, Mayor of Chihuahua, Mexico
 Councillor Linda Fox-Mellway, City of
 Calgary, Canada
 Mayor Adam Kimbisa, Dar es Salaam,
 Tanzania
 Sogen Moodley, Durban, South Africa
 Salvador Trevino, Matamoros,
 Mexico
 Luis Henrique Fragomeni, President of
 IPPUC, Curitiba, Brazil
 Alison Dwyer, Adelaide, Australia
 Salvador Herrera, IMPLAN, Chihuahua,
 Mexico

16:30–18:30**Integrating Global Concerns into the Urban Management in Asia: Challenges and Experiences**

Location: VCEC – MR 1

Organization: Institute for Global Environmental Strategies

This session will bring together mayors and distinguished scholars to discuss the challenges, opportunities, barriers, experiences and strategies in integrating global concerns into urban management in the Asia-Pacific region. Professor Akio Morishima, President of IGES and Former Chair of the Central Environment Council of Japan will open the event and the Former Mayor of Honolulu, Mr. Jeremy Harris, will deliver the keynote speech. A panel discussion will follow. The Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, established by an initiative of the Japanese Government in 1998, is a research institute that conducts pragmatic and innovative strategic policy research to support sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific region experiencing rapid population increase and economic growth.

Speakers:

Jeremy Harris, Former Mayor of Honolulu
 Dr. Bhanasopit Melkvichai, Vice Governor
 of Bangkok
 Dr. Zhaoqian Li, Mayor of Rizhao City,
 China

16:30–18:30**Developing a Template: Partnerships Models for Big Cities**

Location: VCEC – MR 13

Organization: Women in Cities International and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities

This session will use four Canadian 'big city' case studies to present the different structures, mechanisms and processes needed to fully implement

a Gender Equality Policy. Discussion will be guided by a questionnaire in a publication of Federation of Canadian Municipalities called A City Tailored to Women, which identifies three sets of factors contributing to the creation of women-friendly cities. Among these factors are political, administrative and participatory concerns. Although the opening presentation will be about Canadian cities – Toronto, Vancouver, Montreal and Ottawa – the focus of the session will be international. Special attention will be given to the particular nature of large cities, given their diversity in terms of ethnicity, class, occupations and abilities. Are there special challenges and possibilities needing to be recognized and addressed? Or, are these lessons equally applicable to smaller communities?

Speakers:

Mariana Alonso, Argentina
 Konté Fatoumata Doumbia, Mali
 Vu Thi Vinh, Vietnam
 Nicole Boily, Canada
 Ellen Woodsworth, Canada
 Proserpina Tapales, Philippines
 Magdalena García Hernández, Mexico
 Marina Leite, Brazil

16:30–18:30**Housing for All: Essential to Economic, Social and Civic Development**

Location: VCEC – MR 16

Organization: PADCO; AECOM

PADCO will facilitate a round table discussion with prominent multi-national experts to brainstorm about how best to re-introduce the role of housing in the development agenda. The first part of the event will summarize the paper's theme of housing as a main driver of economic, social and civic development. Examples from both the developed and developing world will illustrate this argument. The paper highlights the role of housing in poverty alleviation, health and humanitarian relief and as a foundation for democracy, governance and security. An interactive discussion and critique on the paper's thesis will follow including an identification of next steps in obtaining stakeholder support.

Speakers:

Duane Kissick, President of PADCO

16:30–18:30**Urban Risk-Proofing: Safer Cities Through Better Environmental Management**

Location: VCEC – MR 8

Organization: International Development Research Centre

Where they live makes the urban poor especially vulnerable to extreme natural events, such as floods, and the effects of climate change. Latin Americans and Canadians will share their experiences in developing and using environmental management and planning tools to reduce urban vulnerability to disasters and climate change.

Speakers:

Jorge Gavidia, Director of the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean, UN-HABITAT
 Omar Dario Cardona, Professor, University of the Andes, Bogotá, Colombia
 Brad Anguish, Director, Environmental Management Services, Canada
 Hilda Herzer, Director Centro de Estudios Sociales y Ambientales (CENTRO), Buenos Aires, Argentina
 Victor Manuel Gonzalez, Regional Coordinator Integrated Risk Management Federation of Municipalities of the Central America Isthmus (FEMICA), Huehuetenango, Guatemala
 Nelly Soliman, former Mayor, El Progreso, Honduras
 Federico Burone, Regional Director, IDRC Office for Latin America and the Caribbean, Montevideo, Uruguay
 Chair: Jose Ballesteros, Consultant for the Ministry of Environment, Housing and Territorial Development, Bogota Colombia

16:30–18:30**People Processes for Inclusive Cities – Social Production and Management of Habitat**

Location: VCEC – MR 2

Organization: Habitat International Coalition

This session aims to present progress and debate around the social production of habitat (SPH) concept and its role in fighting poverty and exclusion, regarding the MDGs. It will also provide the interchange and analyzing of proposals to include SPH in public policy, including the legal, administrative, and financial instruments, and national and local housing and urban development programmes.

Speakers:

Enrique Ortiz, HIC President, Mexico
 Kirtee Shah, ASAG Director, India
 Eliza Moore, Rooftops/Co-operative
 Movement, Canada

16:30-18:30**Land Management in Local Communities**

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel –
 Oceanview Suites 3 & 4

Organization: The Federation of Canadian Municipalities; Indian and Northern Affairs Canada

This session will feature presentations from local government and First Nation representatives, followed by a round table discussion. The discussion will focus on land management related issues, which hold significant partnership opportunities for First Nations and local governments. These include, but are not limited to, service provision, infrastructure projects, political protocols in working together, regional economic development and by-law compatibility.

Speakers:

Aaron Dinwoodie, Director
 Chief Robert Louie

16:30-18:30**Towards Sustainable Urbanization: Canada/UN-HABITAT Initiatives, 1976-2006**

Location: VCEC – MR 3

Organization: Centre for Human Settlements; The University of British Columbia

Canada has a long and noble history of creative initiatives at the UN, urging Member Nations and the UN itself to frame and implement policies, programs and projects to improve urban living, within, beyond, and through settlements. Canada's foreign-policy initiatives through the UN usually paralleled domestic goals. Domestic programs of improving city life were linked to comparable initiatives overseas and vice-versa. In addition, Canada's initiatives have always reflected its commitment to connect issues of natural and built environment for human settlements. IDRC's generous research grant together with Western Economic Diversification, and UBC's contribution enabled a research team at Centre for Human Settlements (CHS) to assemble and review the ebb and flow of Canada's initiatives over three decades.

Speakers:

H. Peter Oberlander, Centre for Human Settlements, University of British Columbia
 Ingrid Leman Stefanovic, University of Toronto
 Jeanne M. Wolfe, McGill University
 David Covo, McGill University
 Arie Shachar, Hebrew University
 Pietro Garau, University of Rome
 John MacLeod, University of Montreal

16:30-18:30**Localising the Millennium Development Goals: Building Competencies in Africa Local Governments to Mainstream Gender and Empower Women**

Location: VCEC – MR 9

Organization: African Local Governance Program

This session will address how to strengthen Local Government Authorities (LGAs) to fully recognize women's rights, achieve women's and men's full and equal participation in local decision making and ensure equity in access to services and resources. ALGP partners will share information on the current African local governance context and conditions to mainstream gender as experienced by the LGAs involved in the program. Participants will be asked for input on a new practical tool for building LGA competencies and capacities to promote gender equality. They will also seek to create linkages with similar initiatives in other parts of the world.

Speakers:

Jane Edna Nyame, Councillor
 Esther Offei Aboagye, Director, Institute of Local Government Studies

16:30-18:30**The Meaning of "Architecture Sans Frontières"**

Location: VCEC – MR 15

Organization: Architecture Sans Frontières – International Network

This panel will debate the following questions: How can architects contribute to solve the urban housing crisis? What is Architecture Without Borders and what should we do? It will, also, provide an overview of methods to solve the global housing crisis and discuss the role of architects in disaster prevention and disaster remediation. The panel will investigate community participation

in slum rehabilitation in Lima, Peru and consider types of housing best suited to combat urban sprawl in low-income countries.

Speakers:

Jaime Royo Olid, Research Assistant,
 Sust. Humane Habitat in Developing Countries
 Luz Maria Sanchez, Arch. Slum Improvement Projects, Lima, Peru
 Dick Urban Vestbro
 Eric Sellis
 Craig Williams
 Assumpta Nnaggenda-Musana

16:30-18:30**Positive beats from City streets Part II**

Location: VCEC – Ballroom B

Organization: Baobab Connections; Dutch National Youth Council

Dutch organisations, together with their partner organisations around the world, will show the impact of their youth activities. This event will mainly focus on the need for a public space in cities for young people, specifically as a place for leisure, but, also, a place to learn, interact globally and to act.

16:30-18:30**Life in the Urban Landscape (2): A New Urban Governance: Local Leadership and Community Involvement**

Location: VCEC – MR 7

Organization: Swedish Research Council Formas; Swedish EPA; Swedish National Heritage Board; SIDA; Swedish National Board of Housing, Building and Planning

The event will promote a dialogue on leadership and community involvement in local urban governance, with examples of real world urban action in South Africa, Vietnam and Sweden. Responsible local leadership and public participation are key elements and features of "good urban governance", however in forming governance networks and partnerships, it is sometimes difficult for some groups and people to participate. A bottom-up approach and true participation are not obtained in the twinkling of an eye. Furthermore, participatory processes, which are run without anything changing in reality, are often disastrous and counter-productive. These examples offer some inspiration and positive

experience, but also lessons to be learned from the ambitious processes.

Speakers:

Dawn McCarthy, Manager, Land Planning and Management, Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality, South Africa
Stina Fransson, Gärdstensbostäder, Gothenburg, Sweden
Knut Srömberg, Urban Laboratory Gothenburg, Sweden
Vo Phi Chau, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
Le Quang Nguyen, Save the Children Sweden (Vietnam office)

16:30–18:30

Climate Change and Cities in the South: Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Reducing Urban Risk in a Warming World

Location: VCEC – MR 17

Organization: Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency; International Institute for Environment and Development

Why cities in the South must take action now; and how they grow and develop over the next 20 years has very large implications for climate change and for the climate-change related risks their populations will face. What is known about the climate-change risks cities face, now and in the future? A large and growing proportion of the population most at risk are in cities in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. The issue of whether adaptation to these risks and lower greenhouse gas emissions can be combined, without damaging cities' economic prospects, will be discussed, and illustrated by case studies from Saint Louis, Senegal; Dhaka, Bangladesh; and Mombassa, Kenya.

Speakers:

Saleemul Huq
David Satterthwaite, International Institute for Environment and Development
Khady Diagne, ENDA-Tiers Monde Dhaka
Victor Orindi, African Centre for Tech. Studies, Nairobi
Mozaharul Alam, Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies

16:30–18:30

Innovative Finance for Infrastructure and Basic Service Provision for Low Income Human Settlements

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Oceanview Suites 5 & 6

Organization: IIED; SIDA

The objectives of this event are to: provide a forum to share experiences in financing basic services and infrastructure for inclusive urban development; identify necessary factors and constraints for successful financing of infrastructure and basic services provision for low-income housing settlements; and facilitate future sharing of ideas through linking up those present with existing networks of practitioners. A catalyzing discussion will consider Gobabis, Namibia and its federated community action, which has secured a political commitment whilst a community managed loan fund has helped to ensure inclusion within the settlement. The event will, also, discuss Orangi and other Pakistan locations, where residents have used this methodology, demonstrating communities can finance, manage and build internal development provided they are organised, have technical support and managerial guidance. Finally, the discussion will consider PRODEL, in Nicaragua, where 420 different projects, in the last 12 years, have been executed to the benefit of more than 60,000 low-income families in 10 different cities.

Speakers:

Arif Hasan, Advisor, OPP
Marlon Olivas, Executive Director, PRODEL
Moses Katjaoha, Mayor of Gobabis Municipality
Martha Kangué, SDFN member from Gobabis
Chairs: Alfredo Stein, Diana Mitlin

16:30–18:30

Security and Safety: Public Policies, Urban Practices

Location: VCEC – MR 12

Organization: Federal Polytechnic School of Lausanne; UN-HABITAT; Small Arms Survey

The “Urban Violence and Security Policies in Barcelona and Bogotá” project has now entered its last phase of dissemination of research findings. This presentation will focus on the

fieldwork carried out in both cities and the exemplary city-to-city co-operation between them. The Small Arms Survey is involved in research on small arms availability and violence in several conflict and post-conflict zones. It will underline the key challenges faced by cities in such contexts. Cities can be viewed both as challenges, and as corresponding opportunities for enhancing human security, a vision supported by Foreign Affairs Canada's Human Security Programme. The “Human Security: Urban Safety and Security Practices” project will finally reinforce the human security concept through cases studies.

Speakers:

Charlotte Boisteau, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne
Charlotte Cabasse, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne
Nicolas Florquin, Small Arms Survey
Bob Lawson, Foreign Affairs Canada, Human Security Policy Division

16:30–18:30

Global Land Tool Network (GLTN) – development of pro poor land tools

Location: VCEC – MR 14

Organization: UN-HABITAT Shelter Branch

There are few more contentious and complex problems in the world than those dealing with land and secure tenure. Many religions have firm rules on land and inheritance, most communities have deeply ingrained cultural traditions, and every government faces the challenge of land differently, with its own vast array of laws and with varying degrees of political will. In many countries, there is large-scale corruption associated with land. Sound land governance approaches are, therefore, primary in building peace. The GLTN initiative is driven by the following perceptions: there are insufficient pro poor tools to implement the land policies found in the Habitat Agenda, which is limiting the ability of governments to implement the Agenda; and land policies tend to focus on description and analysis rather than implementation.

Speakers:

Mikael Atterhög, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency
 Agnes Kalibbala, Ambassador, Uganda High Commission, Kenya
 Holger Magel, International Federation of Surveyors

16:30-18:30

Regional Programme of Social Housing and Human Settlements. Review of the Regional Action Plan

Location: VCEC – MR 18

Organization: MINURVI; UN-HABITAT; ECLAC

This event will be structured as a «roundtable», where MINURVI will present the updated report of the Regional Programme of Social Housing and Human Settlements, formulated in cooperation with the ECLAC and UN-HABITAT-ROLAC, followed by an open debate. The report analyzes the advances made by the countries of the region in relation to the Habitat Agenda, Agenda 21, and the Human Settlements Regional Action Plan for Latin America and the Caribbean, in five key thematic issues: production and improvement of urban land; provision and access to basic services and infrastructure; provision and access to housing; provision and improvement of public areas and social services; provisions for the development of productive activities and the generation of employment and income.

16:30-18:30

Urban Safety Audits: International Experiences and Tools

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Oceaview Suite 1

Organization: UN-HABITAT; NCPC; ICPC

This event will showcase the progress made in the development and use of safety audit tools, including safety diagnosis, safety audits, and victimisation surveys. The safety audit tools will be considered at national and international levels, along with their ability to capture risk factors and experiences and needs of specific populations, including the needs of vulnerable youth, women, the elderly, the disabled, aboriginal populations, cultural and ethnic minorities.

Speakers:

Sohail Hussain, NCPC
 Margaret Shaw, NCPC
 Laura Petrella, UN-HABITAT

16:30-18:30

Border Issues – Immigration, Migration and Urban Resettlement

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Oceanview Suites 7 & 8

Organization: The Funders Network for Smart Growth and Liveable Communities

Border, immigration, and resettlement issues are a major concern for many urban and rural communities in Mexico, the United States, and Canada. Many border communities are experiencing a rapid influx of immigrants from all parts of the world and do not have the adequate resources to provide a social net of housing, health, and quality of life services. The rapid urbanization in border communities is a sensitive issue as the US begins a debate on immigration reform, and Canada tries to reconcile intra-border issues with larger aboriginal land claims and rights issues. This session will provide a forum for world leaders to discuss strategies foundations are engaged in to address these concerns in different contexts such as the creation of border philanthropy, cross-border, non-profit and governmental collaboration, and cross border research which has resulted in new approaches and solutions to this issue.

Speakers:

Moderator: David Harris, TFN Senior Consultant
 Richard Kiy, Executive Director, The International Community Foundation
 Mariano Diaz, Senior Vice President, The San Diego Community Foundation

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13:30-15:30

Cities of Diversity: Changing Places, Creating Success

Location: VCEC – MR 13

Organization: Infrastructure Canada, Cities and Communities Branch

The sustainability of inclusive urban centres requires recognition of diversity across all dimensions of community life, from the economic and political to

the social and cultural, through shared processes of creating vibrant urban life. This session will focus on local strategies towards the inclusion of diverse citizenries. Representatives of several Canadian cities and communities will share case studies, with a representative of UNESCO providing insights on strategies to combat racism in cities around the world. All participants will be encouraged to reflect on and share actionable ideas and local strategies from their own communities. Findings from this global knowledge and thought exchange will be recorded and shared with participants post-WUF.

Speakers:

Pierre Sané, Assistant Director General for Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO
 Michael Phair, Councillor, City of Edmonton, Canada
 Rosanna Scotti, Director, Strategic and Corporate Policy, City of Toronto, Canada
 Jacques Lapointe, Director, Carrefour d'immigration rurale; Immigration Consultant, Town of Saint-Léonard, Canada
 Jim Donovan, Manager of Economic Development, Halifax Regional Municipality, Canada
 Barry Halliday, Metropolis Project, Citizenship and Immigration Canada Session

13:30-15:30

Africa Beyond 2005

Location: VCEC – MR 12

Organization: Commission for Africa

During WUF II in Barcelona, Spain in 2004, UN-HABITAT and the Commission for Africa Secretariat organised a special networking event on the work of the Commission for Africa. The objectives of the event were two-fold: the Commission for Africa wanted to inform the participants about its remit to take a fresh look at Africa's development needs, including those related to human settlements; and the Commission for Africa wanted to find out from the participants what they thought were the priorities on urbanisation in Africa. Based on that networking event and other civil society meetings across Africa, rapid urbanisation was tabled as a major development concern. The Commission for Africa Report, "Our Common Interest", specifically states rapid urbanisation is the second biggest threat to Africa's development after HIV/

AIDS. This firmly placed urbanisation on the global agenda. At WUF III, UN-HABITAT and its partners have organized this networking event as a follow up to the Commission for Africa to discuss how the recommendations of the report and commitments made at the G8 summit in July 2005 will be followed through beyond 2005. Discussed will include the sources and mechanisms for financing sustainable human settlements.

13:30-15:30

Housing the Poor by Engaging the Private and Citizen Sectors: Social Innovations and "Hybrid Value Chains"

Location: VCEC – MR 14

Organization: Ashoka: Innovators for the Public

This event will present the experiences and building blocks required for business and social sectors to combine their assets and skills in the co-design and implementation of large-scale housing solutions for low-income families. The presentation will include a framework of practical innovations from social entrepreneurs and ways private players can effectively find sustainable solutions to housing challenges through relations with Citizen Sector Organizations. This session will include a set of principles emerging from social innovators engaged in housing or related issues worldwide, intending to guide the most appropriate form of private sector involvement in low-income market segments with which they are often unfamiliar.

Speakers:

Darin Gunekerera, CEO and Founder, Housing Stock Exchange, Sri Lanka
 Tasneem Siddiqui, CEO and Founder, Saiban, Pakistan
 Stephanie Schmidt, Program Director, Ashoka Global
 Cecile Churet, Project Officer (World Business Council for Sustainable Development)
 Dr. Edmundo Werna, Coordinator, Construction Action Programme (ILO, Switzerland)
 Facilitator: Eric Anderson, Partner (Urban Green Builders, US)

13:30-15:30

Gender Mainstreaming and Local Governance

Location: VCEC – MR 18

Organization: Women in Cities International Toronto; Women's Call to Action; The Federation of Canadian Municipalities

This session will focus on women's equality and equity and gender mainstreaming of local governance and local governments. It will identify the necessary pre-conditions for gender mainstreaming of local governments; successful strategies, tools, and challenges to gender mainstreaming; the use and impact of Gender-Responsive Budget Initiatives (GRBIs) at the municipal level; and process and impact indicators. The event will examine challenges and benefits of partnerships between women's groups and municipal governments, capacity building initiatives, pilot projects and other collaborations for engendering governance between local governments, women's groups, and equality-seeking organizations.

Speakers:

Louise Poirier, Canada
 Liliana Rainero, Argentina
 Glenise Levendal, South Africa
 France Bourgault, Canada
 Nuzhath Leedham, Canada
 Beatrice Boateng, Ghana
 Claudia Barbieri, Argentina
 Morena Herrera, San Salvador
 Elizabeth Quarcor, Africa
 Tanis Houck, Canada

13:30-15:30

Bridging to the Future: Exploring Collaborative Approaches to the Integration of Energy Systems Planning with Urban Physical Planning

Location: VCEC – MR 15

Organization: The CONSENSUS Institute for CONStructured Environments and Sustainable Urban Systems

What happens when urban regions try to bridge the wide gap between spatial design and energy system design? Bridging to the Future will use five case studies to kick-off a discussion on how urban regions can manage the difficult transition to sustainable and resilient energy systems. Collaborative teams from Vancouver, Shanghai, Goa, Groningen and Tokyo will describe their joint efforts to design energy pathways

from 5 to 30 to 100 years. Solutions go well beyond compact neighbourhood design to include the integration of distributed energy resources, matching energy quality with demand, enhancing ecological functions and adapting to changes in climate and technology. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities will set the stage by describing the challenges faced by Canadian towns and cities. The International Gas Union will provide an energy industry perspective on these issues, with feedback from similar discussions at the World Gas Conference, held earlier this month.

Speakers:

Federation of Canadian Municipalities
 Natural Resources Canada
 Team Leaders from India, China, Japan, Netherlands and Canada
 International Gas Union
 CONSENSUS Institute

13:30-15:30

Affordable Housing Finance: New Paths to More Effective Donor Coordination

Location: VCEC – MR 17

Organization: US Department of Housing and Urban Development

Most countries urgently require efficient and cost-effective affordable housing programs to reach their citizens. This panel will explore new ways donor countries can work together with the host country to design some basic model programs to best realize locally determined affordable housing goals. Such programs would integrate local private financial institutions and emphasize financial management. Most importantly, the panel will explore how donors can better coordinate their funding to support new housing models to maximize the effect of their different aid funding streams into a particular country.

13:30-15:30

Partnering with the Poor: Leveraging Land for Change

Location: VCEC – MR 3

Organization: ETC/RUAF-Holland; Minimum Cost Housing Group, McGill University School of Architecture

This session explores urban housing strategies, incorporating growing with community-based design. Innovative

approaches to urban upgrading is illustrated by four city examples of “edible landscapes”: Kampala, Uganda: a new neighbourhood supporting incremental building methods and growing; Colombo, Sri Lanka: traditional medicinal plant as part of space-confined settlement upgrading; Montreal, Canada: one of North America’s most effective community gardening programs; Rosario, Argentina: use of open spaces in productive garden neighbourhoods. The audience will consider the potential for similar projects elsewhere, and how participatory governance can be married with innovative land uses.

Speakers:

James Ssegane, Town Clerk and Acting Mayor, City of Kampala, Uganda
Maxensia Nakibuuka Takirambule, Community Representative
Dr. Jayantha Liyanage, Municipal Commissioner, Colombo Municipal Council; Acting Mayor, City of Colombo, Sri Lanka
K.A. Jayaratne, President, Sevanatha Urban Resource Centre
Gerard Tremblay, Mayor, City of Montreal, Canada
Daniel Reid, Animateur Horticole, City of Montreal, Canada
Gerardo Barro, Director of Secretariat for Public Housing, Municipality of Rosario, Philippines
Antonio Lattuca, Project Leader, Coordinator of the Municipal Urban Agriculture Programme

13:30–15:30

Building Back Better: Rebuilding Communities After Disaster and Conflict

Location: VCEC – MR 10

Organization: The Huairou Commission, Disaster and Peace Building Campaigns

Post conflict and post disaster recovery and reconstruction processes offer opportunities to rebuild communities and settlements in ways that can transform lives. Women usually undertake many self-help strategies to rebuild the lives of their families and communities, yet these efforts frequently go unrecognized and un-resourced. This networking event is an opportunity for women from disaster and conflict affected countries to present these strategies and explore ways in which grassroots women’s initiatives can be strengthened and scaled up. Our panel of experts and activities will be followed by a dialogue between civil

society organizations and policy makers on how women’s organizations working on disaster and conflict can work together towards gaining policy support and resources which enable grassroots leaders to transfer and scale up lessons learned.

Speakers:

Ian Davis, Cranfield University
Wardah Hafidz, UPLinks Indonesia
Elaine Enarson, Brandon University
Kala Peiris Da Costa, Siyath
Prema Gopalan, Swayan Shikshan Prayog
Carla Morales Rojas, Arias Foundation for Peace & Human Progress

13:30–15:30

Sustainable Development of the Far North: Sustainable Cities and Human Settlements

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Oceanview Suites 5 & 6

Organization: Arctic Council

The Arctic Council brings together the eight countries with territory in the Arctic, and six international organizations representing many of the indigenous communities in the North, for the purpose of protecting the Arctic environment and fostering sustainable development to improve the social, economic, and cultural well being of people living in the Arctic. This session will profile key Council activities showcasing partnerships between regions, communities, indigenous peoples and local groups which address various aspects of sustainable communities, including issues of sustainable tourism, gender and natural resources, living conditions, and traditional resource management.

13:30–15:30

The UN Guidelines and National Frameworks for Crime Prevention: Strengthening Strategies in Support of City and Community-based Prevention Efforts

Location: VCEC – MR 8

Organization: UN-HABITAT; The International Centre for the Prevention of Crime; UNODC; Canadian National Crime Prevention Council

Urban areas around the world face a major challenge in responding to criminal acts and violence, which impede sustainable economic development, and affect human rights

and the quality of life. This event is an opportunity to demonstrate how countries and cities are drawing on the 2002 United Nations Guidelines for the Prevention of Crime to develop or strengthen strategies in support of city and community-based prevention efforts. This event will discuss the importance of national frameworks in support of local crime prevention initiatives, and the role of international standard and norms, in particular the 2002 UN Guidelines for Crime Prevention, for the establishment of effective and sustainable strategies and policies. It will provide examples of national adoption and adaptation of such guidelines, including Canada’s national strategy, which support and facilitate crime prevention at sub-regional and especially local levels, and showcase tools, which support the development of comprehensive local strategies, and apply the UN Guidelines.

13:30–15:30

Measuring Up: The Accessible and Inclusive City

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Oceanview Suites 3 & 4

Organization: 2010 Legacies Now

This session features Measuring Up, a guide to assist communities in assessing and advancing common elements of access and inclusion issues, such as Support Services, Access to Information, Economic Participation and Community Participation. The Measuring Up framework recommends engaging a broad cross-section of community representatives in a dialogue process to effectively establish priorities and solutions to local access and inclusion issues. Focusing on the importance of dialogue, the Measuring Up experience will be described by members of a panel representing diverse communities. Participants will engage in an interactive forum demonstrating the importance of inclusive dialogue in achieving effective results and the adaptability of the guide to diverse structural, economic, cultural and other circumstances.

Speakers:

Mayor of Vancouver
Government of British Columbia
2010 Legacies Now Society
Municipalities of Vancouver, Powell River and Whistler
Venus Ilagan, Chair, Disabled Persons International

13:30–15:30**Power and Hope of Sustainable Community Development – Building Strong Leadership and Active Citizen Participation**

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Oceanview Suites 7 & 8

Organization: Harmony Foundation of Canada, Earth Council Alliance and Urban Age Institute

Opened by Maurice Strong, this international panel will discuss successful sustainable community development initiatives from around the world and the key role of citizen participation. Participants will join panelists to examine the importance of local leadership committed to long-term strategies over short-term economic goals; the importance of active participation in local decision-making; how cooperation among business, government and community groups can realize the benefits of sustainable community development; and how people working together can transform harmful patterns of development into ones providing prosperity which is both ecologically and socially sustainable. A live radio broadcast will show how alternative media can promote sustainable community development.

Speakers:

Maurice Strong
Michael Bloomfield
Dr. Marcelo de Andrade
Li Lailai

13:30–15:30**Sustainable Community Development in China: Principles, Challenges and Implementation**

Location: VCEC – MR 1

Organization: Ramsay Worden Architects Ltd.; Canada Mortgage and Housing International

This event is an opportunity to share experiences in applying Canadian sustainable community design principles to China's rapidly urbanizing regions. This session will begin with a panel format presentation of these principles and how they relate to a demonstration community master-planning project in Nan Hui, a Shanghai suburb. The panel will focus on a "best of both worlds" approach, in the context of China's current development practice and market economy. Issues involved,

questions raised, challenges, successes, and lessons learned are applicable to implementing new, healthy, sustainable communities anywhere. A workshop will follow, encouraging participants to respond to a series of questions on incorporating sustainable design principles into a practical and effective Corporate Sustainability Standard for the Chinese development companies involved in Nan Hui and much larger projects. Participants will be invited to join an ongoing internet-based exploration of the topic.

Speakers:

Louis Musto, Manager, Canada Mortgage and Housing International
Bob Worden, Principal, Ramsay Worden Architects Ltd.
Peter Reese, Project Manager, Ramsay Worden Architects Ltd.
Grace Fan, Landscape Architect, Phillips Farevaag Smallemberg
Patrick Condon, James Tayler Chair, University of British Columbia Design Centre for Sustainability
David Rousseau, Principal, Archemy Consulting Ltd.
Qiu Jiang, Principal, Coast Palisade Consulting Group Ltd.
Teng Guowei, Vice General Manager, Shanghai Land Group Co.

13:30–15:30**A Successful Concept: Microcredits for Incremental Housing Development**

Location: VCEC – MR 2

Organization: SIDA

The model presented at this event is based on experiences from SIDA-supported housing programmes in Central America which give poor people the opportunity to borrow money to improve their homes and living environments. The session will present SIDA's work with the programmes and show examples on how these programmes have gone from ideas to actions. The dialogues will focus on incremental building, long-term financing, methods for up scaling of projects, as well as discussions on adjusting projects and conceptual ideas to the varying preconditions in different countries.

13:30–15:30**Life in the Urban Landscape (3): Urban Development for the Poor: The Interdependence between Heritage, Sustainability and Liveability**

Location: VCEC – MR 7

Organization: Swedish Research Council Formas; Swedish Environmental Protection Agency; Swedish National Heritage Board; SIDA; Swedish National Board of Housing, Building and Planning

What role can heritage play in poverty reduction and sustainable urban development? This event will present two upgrading projects where heritage has been used as a decisive factor for urban development and the contemporary discussions based on urban and post-colonial research. The character of heritage as a capital asset gives rise to cultural, as well as economical, value. A society who uses heritage as a resource will gain a multiple economical effect, in contrast to societies who focuses strictly on financial matters. The concept of liveability is crucial when striving for sustainable urban development. However, reliable measures of liveability, possible to calibrate against agreed normative living standards, are elusive. How can poor inhabitants claim "ownership" to heritage values under insecure tenure and perhaps as illegitimate residents?

Speakers:

Dick Sandberg
Thomas Melin, organizer. Head of Division The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida)
Kersti Berggren, Architect The Swedish National Heritage Board
Birgitta Elfström, facilitator. Head of Division The Swedish National Heritage Board.
Moderator: Khoulood Daibes. Director of the Centre for Cultural Heritage Preservation in Bethlehem, West Bank.

13:30–15:30**The Inclusive City**

Location: VCEC – MR 16

Organization: German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development; Cities Alliance

This event will discuss recent strategies in developing 'transformation' and OECD countries to facilitate social inclusion and to counterbalance the

widening socio-spatial gap within cities. The main questions of this event are: How can deprived areas be rehabilitated and the formation of new slums be prevented? And what could be the role of local, national and international institutions to promote good urban practices and policies of inclusion? The panel, with speakers from Egypt, South Africa and Germany, along with the participants will help highlight innovations relevant to other cities, and pinpoint essential requirements for practical urban development policy.

Speakers:

Dr. Fathy El-Sayed Ibrahim Saad, Governor, Giza
Duma Nkosi, Executive Mayor, Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality
Dr. Hartmut Häußermann, Professor, Humboldt University

13:30-15:30

Sharing Knowledge: Community Based Disaster Response at Scale

Location: VCEC – MR 9

Organization: Habitat for Humanity International

This effort involves contrasting a variety of tsunami responses by NGO's, the United Nations and local organizations along with the methodology and poverty reduction outcomes from the UN East Timor shelter kit response program. Specific methodology reviewed includes community engagement and governance models; the impact of various types of housing solutions on the poor; housing response and its timeliness and ultimately what has been learned to better shape a rapid and strategic response to such tragedies. Included in the session will be a discussion of the Habitat Resource Centers (HRC) and their application in the tsunami. HRCs were developed in India and modified by Habitat for Humanity Philippines, which resulted in 2000 units more than projected at no additional costs.

Speakers:

Steven Weir, Area VP Asia Pacific, Habitat for Humanity International
Charlito Ayco, Director of Regional Programs, Habitat for Humanity International
Earl Kessler, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center

16:30-18:30

Engaging the Private Sector in Sustainable Urban Development- Frameworks for Sustainable Partnerships

Location: VCEC – MR 15

Organization: Industry Canada

The challenges of urban growth are too much and too important for governments alone and the private sector can play a key role in many aspects of urban development. This event will challenge local authorities and finance institutions, as well as other urban development partners around the world, to create favourable conditions for private sector engagement. Participants will benefit from the perspectives of the World Bank and the Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships. The Mayor of Porto Alegre, Brazil will explain why his city implemented a municipal Public-Private Partnership law ahead of most other cities in Brazil. Baird & Associated, a Canadian coastal engineering company, will provide a private sector perspective on working with municipalities around the world.

Speakers:

Daniel Hoornweg, Senior Municipal Engineer, World Bank
Dale Richmond, President, The Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships
José Fogaça, Mayor of Porto Alegre, Brazil
Cyril Robitaille, Geomax International Inc.

16:30-18:30

Crime and Violence Prevention and Youth Capacity Building in Latin American Cities

Location: VCEC – MR 13

Organization: UN-HABITAT; NCPC; ICPC

This event aims to promote and disseminate recent developments in the field of community safety and crime prevention in urban areas, which demonstrate effectiveness and sustainability, and the central role of youth as resources. It will highlight local, national and international good practices, experience and tools, which demonstrate the growing use of well-planned strategic crime prevention, and its impact on improving the quality of life of young people, particularly the most vulnerable. This event will inform the publication of a Youth Source Book, Policy Guidelines for Municipalities

on Youth Crime Prevention and development of a Youth Crime Prevention Prize and youth city-to-city exchanges.

Speakers:

Juma Assiago, Safer Cities Programme, UN-HABITAT
Margaret Shaw, ICPC

16:30-18:30

About Scaling Up Slum Improvement – Engaging Slum Dwellers and the Private Sector

Location: VCEC – MR 10

Organization: TCG International, LLC

This event will provide an opportunity for dialogue among all participants in an open forum. The forum will debate how to move toward the Millennium Development Goal on slum improvement by scaling up slum improvement programs to a level commensurate with the rapid growth of slum populations. This event will consider the theory of enabling slum dwellers to improve their housing circumstances on a financially sustainable basis in order to achieve large-scale results. The forum will examine ways to micro-finance housing and private sector financing for municipal infrastructure and improve housing conditions for slum dwellers on a self-sustaining basis. Specific country examples will include India, South Africa, and Mexico.

Speakers:

Michael Mutter, Senior Upgrading Advisor, Slum Upgrading Facility, UN Habitat
Israel Moreno, Director General, Patrimonio Hoy
Olivia van Rooyen, Executive Director, Kuyasa
Fernando Gama, Sr. V.P., Evensen Dodge International
Other municipal finance practitioners
Moderators: David Painter and Lauren Moser

16:30-18:30

Rapid Urban Sector Profiling for Sustainability: From Agreed Needs to Action

Location: VCEC – MR 1

Organization: UN-HABITAT Regional Office for Africa and the Arab States

Brief country and city presentations focusing on how visions, ideas, and consultation results have been taken further into action through partnerships

with global donors and programmes. Presentations will serve as a basis for vibrant exchange of experiences between the various participants. As many of the profiles are supported by academia in the various countries their feedback will focus on how the RUSPS approach has influenced curricula.

Speakers:

John Kaputin, Secretary General, ACP
Dr. Sarwari Basir, Afghanistan
Rakan Al-Allaf, Iraq
Hani N. A. Abdalmasih, Palestine
Hon. Toga Gayewea McIntosh, Liberia

16:30–18:30

Localising the Millennium Development Goals in the City: Local Experiences in Monitoring the Implementation of MDGs

Location: VCEC – MR 2

Organization: UN-HABITAT (Urban Management Programme)

Even though the MDGs are global, they can most effectively be achieved through action at the local level. A UN-HABITAT guidebook on “Localising the MDGs” has been developed to help local authorities implement activities at achieving the MDGs. It describes a process to be used as a planning framework for a poverty-reduction strategy prepared in the context of local economic development. Local Urban Observatories have been collecting urban indicators relevant for local decision-making. This guide provides further steps to use the local indicators for achieving the MDGs. UN-HABITAT’s Global Urban Observatory and Urban Management Programme, in partnership with Metropolis, has organized this event to share experiences from Local Urban Observatories and other cities who have begun to implement MDG based local strategies.

Speakers:

Honorable Jesse Robredo, Mayor of Naga City, the Philippines
Honorable Prisca Auma, Mayor of Kisumu, Kenya
Horacio Guerrero Garcia, Director General, IPLAN, Leon, Mexico

16:30–18:30

Urban Development Policies and Programs: The Relationship between Central Governments and Local Authorities

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Oceanview Suites 5 & 6

Organization: US Department of Housing and Urban Development

Inter-governmental relationships directly affect the design and management of urban development policies and programs. This panel will assess different aspects of this topic- national government policies and sub-national development programs, public finance and urban investments, public-private partnerships, land use options and provincial, state and local planning powers. Various national experiences since Habitat II will be discussed to identify those governance arrangements, which seem to provide the more effective framework for the growth and development of healthy urban regions.

16:30–18:30

Participatory Budgeting: Building Participatory Democracy and/or Improving Municipal Finance

Location: VCEC – MR 12

Organization: International Center for Urban Management; Belo Horizonte & Porto Alegre Municipalities; Municipal Development Program (MDP-ESA)

The purpose of this event is to promote a cross-regional dialogue on Participatory Budgeting (PB), reviewing its current trends and challenges in the international context. More specifically, it expects to promote networking, disseminate information and knowledge and turn visible the potential of PB to improve governance, democracy, and urban management. This open discussion will result in a wide impulse to mature an international agenda on PB at global level.

Speakers:

Yves Cabannes
Giovanni Allegretti
Mayors of Porto Alegre, Belo Horizonte, Dondo and Matam
Directors for CIGU and MDP

16:30–18:30

The Sustainable Community Partnerships Committee: Business & Community: Working Together to End Homelessness

Location: VCEC – MR 3

Organization: Sustainable Community Partnerships Committee (Service Canada)

Learn the five catalysts for change which made it possible for BC’s grassroots coalitions to tap into community resources, inspire leadership, engage government, spark social entrepreneurial approaches, attract media attention, and get business involved in proactive solutions to combat poverty and affordable housing. In 2005, small, medium and large cities across British Columbia instigated a bold campaign to kick-start a collaborative cross-sectoral approach in their communities to eradicate homelessness. Under the National Homelessness Initiative, the Sustaining Community Partnerships Committee in six of these cities launched projects which are changing the story of homelessness at a local and provincial level. Hear their unique approaches to getting all sectors on board to build stronger communities, and share your stories of asset-based community development.

Speakers:

Bayla Kolk, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Housing and Homelessness Branch, Human Resources Social Development Canada
Bob Rennie, President and CEO, Rennie Marketing Systems
Richard Prokopanko, Director of Corporate Affairs, Alcan
John Horn, Chair, Nanaimo Group on Homelessness
Ian Graham, Chair, Poverty Homelessness Action Team of Central Okanagan
Michele Rule, City Councillor, Kelowna
Phyllis Nash, Co-Chair, Nelson Committee on Homelessness
Raymond Jolicoeur, Chair, Kamloops Social Planning Council
Alice Sundberg, Executive Director, British Columbia Non Profit Housing Association
Jane Hopkins, Facilitator – National Homelessness Initiative

16:30–18:30**From Planning Urban Transport to Building Integrated Cities**

Location: VCEC – MR 16

Organization: Municipality of Jonkoping; Municipality of Norrkoping; City of Uppsala; Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions; Swedish Rail Administration

This event will describe a process based upon an integrated approach on creating sustainable cities and towns, focused on the connection transport-building-housing-planning. Cooperation between different levels of administration is a key feature in sustainable urban development, as well as coordination between different planning processes. This means one must see the inter-relationship between transport, business, housing and people. The purpose is to stimulate integration and shared decision-making between private and public interests, as well as involving citizens. This calls for the courage to look ahead and ask how the transport system can benefit from community development and a sound urban environment. Today it is not enough for public authorities to act within demarcated areas of responsibility. Cooperation is required across borders, between all parties who work within the building and transport system and have an impact on the system.

Speakers:

Eva Hägglund
Olov Schultz
Anki Ingelström
Torbjörn Suneson
Eva Mattsson
Eva Andersson
Jenny Freed
Carl-Johan Engström

Moderator:

Brian M Evans

16:30–18:30**Cross-Cultural Collaborations and Inclusive Participation: the Pacific Rim Community Design Network**

Location: VCEC – MR 7

Organization: Pacific Rim Community Design Network

Community participation in local planning has become a common practice in democratized societies around the Pacific Rim. To various

extents, it has contributed to a more inclusive approach in local planning and urban governance. This event will connect professionals and scholars in participatory community planning. Through presentation of cases, roundtable and group discussion we will share insights and compare experiences of how participatory planning is conducted at the community level and in different social and institutional contexts. The event seeks to expand an existing network of practitioners and researchers focusing on participatory community planning in the Pacific Rim, and involve individuals and organizations from the developing countries in the region and beyond. Through this event and follow-up discussions, we plan to formulate agenda for future collaboration across countries and regions.

Speakers:

Mayumi Hayashi
Margarita Hill
John K-C. Liu

16:30–18:30**Monitoring the Right to Adequate Housing**

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Oceanview Suites 7 & 8

Organization: Housing and Land Rights Network and Habitat International Coalition

This workshop will focus on monitoring the human right to adequate housing and land using methodological monitoring tools. It will provide a Toolkit, from the HIC Housing and Land Rights Network, as a problem-solving method for use in monitoring, defending and fulfilling the human right to adequate housing and land. This multi-use Toolkit addresses forced evictions, budgets, women's rights, post-disaster reconstruction, housing and land issues in conflict, policy formulation and other habitat situations. This workshop will provide training for participants on the most comprehensive and effective ways to monitor violations of the right to adequate housing, which also comprises other auxiliary rights including the right to water, food, and employment. The goal is to provide participants with the necessary background in monitoring and the strategic capability to start their own monitoring systems.

Speakers:

Joseph Schechla

16:30–18:30**Grassroots Women and Local Authorities Partner to Fight AIDS in Africa**

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Oceanview Suites 3 & 4

Organization: Huairou Commission HIV/AIDS Campaign with GROOTS Africa

This event will bring together grassroots women from home-based care groups responding to AIDS in cities throughout Africa with local authorities to share their practices on partnering in creating a more effective response to AIDS. In poor urban environments where public services for the sick do not exist, where hospitals are completely full and, even if they weren't, most HIV-positive people are too poor to get to them, grassroots women's groups are implementing programs in home-based care and orphan care, as well as engaging in micro-credit and collective enterprises to support their AIDS work. Partnerships with mayors and local authorities, who create the context in which they work, make their work easier. By partnering with grassroots women to facilitate their anti-AIDS work, mayors are improving their cities by supporting some of their greatest assets — committed and empowered women.

Speakers:

Florence Enyogu, Uganda Community-Based Association for Child Welfare
Violet Murila, GROOTS Kenya
Margaret Jobita, AMICAALL Kenya

16:30–18:30**Planning Practice in an Urbanizing World**

Location: VCEC – MR 14

Organization: Commonwealth Association of Planners

This event provides a major platform for debate on the role of planning in a rapidly urbanizing world. What key principles underpin planning practice for the 21st century where the urbanization of poverty is creating new kinds of settlements? What generic skills are emerging amongst a range of professions and NGOs actively engaged in trying to make urban development more sustainable? How can the capacity for managing settlements be transformed quickly so that it at least keeps pace with the rate of urbanization? This forum builds on

the successful networking event on "Urban Planning Revisited", held in WUF II and featured in the December 2004 issue of Habitat Debate. It will be the main link between the World Planners Congress and the Dialogue on Environment and Planning on the Thursday morning at WUF.

Speakers:

Cliff Hague, United Kingdom
Chijioke Odumuko, Nigeria
Roger Brewster, Australia

16:30-18:30

**Water for Asian Cities
Programme: Developing Pro-poor Water and Sanitation Governance Frameworks for Achieving Target 10 & 11 of the Millennium Development Goals**

Location: VCEC – MR 17

Organization: UN-HABITAT; ADB

This session will explore all possibilities of financing urban water and sanitation in Asian cities, to ensure a significant increase in access to reliable and affordable services for safe water, sanitation and productive livelihoods. It aims at strengthening ways and means for prioritizing investments in urban water and sanitation services to support sustained economic growth in cities, including investments in water supply, sanitation and environmental improvement. This event shall bring together Governments at National, State and Local levels as important partners responsible for budgetary supports, governance and regulatory policies to meet the challenge of providing water and sanitation for human settlements.

Speakers:

Ranjit Issar, Secretary, Ministry of Urban Employment & Poverty Alleviation, Government of India
Dr. Somphone Dethoudom, Director General, Ministry of Communication, Transport, Post and Construction
Cai Long, Vice-President, Nanjing Urban Construction Investment Holding (Group) Co. Ltd., P.R. China
Kalyan Ray, Senior Advisor, Office of the Executive Director, UN-HABITAT
Arjun Thapan, Deputy Director General, Mekong Department, Asian Development Bank
Tariq Bhatti, Senior Advisor to Deputy Head on International Affairs and Organizational Development, Government of Canada

Prabhu Dayal Meena, Principal Secretary, Government of Madhya Pradesh
Susmita Shekhar, Sr. Vice President, Sulabh International Social Service Organization
Prabha Khosla, Advisor, Gender and Water Alliance

16:30-18:30

Gateway Cities – Global Challenges and Opportunities to Sustainable, Economic Growth

Location: VCEC – MR 8

Organization: Greater Vancouver Gateway Council

As the global economy becomes more of a reality, challenges of sustainable transportation and safe and secure movement of goods is becoming a global priority. For gateway cities this is particularly challenging as they respond not only to the economic opportunity but also to environmental, social and quality of life issues. The roundtable will engage gateway cities and others in an interactive discussion, through case studies and the presentation of long-term strategies for sustainable growth, of the unique challenges, opportunities and responsibilities of gateway cities. Included in the discussion, will be issues with respect to: Urban congestion; Energy/Climate Change/Air Quality; Planning for Cargo and Passenger Growth; Land Use and Transportation Planning; Public/Private Sector Leadership; Definition of the economic impact of the Gateway transportation industry on the region in terms of job generation, tax revenues and economic activity; and Policies and priorities of Governments.

Speakers:

Gordon Houston, Vancouver Port Authority
Larry Berg, Vancouver International Airport Authority
Pat Jacobson, Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority

16:30-18:30

Delivery of Housing and related Infrastructure – Institutional and Financial Systems

Location: VCEC – MR 9

Organization: All India Housing Development Association

This event will cover a theme presentation followed by intervention by four panellists. The theme paper

will cover institutional and financial system applied on the subject among various States in India with a particular focus on: Institutional Coordination, communication, efficiency and effectiveness in a vertical and horizontal frame-work; Financing system – Liquidity, Resource Mobilization, Outreach and Equity; Role and Effectiveness of specialized Service Agencies (water, sanitation, housing, etc.); and Local solutions – Role and Potential of Local Agencies at town level.

16:30-18:30

Community-Building in Ethnically Diverse Cities

Location: VCEC – MR 18

Organization: Rights and Democracy Nanaimo Delegation

This event is a lively discussion of street level initiatives aimed at solving conflicts and inequality in changing multicultural communities. It will include a presentation of promising initiatives, such as a web cafe for urban art and social issues and a "citizen's charter", which is a legal model for civic and cultural rights in cities. A short series of narratives from groups working in places like Vancouver, Toronto, and South America will frame a debate on best practices and encourage thought on expanding political representation. Projects include helping immigrants adapt and transition to their new communities, dealing with community violence, organizing alternatives for youth, and campaigning to develop more inclusive city planning policies. Especially important to this event is the meta-level dilemmas of cultural relativity, how it related to universal human rights, and how these issues challenge healthy community building.

Speakers:

Cynthia Gervais, Rights and Democracy Network
Glenn Raynor, Executive Director, Pacific Peoples' Partnership
Simon Schachner, Popular Participation Movement Nanaimo

THURSDAY, JUNE 22**13:30-15:30****Cultivating Inclusive Cities: Multi-stakeholder Policy Making and Action Planning for Urban Agriculture and Food Security**

Location: VCEC – MR 8

Organization: International Network of Resource Centres on Urban Agriculture and Food Security (RUAF Foundation)

Local engagement is the key to building strong communities and promoting change. This is a story of path-breaking partnerships and innovative approaches told by the people involved. They will share their insights in using participatory processes to develop sound urban agriculture policies to address growing urban poverty and food insecurity.

Speakers:

- Sybille Dekker, Minister of Housing, Spatial Planning and Environment of the Netherlands
- Raquel Barriga Velasco, Councillor of Villa Maria del Triunfo, Lima, Peru
- El Hadji Omar Sissokho, President, PROVANIA Urban Farmer Association of Pikine
- Henk de Zeeuw, Coordinator International Network of Resource Centres on Urban Agriculture and Food Security (RUAF) and senior advisor ETC-Foundation, Leusden, The Netherlands
- Gayathri Devi, Researcher, International Water Management Institute (IWMI), Hyderabad, India.
- George Matovu, Director of the Municipal Development Partnership-Eastern and Southern Africa (MDP-EASA), Harare, Zimbabwe
- Chair: Dinesh Mehta, acting Chief of Urban Development Branch UN-HABITAT, Nairobi, Kenya

13:30-15:30**Developing and Strengthening Worldwide Networks for Housing the Poor**

Location: VCEC – MR 18

Organization: International Housing Coalition

The International Housing Coalition's (IHC) long-term strategy is to mobilize its partners, and their worldwide private networks, in an effort to obtain affordable and decent housing for all. The IHC and its founders seek to use this session to establish relationships with housing coalitions and other parties in the developing world with goals similar to the IHC, so more attention is

brought to shelter and housing issues and joint efforts can be developed to lift the priority of housing assistance by multilateral and bilateral donor agencies and to implement effective housing and slum improvement strategies in selected developing countries.

Speakers:

- Peter Kimm, Chair International Housing Coalition
- Al Mansell, Past President, National Association of Realtors
- Gerry Thiessen, CREA Past President
- Michael Carscaddon, Executive VP International Division, Habitat for Humanity International

13:30-15:30**Land and Real Estate Assessment Methodologies: Land and Property Markets in Ghana**

Location: VCEC – MR 7

Organization: International Real Property Foundation

This session will examine a variety of assessment instruments used and the difficult questions facing governments and the private sector in making land reform and real estate markets available to their populations, the property resources of the nation. The presentation will include actual case studies and look at specific applications examining land, mortgage market and housing sectors, along with their application in selected countries of Eastern Europe. This event will, also, look at the operations of the land and property markets in Ghana, which are largely informal.

Speakers:

- Richard Green, Prof. of Finance and Real Estate, George Washington University
- Norman Flynn, President, International Real Property Foundation
- Kalistas Alinia, Ghanaian Chartered Surveyor
- Gordon Davis, National Association of Realtors

13:30-15:30**Knowledge Networks for Women's Health and Safety**

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Oceanview Suite 1

Organization: Women in Cities International; National Network on Environments and Women's Health, Canada; Aboriginal Women's Health and Healing Research Group, Canada

This session is designed to provide participants the opportunity to discuss how to effectively link the range of developing knowledge networks around the world, including existing international, national, regional and local networks, especially in relation to marginalized groups such as immigrant women, Aboriginal women, and women with disabilities. This session will look at ways we can create global, national and local partnerships to develop policies to promote the health and safety of at-risk women in cities.

Speakers:

- Kimberly Walker, NNEWH
- Linda Day, AWHHRG
- Fran Odette, Education Wife Assault
- Karen Yoshida, University of Toronto
- Swarna Weerasinghe, Dalhousie University
- Kamlyn Ng-See-Quan, Action Canada for Population Development
- Prabha Khosla, TWCA

13:30-15:30**Culture and Social Cohesion**

Location: VCEC Ballroom B

Organization: Greater Vancouver Regional District

Using a "Show and Ask" interactive, performance-based format, this event will engage participants in learning about the cultural diversity of Greater Vancouver and the role of culture in building vibrant and sustainable cities and communities. In order to build complete and sustainable communities, culture and creative activity have an important and vital role to play in the quality of life, economic prosperity and social well-being of cities and regions. Following a multimedia introduction to Greater Vancouver and its sustainability efforts and challenges, a panel of storytellers of diverse cultural backgrounds will explore the notion that while cultural activity has, as its prime motivating force, a purely and profoundly personal function, it also has significant and widespread impacts and benefits for society and communities as a whole. We invite you to join us in a compelling journey of culture and the building of creative and sustainable communities.

Speakers:

Luigi Sacco, Professor, University IUAV,
Italy
Qiu Xia He
Andre Thibeault
Fiona Black, Director of Programming,
Capilano College Performing Arts
Theatre, Canada

13:30–15:30

**Action for Neighbourhood
Change: Sustainable Community
Engagement and Renewal
Through Inclusive Dialogue**

Location: VCEC – MR 1

*Organization: United Way of Canada
– Centraide Canada*

Action for Neighbourhood Change is a federally funded action research partnership exploring how locally driven revitalization strategies can enhance the capacity of individuals and families to build and sustain strong, healthy neighbourhoods. In this session you become one of the residents confronting the challenges of a neighbourhood on the edge. The goal is to experience the dynamics of neighbourhood organizations and learn how to make the neighbourhood voice heard. Gloucester Village is the new face of urban poverty in multicultural Toronto. Built largely in the 1950s, it combines tracts of single-family homes with a large subsidized housing complex. High-rise apartments, constructed in the 1970s to accommodate a burgeoning rental population of youthful baby boomers, now house successive waves of new immigrants. Average annual family income is about \$20,000. While there are a disproportionately high number of children, the area has few programs for youth. You are meeting as the "local safety committee" to decide what should be done.

13:30–15:30

**From Rhetoric to Reality:
Grassroots Women's' Actionable
Ideas for Social Inclusion and
Collaborative Problem Solving**

Location: VCEC – MR 2

Organization: GROOTS International

Seasoned leaders from grassroots women's organizations, who participated in the Grassroots Women's International Academy pre-event, will

present the innovative solutions and knowledge they contribute to sustainable human settlements. Their actionable ideas address issues of economic empowerment, housing, basic services, family-friendly urban policy and communities resilient to AIDS, Disaster and Conflict. The speakers, from countries such as the Czech Republic, Philippines, Kenya, and Bolivia, will discuss how they plan to transfer skills and knowledge between one another's organizations in peer learning processes over the next few years. The participatory nature of the session will encourage grassroots leaders to share their experience. It will also offer the opportunity for partners to discuss how to upscale grassroots participation inside local planning and governance processes.

Speakers:

Rut Kolinska, Mother Centers Network of
the Czech Republic
Analucy Bengochea, Garifuna Emergency
Committee of Honduras
Parakalam Bhuvanawari, Covenant
Centre Development

13:30–15:30

**The RETScreen International Clean
Energy Decision Support Centre
– Empowering Cleaner Energy
Decisions in 213 Countries
Worldwide**

Location: VCEC – MR 10

*Organization: Natural Resources Canada;
CANMET Energy Technology Centre;
RETScreen International*

This event will include a live interactive demonstration of the RETScreen Clean Energy Project Analysis Software using real project case studies, including energy, cost, GHG, financial and risk analysis. The demonstration will be followed by a discussion on clean energy project analysis and implementation process. This event will help raise awareness of the RETScreen Software and share best practices in clean energy project analysis.

Speakers:

Gregory J. Leng
Alexandre Monarque

13:30–15:30

**Canada's Super E House
Program: International
Partnerships for Ecologically
Friendly, Energy Efficient Homes**

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel –
Oceanview Suites 7 & 8

*Organization: Canada Mortgage and
Housing Corporation; Natural Resources
Canada*

This forum will explain the Super E House Program developed by the government of Canada. The Program supports Canadian builders and their partners in other countries interested in building houses, which are energy efficient, healthy, durable, and comfortable. Super E houses have been introduced in Japan, China, United Kingdom and Ireland. DAC International, a Canadian builder, and Southern Housing Group, a charitable housing association based in the United Kingdom, will present the case study.

Speakers:

Louis Musto
Robin Sinha
Jeff Armstrong
Dale Meredith

13:30–15:30

**Urbanization and the Impact of
Gentrification in North American
Inner Cities: Regional Equity and
the Racial Dynamic of Space**

Location: VCEC – MR 3

*Organization: The Funders Network for
Smart Growth and Liveable Communities*

Many urban communities across the United States and Canada have been experiencing disinvestment and population decline due to suburban sprawl development, which has led to the deterioration of inner cities and concentrations of poverty. At the same time, other urban communities are experiencing rapid gentrification, which is displacing many low to middle income residents due to the lack of wealth building mechanisms and economic development opportunities needed to ensure those residents participate in and benefit from local development. The future of residents in low-income neighbourhoods is tied to regional social, political, and economic factors, which requires new approaches. This session will focus on

the strategies and tactics being used by foundations to advance policies in preventing displacement and negative impacts of sprawl development on low-income urban communities, while simultaneously enhancing low-income community residents' access to greater economic opportunities.

Speakers:

Scot Spencer, Manager of Baltimore Relations, Annie E. Casey Foundation
Michelle dePasse, Program Officer, Ford Foundation
Deepthi Jayatilaka, Program Director, Vancouver Foundation
Mauro Vescera, Program Director, Vancouver Foundation
Moderator: David Harris, TFN Senior Consultant

13:30-15:30

Habitat JAM Networking Session

Location: VCEC – MR 12

Organization: IBM

From December 1st to 4th, 2005, over 39,000 participants from 158 countries came together to share ideas on how to solve some of the world's most critical urban issues. They came to be heard; they came as equals; they came to Habitat JAM – a first of its kind, Internet event launched as a preparatory event for the World Urban Forum 3. We invite you to the Habitat JAM networking session to learn more about this unprecedented event and share your thoughts on future Habitat JAMs. Moderated by Charles Kelly, Commissioner General for WUF 3, this networking session will educate you on JAM collaboration; preview the new Habitat JAM movie; encourage a lively panel discussion "the Future of JAMs for the World Urban Forum", with our partners and participants; open the microphone to attendees to share their stories, experiences, opinions and recommendations; and relive the excitement of Habitat JAM. JAM on!

Speakers:

Charles Kelly, Commissioner General, WUF 3
Jan Peterson, Founder and Chair of the Secretariat of the Huairou Commission
Mike Wing, Vice President of Strategic Communications, IBM
Chris Gibbon, Vice President, Global Social Services Social Security, IBM

13:30-15:30

Housing Finance – Principles, Instruments and Examples

Location: VCEC – MR 16

Organization: United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

Presentation of the UNECE study "Housing Finance Systems for Countries in Transition – Principles and Examples", and of practical experiences from financial and government institutions and NGOs

Speakers:

Representatives of the UNECE Housing Finance Steering Group

13:30-15:30

Slum Diaries: Participatory Media Creation for Social Change

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Oceanview Suites 3 & 4

Organization: Television Trust for the Environment; National Film Board of Canada

This brings together slum dwellers, filmmakers, potential funders and broadcasters to discuss participatory media creation for social change. An overview will be presented of models and needs for such projects. The long-term aim of the organizers is to work collaboratively in presenting a global survey of life in the informal settlements of the world's mega-cities through the voices of the slum dwellers themselves.

Speakers:

Slum Dwellers International
Peggy Holter, Al Jazeera International
Nettie Wild, Filmmaker
Daniel Cross, Homeless Nation
Serendip Productions
Brett Gaylor, Pakistan, Homeless Nation
MYSA Children's project, Kenya
SEWA representative, India
Communicating for Change, Nigeria

13:30-15:30

Housing Crisis or Accessibility Crisis?

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Oceanview Suites 5 & 6

Organization: Reseau Habitat et Francophonie

According to UN-HABITAT, of the world's total population of 6 billion, almost 1 billion live in shantytowns. The lack of sufficient housing at affordable prices means the housing crisis, which

appeared to have been resolved, is breaking out again in most countries, even in those who are less poor. Indeed, building houses is not always enough; a sufficient number of them should be made accessible to low income households. The RHF workshop entitled "Housing Crisis or Accessibility Crisis" will present a two-fold reflection dealing with the general problem of financing social housing and access to housing for all.

Speakers:

Paul Jean Le Roux, Président de RHF, bESH BSB, France
Najet Karaborni, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations
Claudel Toussaint, SHQ, Canada
Sidi Ould Salem, directeur général de la SOCOGIM (Mauritanie)

13:30-15:30

The Sustainable City: A Swedish-Chinese Partnership

Location: VCEC – MR 12

Organization: Ministry of Sustainable Development; Swedish Trade Council

This event will describe the Sustainable City concept, which is based upon a holistic and integrated approach to creating sustainable towns and cities. It brings together and communicates information on the most innovative and promising sustainable solutions in urban areas. It emphasizes the three aspects of sustainable development – economic, environmental and social. This event will start with a presentation on a concept level, followed by a city and business level.

13:30-15:30

Smart Urban Fabrics – An International Ideas Competition for Cities Beyond Oil

Location: VCEC – MR 17

Organization: Ministry of Sustainable Development, Sweden

Cities throughout the world face the challenge of adapting to the demands of sustainable development. Fundamental to this challenge is the need to establish sustainable energy solutions, urban structures and modes of living that diminish the use of energy while at the same time increasing democracy and quality of life. Sweden proposes an international ideas competition for sustainable integrated solutions for cities

beyond oil. The purpose is to find new and innovative ideas for how cities can be planned in a sustainable way and to raise awareness and stimulate interest in tackling these issues among key actors. This event will present and discuss the plans for the competition. It is directed at city representatives, planners, students and all other interested in sustainable cities.

13:30–15:30

Access to Urban Land by the Poor: What do we Need to Know About Policies, Land Management Instruments and Strategies to Make it Work?

Location: VCEC – MR 13

Organization: IHS Institute for Housing & Urban Development Studies; Lincoln Institute of Land Policy; CORDAID; COHRE

The magnitude and persistence of informality is one emblematic aspect of urban land markets in Third-world cities. It seems to be both an effect and a cause of high land prices. A number of factors limit access to land. Land prices are just too high compared to average family incomes and equivalent prices in developed countries. The latter may be attributed to informality growing more rapidly than poverty despite large scale government-sponsored regularization programs and citywide settlement upgrading programs. It is apparent we are losing ground on generating more socially responsible alternatives for informality and slum formation. The growth rate of informal settlements is still higher than the solutions provided through formal programs. This event will focus on the two complementary sides of the response to this problem.

Speakers:

Claudio Acioly Jr., IHS Senior Housing & Land Expert; Coordinator Specialisation Housing
 Martin Smolka, Senior Fellow and Cochairman, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy; Director LA Program
 Anna Maria Gonzalez, PHILISSA, Philippines

13:30–15:30

Public Engagement: The Inclusive Approach

Location: VCEC – MR 14

Organization: Habitat Professionals Forum

The focus of this session is on public participation in planning and land management and how planning professionals can contribute to this topic. The selected themes of the discussion include: an interdisciplinary approach in planning; the role of citizens in planning processes; how to support indigenous groups and minorities in the planning process; the means of empowering civic engagement; and how public engagement promotes sustainable society.

Speakers:

Dr.-Ing. Irene Wiese von Ofen, Past President of the International Federation for Housing and Plan
 Selman Ergüden, UN-Habitat, Chief, Housing Policy & Development Section, UN-Habitat
 Matthias Reichenbach-Klinke, Professor, Faculty of Architecture, TU München, Germany
 James R. Taylor, Vice President of the International Federation of Landscape Architects
 Christine Platt, South African Planning Institution, South Africa
 Facilitator: Prof. Dr.-Ing. Holger Magel, President, International Federation of Surveyors

13:30–15:30

Urban Policies and the Right to the City: towards Good Governance and Local Democracy

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Oceanview Suite 2

Organization: UNESCO

This session 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 share the views of city stakeholders, such as local government, civil society and grassroots groups, 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 levels, as well as practices and approaches to promoting 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.

Speakers:

Gerald Tremblay, Mayor of Montreal, Canada
 Raquel Rolnik, National Secretary of Urban Programmes, Ministry of Cities, Brazil
 Maria Fides Bagasao, Huairou Commission, Philippines

13:30–15:30

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

Location: VCEC – MR 15

Organization: LEAD International

Current urban energy usage patterns are widely recognized to be unsustainable, especially in the face of the challenges posed by globalization, climate change and rapid rates of urbanization. There is an urgent need for new solutions and approaches to energy usage patterns and provision for cities both in the South and the North. This event will bring together researchers and practitioners from around the world to disseminate and discuss best practice examples of new and innovative ways of achieving sustainable energy usage. The format of the event will include presentations of best practice examples, followed by a discussion of the key outcomes and lessons from the case studies. Finally, the discussion will aim to highlight key strategic pathways for cities engaged in a transition towards sustainable patterns of urbanization.

13:30–15:30

Global Issues, Local Actions – The Global Footprint of Cities

Location: VCEC – MR 9

Organization: UN-HABITAT; UNEP; ICLEI

Cities play an important role in addressing environmental topics at the local, national and global levels. Therefore, it is crucial to integrate urban issues, local priorities, capacities and

lessons learned in national policies and global agendas. Only then, local stakeholders can live up to their role in implementing global conventions, multilateral environmental agreements and the Millennium Development Goals. At the same time, cities should be aware of linkages existing between their local concerns and the global environmental topics. The key questions now are: how, where and when can we strengthen these global-local linkages and which partners do we need to be successful? This event offers a platform to discuss these questions with cities, national governments and global organizations. It will focus on two urban environmental topics: climate change and biodiversity.

Speakers:

Representatives from local, national and global levels
David Cadman, President ICLEI

16:30-18:30

Urban Observatories in Arab Countries: Comparison and Networking Possibilities

Location: VCEC – MR 12

Organization: General Organization for Physical Planning; Jordan Housing and Urban Development Corporation; Ministère de l'Équipement, de l'Habitat et de l'Aménagement du Territoire, Tunisia; Arab Towns Organization

L'Observatoire de l'Immobilier et du Foncier (The Land and Property Observatory) is a decision-making tool that helps keep better track of urban and housing programs. Its goals are: to give authorities access to a set of indicators related to housing, land, and more specifically, the living conditions of the families inhabiting these dwellings, as well as simulations depicting the evolution of urbanization in the city; to ensure better coordination between the various participants in the housing sector and urban development stakeholders; to develop a regional plan based on real data and statistics of the highest quality; – to establish a scorecard that conveys accurate and up-to-date information on the Land and Housing sector.

Speakers:

Mohamedi Slim, directeur général de l'Habitat
Fahima El Shahed, Director General, GOPP

16:30-18:30

Preserving the Land that Feeds the Cities

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Oceanview Suites 3 & 4

Organization: BC Ministry of Agriculture and Lands

Development pressures occur at the urban interface with the farmlands that feed the cities. In Canada, provincial legislation, municipal and regional government bylaws, and planning and farm management criteria are used to contain the urban growth, protect normal farm practices, and help resolve complaints at the interface. Two Canadian models for preserving farmland and farmers, British Columbia and Québec, will be presented and a dialogue with representatives from the Municipality of Thekwini in South Africa and an NGO from Dakar, Senegal will focus on how the models might apply in those African cities.

Speakers:

Gary Hall
Jim LeMaistre
Charles Savoie
Moussa Sy
Brian O'Leary

16:30-18:30

City Networks: Engines of Urban Sustainability

Location: VCEC – MR 8

Organization: Latin American Federation of Cities, Municipalities; Associations of Local Governments; International Development Research Centre

Networks can be very powerful tools for addressing serious social, environmental and economic matters. Network members representing, governments, local authorities, and municipal federations will discuss their experiences in sharing tools and developing best practices for improving urban environmental management.

Speakers:

João Avamileno, Mayor of Santo Andres, Brazil
Patricia Duran de Jager, Executive Director, Federation of Municipalities of the Central America Isthmus, Guatemala
Jaime Torres Lara, Executive Secretary, FLACMA, Ecuador
Alberto Kleiman, International Relations Expert and Special Adviser to the Brazilian Presidency for International Cooperation, Brazil

Alain Beaudoin, Director General, Services Industries Branch, Industry Canada
Federico Burone, Regional Director, IDRC Office for Latin America and the Caribbean, Uruguay
Chair: Eduardo Passalacqua, Urban Governance Specialist, Argentina

16:30-18:30

City Indicators – Now to Nanjing

Location: VCEC – MR 18

Organization: The World Bank

City Indicators will build on existing work and designed to enable relatively quick and straightforward indications of a city's overall quality of life and efficiency of service provision. The work will be detailed and piloted and we anticipate presenting draft City Indicators at the World Urban Forum 4 in Nanjing, in 2008. This session will present a draft paper on City Indicators, reviewing the approaches and systems developed to date, as well as suggesting what we believe have been the strengths and shortcomings of many city indicator initiatives so far. The goal of the session is to provoke an interactive discussion and obtain feedback for the proposed work plan to Nanjing in 2008.

Speakers:

Makhtar Diop, Sector Director, LCFPSI, World Bank
John Henry Stein, Sector Manager, LCSFU, World Bank
Fernando Damata Pimental, Mayor, City of Belo Horizonte, Brazil

16:30-18:30

Implementing MDG Target 7/11 Cities Without Slums Indicator in Asian Countries

Location: VCEC – MR 14

Organization: UN-HABITAT

MDG Target 7/11 aims to improve the lives of 100 million slum dwellers by 2020, globally. There are many examples of work being implemented towards this target, and these need to be understood to achieve the target. This event will publicise the work undertaken in Asian countries. Plenary presentations will be based on documented best practices described by high-level representatives of key Asian countries, including Bangladesh, Indonesia, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Thailand, which are conducting innovative

demonstration projects to address the core components of slum upgrading. This presentation will be followed by facilitated discussions aiming to draw on this experience for replication in other countries.

Speakers:

His Excellency Noli de Castro, Vice President of the Philippines, Chair HUDCC
Noer Soetrisno, Ministry of Housing, Indonesia
Alison Barrett, LPUPAP, Dhaka, Bangladesh

16:30–18:30

On the Street Off the Street: Women, Safety and Security in Urban places

Location: VCEC – MR 1

Organization: Vancouver Agreement; Vision Sisters; Interfaith Women

This session will engage experiential women, youth at risk and organizations who work within the spectrum of the sex industry. Topics for discussion include: improving working conditions; health and safety; public education; and sexual exploitation of youth and trafficking. The Vancouver Agreement, comprised of local organizations including PEERS, WISH, PACE, SWAN, along with representative organizations from Chile and Nairobi, will lead the session. This event hopes to share best learning practices and successes, as well as create enduring partnerships and linkages between groups and individuals to increase safety and security in cities worldwide.

16:30–18:30

Partnerships and joint ventures between the state and community-organizations and local NGOs; the experience to date and future possibilities

Location: VCEC – MR 16

Organization: Shack/Slum Dwellers International

Shack Dwellers International, a global network of slum dweller organisations, is committed to brokering deals with formal institutions, especially government. The primary focus is on land tenure, infrastructure and housing. These national federations have a long track record of negotiating solutions with state institutions and other development stakeholders. This session

will showcase partnerships between the South African Government, the South African Federation of the Urban Poor and SDI. It will, also, showcase the partnership between the Indian National Slum Dwellers Federation and the city of Mumbai.

Speakers:

Hon. Lindiwe Sisulu, South Africa, Minister of Housing
A Jockin, President, Shack Dwellers International
Police Commissioner of Mumbai

16:30–18:30

A Partnership for Water and Sanitation in African Cities

Location: VCEC – MR 2

Organization: UN-HABITAT, Water, Sanitation and Infrastructure Branch

UNHABITAT's Water for African Cities programme is the first comprehensive effort to improve water management in African cities. Over the past 6 years, the programme has been working in major African cities to develop capacity to improve management of urban water and sanitation. Following a successful first phase of the program, a forward-looking appraisal called for a reorganised and expanded second phase to build on alliances for effective delivery of the programme components. Working through collaborative teams of implementation partners, strategic partners, financial institutions and development banks, the programme employs a flexible framework for regional cooperation and inter-agency collaboration. Over the years, these partnerships have given rise to many successful practices, which deserve public attention so they may be refined and replicated in other cities around the world. This event will hear selected partners of the Water for African Cities Programme highlight the lessons learned through these collaborations and demonstrate their effectiveness in mobilising efforts to provide adequate water and sanitation in African cities.

Speakers:

Joke Muylwijk, Executive Director, Gender Water Alliance
Fadel Ndaw, Coordinator Long Term Water Project, Senegalese Ministry of Water Affairs
Doris Maraëlle, Executive Secretary, Tanzania Women Land Access Trust

16:30–18:30

International Coalition of Cities Against Racism: Towards an Inclusive Urban Society

Location: VCEC – MR 7

Organization: UNESCO—Social and Human Sciences Sector

The following stakeholders coming from Canada and different regions of the world will exchange good practices and discuss how they can help improve the democratic governance of municipalities determined to respect diversity. This event will consider the role of city planners and decision-makers in policy-making and implementation; the role of researchers in monitoring, advancing reflection on the notion of "urban citizenship"; and the role of NGOs in monitoring, campaigning, executing cultural activities. The plan of action proposed for each regional coalition takes into consideration three aspects of the life of the city: the role of the city as an organization, the role cities play in reinforcing the law and the role they play in building a community respectful of the diversity. This workshop will focus on how to build a community based on the respect of diversity.

Speakers:

Baldwin Wong, Multicultural Social Planner, City of Vancouver
Josep-Lluís Marjalizo, Direcció de Serveis de Dona i Drets Civils, Ajuntament de Barcelona
Representative of the City of Durban

16:30–18:30

Public Investment in Social Housing, Addressing MDG target 11 in Emerging Economies

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Oceanview Suites 5 & 6

Organization: UN-HABITAT

This roundtable event will allow for interaction and debate with participants. This session will include five presentations of 15 minutes each on the following topics: introduction of the subject, the global perspectives, by UN-HABITAT; the revitalizing of the rental housing sector through innovative public-private partnerships in Poland; subsidized mortgages and saving and loans in China to make housing credit more accessible to middle and low-income groups; direct subject subsidies

for low-income groups in Algeria; and housing allowance systems for rental housing in Canada.

Speakers:

Marek Bryx, Poland
Mohammed Tahar Boukhari, Algeria
Expert from China

16:30–18:30

China's Housing Successes and Disappointments Since 1977

Location: VCEC – MR 10

Organization: Center for Real Estate Law at Peking University

This presentation will examine the remarkably successful national approaches to the urban housing crisis, as well as the difficulties in doing so. Policy approaches and strategies for activating the private sector will be presented, along with the vast improvements in housing conditions. The presentation will examine the results of the application of housing as a leading development sector.

Speakers:

Lou Jianbo
Joyce Palomar

16:30–18:30

Sport as a Tool for Social Inclusion and Development

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel –
Oceaview Suite 1

Organization: Department of Canadian Heritage, International Affairs Branch, International Sport Directorate

This event will consider the ability of sport to help overcome challenges of urbanization. As one of the most popular forms of community engagement, sport initiatives have the potential to raise awareness and dispel myths concerning healthy practices; to create role models and community leaders; to involve those groups often lying at the margins of community participation, including street children, those affected with HIV/AIDS and disabled youth; and to promote methods of upgrading the physical environment. Further, sport provides an opportunity to bring different cultures together towards a positive common goal.

Speakers:

Athlete Ambassador, Right to Play
Bob Munro, Canadian Founder, Mathare Youth Sport Association, Kenya
Oscar Mwaanga, EduSport Foundation and Kicking AIDS Out!, Zambia
David McCrindle, Manager, Sport Participation Policy, Sport Canada
Président du groupe spécial
Jacqui Ferraby, Musqueam First Nation; University of British Columbia
Merv Kelly, Musqueam First Nation; University of British Columbia
Chair: Dr. Djibril Diallo, directeur du Bureau du sport au service du développement et de la paix des Nations Unies Membres du groupe spécial

16:30–18:30

Integrated Urban Revitalization: An Approach Based on Stakeholder Collaboration, Intersectoral Action and Citizen Participation

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel –
Oceanview Suites 7 & 8

Organization: Ville de Montréal

This session aims to obtain the commitment of all municipal, governmental, community and private partners to encourage effective and innovative initiatives to fight poverty and social exclusion. Participants will benefit from lessons learned when this approach was used in Montréal's disadvantaged neighbourhoods. This session will explore the methods employed by the City of Montréal and its partners in this integrated approach, so they can be applied elsewhere. The integrated urban revitalization strategy is a tool local communities can use to achieve the social cohesion necessary for their sustainable development.

Speakers:

Gérald Tremblay, maire de Montréal (TBC)
Simon Compaoré, maire de Ougadougou/
membre de l'AIMF
André Lavallée, membre du comité exécutif, ville de Montréal. Un maire d'Amérique du Sud et d'Eur

16:30–18:30

The Moon, the Lake and the 'Leapfrog': A 'Making Discipline' Approach for Designing Urban Development

Location: VCEC – MR 13

Organization: Chalmers University of Technology, Department of Architecture

There is a crucial need for re-thinking urban development and, thus, the processes of knowledge production and management by using systems design. Urban development processes and products with points of departure in everyday lives of people and enterprises should be designed and facilitated to promote the integration of scientific knowledge at the forefront with experience-based and traditional knowledge. Students constitute an important target group for capacity building as being a great resource in data collection, idea generation and communication with local experts and laymen. Students are the practitioners of the future and the best actors for the dissemination of knowledge into action. Partners from industry should co-operate with cities and universities for an affordable and innovative next generation urban systems. This event explores how experience from the moon reflects in the Lake Victoria region if enhanced by designing 'leapfrogging' mechanisms of networking cities, universities and industry.

Speakers:

Graham Alabaster, WSIB, UN-HABITAT
Dr. Suki K. K. Mwendwa, Director, School of The Arts & Design, Nairobi University
Maria Nystrom, Professor, Star Design, Lund University, Sweden

16:30–18:30

Listen to Us: Grassroots Innovations to Securing Land and Housing

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel –
Oceanview Suite 2

Organization: Huairou Commission; Women Land Link Africa (WLLA) Initiative Partners

Secure access to and control over land and housing are essential for women's security, economic empowerment and realization of human rights. Achieving gender equality in rights to and

control over land and housing impacts positively on communities' access to infrastructure and services. This equality is key for sustainable agriculture, poverty reduction and economic growth. This event will focus on the innovations already implemented by women at the grassroots to secure their land and housing. Women will present strategies and highlight impacts of such interventions. Comments from panellists will follow, highlighting lessons learned to facilitate dialogue on various approaches and to develop a space for collective organizing. The Women's Land Link Africa will be highlighted as an innovative practice.

Speakers:

Lajana Manandhar, Lumanti, Nepal
Luz Maria Sanchez Hurtado, Estrategia-United Women for a Better Community, Peru
Violet Shivutse, Groots, Kenya
Evelyn V. Abagao, DAMPA Inc., Philippines

16:30-18:30

Participative Approaches to Post-Disaster Reconstruction at the Local Level

Location: VCEC – MR 17

Organization: Participation Toolkit Partnership

The involvement of citizens in post-disaster reconstruction planning and implementation at the local level is usually very limited. This has demonstrably led to ineffective and unsustainable reconstruction efforts. In this event, practical examples from tsunami-affected areas in India will be provided on how citizens and citizen groups can successfully work with local authorities in an integral approach to reconstruction, leading to better results.

Speakers:

Prof. G. Palanithurai
R. Spreekmeester
J. Breugem

16:30-18:30

Inclusive Governance in Conflict Cities – Achieving Safety and Security Through Local Cooperation

Location: VCEC – MR 9

Organization: London School of Economics and Political Science; Development Studies Institute; Crisis States Research Centre

This event will present short case studies of Durban, South Africa; Kabul, Afghanistan; and Maputo, Mozambique, followed by examples from participants illustrating experiences from their own cities. This session aims to: identify strategies and foci of local cooperation, such as public sector interventions, timeframe, management structure, and methods of citizen involvement; and enhance safety and security in cities experiencing a politico-economic and/or social crisis, including high level of organized interpersonal violence. Examples will demonstrate what determined the impact of the initiative, how success was measured, and if successful, how this initiative could be replicated in other cities in similarly challenging contexts. This event will produce a set of generic processes, with multi-sector cooperation in conflict cities, providing stakeholders with concrete suggestions for increasing local governance effectiveness with respect to political inclusion, economic viability and violence reduction.

Speakers:

Prof. Jo Beall, LSE
Daniel Esser, LSE
Dr. Jason Sumich, LSE

16:30-18:30

PPP for Municipal Service Provision and Local Economic Development

Location: VCEC – MR 15

Organization: UNDP Public Private Partnerships for the Urban Environment; UNDP Africa-Asia Eco-Partnership Programme; The Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies; WASTE; UN-HABITAT

This event will stimulate discussion and interaction between private sector, municipal and national government representatives, civil society and development partners on municipal PPPs. It will serve to advocate inclusive PPPs at the local level as an alternative approach to sustainable

provision of basic services benefiting the poor and, hence, the local developmental agenda. The pursuit of this purpose will be supported through brief presentations of experiences from municipality representatives, presentation of PPP initiatives and their impacts on local development. Networking, sharing of experiences and information exchange will also be advanced. The representatives of the PPP practices from Africa and Asia will make brief presentations on their initiatives, experiences and impacts on local development and poverty reduction efforts. The collaborating partners will make brief presentations further analysing, clarifying, and complementing the above practices. This event will be facilitated by a representative from the Institute of Housing and Urban Development Studies of Rotterdam, the Netherlands, which has significant experience in local level PPP and capacity development on pro-poor PPP for local stakeholders. This session will be an opportunity for all partners involved in PPP at the local level to share their experiences in pro-poor PPP in basic services provision and discuss how PPPs can contribute to create local economies. It is, also, envisaged the session will pave the way for relevant sharing knowledge products and the development of a learning network of practitioners engaged in local level poverty reduction initiatives involving private sector and the initiation of joint initiatives.

Speakers:

Representative from Accra Metropolitan Assembly, City of Accra, Ghana.
Representative from Maputo Municipality involved in pro-poor PPP in water supply
Representative from Marikina Municipality, Philippines

16:30-18:30

Overcoming Barriers: Housing and HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa and Aboriginal Communities

Location: VCEC – MR 2

Organization: Housing People of Zimbabwe; Harare Lu'ma Native Housing Society, Vancouver; Rooftops Canada, Toronto

HIV/AIDS is a housing issue! The urban poor often lose their homes when they get sick and incomes drop. People with weak immune systems get infections

because of poor living conditions. This event will be inspired by the responses of African, Aboriginal and Canadian housing groups. It will provide hands-on training by simulating action-planning workshops organized by African NGOs with community housing groups. The first half will draw out people's experiences of the housing related impacts of HIV/AIDS. Two smaller groups will then consider strategies to respond. All participants will receive training materials, a workshop synopsis and participants list. This event is closely linked to a three-day workshop in Vancouver immediately prior to WUF3, bringing together African and Canadian organizations involved in housing and HIV/AIDS issues.

Speakers:

Barbra Kohlo, Executive Director, Housing People of Zimbabwe
Barry Pinsky, Executive Director, Rooftops Canada
Marcel Swain, Executive Director, Lu'ma Native Housing Society

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08:30 – 10:30

Urban Environmental Planning

Location: VCEC – MR 8

Organization: UN-HABITAT; UNEP

This debate will consider the following topics: key aspects for the harmonization of the GEO Cities assessment methodology with the broader SCP/LA21 methodology for the formulation of urban environmental profiles and actions plans; how GEO Cities and SCP/LA21 instruments can be better incorporated into the formulation of urban development plans; and data, information and indicators gathered for the conduction of the GEO Cities and SCP/LA21 processes which can serve as the basis for the establishment of sustainable urban monitoring and assessment systems or observatories. Speakers include people from PNUMA, UN-Habitat, environmental and planning institutes and mayors.

08:30 – 10:30

CLIFF – The Great Debate

Location: VCEC – MR 17

Organization: Homeless International

Controversy, disagreement, questioning and passion can all be expected at Homeless International's second CLIFF debate. At the first debate in Barcelona, speakers dramatically changed sides halfway through and the packed audience participated volubly. In Vancouver, we expect even more engagement as we debate the motion "This house believes the urban poor cannot afford to work in formal partnership with the state and with the private sector". Slum dwellers, NGOs, bankers and government officials will all be there to state their positions. The audience will have their say and vote to accept or reject the motion.

Speakers:

Jockin Arpurtham, NSDF
Anil Kumar, ICICI Bank
Ruth McLeod

08:30 – 10:30

Post-Conflict Stabilisation in South East Europe – The Contribution of Capacity Building in Human Settlements Development

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Oceanview Suites 5 & 6

Organization: Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe; Housing and Urban Management Initiative (HUMI)

South Eastern Europe has recently been riven by ethnic violence. This has now largely ceased, but the process of transition, reconciliation and socio-economic development still has a long way to go. The institutional and human capacity in SEE to respond positively to the new environment is limited. Cities are under pressure due to economically motivated rural-urban migration and a breakdown of control orientated systems. Drawing on the experience of developing a Regional Capacity Strengthening Programme for SEE, this event will look at alternative capacity strategies which can address these shortcomings in the human settlements sector, the contingent actions necessary to make them work, and the contribution they can make to sustainable stabilisation and socio-economic development in the region.

Speakers:

Doris Andoni, Director, Ministry for Public Works, Transport and Telecommunication, Albania
Miodrag Ralevic, Assistant Minister, Ministry for Capital Investments, Serbia
Dritan Shutina, Director, Co-Plan Institute for Habitat Development, Albania

08:30 – 10:30

Urban Conflict Resolution through Planning and Design

Location: VCEC – MR 18

Organization: Department of Architecture, Urban Design and Planning, Catholic University of Leuven

A 30' PowerPoint presentation will focus on urban design and planning cases in Brazil, Cuba, India, Kenya, Kosovo, Morocco, Pakistan, Somalia, Sri Lanka, and Vietnam. The presentation, followed by comments by invited respondents, will stimulate an open debate on the potential of space as a resource, register, negotiating mechanism and generator of development. This presentation will highlight the importance of properly designed and projected space in relation to post-disaster and conflict reconstruction, poverty reduction and sustainable development. Questions to be debated include: How is space a major resource in urban contexts? How does the shape of the city contribute to urban sustainability? Can natural and/or human disasters be seen as an opportunity for urban redevelopment? How does the way cities are planned influence the local economy? What is the role of urban planners in a context of slum upgrading? And how can urban projects mobilize urban stakeholders around a common objective?

Speakers:

Prof. André Loeckx
Bruno De Meulder
Kelly Shannon
Raquel Rolnik, Ministry of Cities, Brazil
Arif Hasan, Karachi, Pakistan
Anna Rubbo, University of Sydney
Modjeh Baratloo, Columbia University

08:30 – 10:30**Reducing Smoke – The Killer in the Kitchen**

Location: VCEC – MR 14

Organization: Practical Action

This event takes the form of a debate on the role of subsidy to reduce the levels of indoor air pollution worldwide for those living in poverty. Smoke from kitchen fires leads to more than 1.5 million premature deaths each year and 2.7% of all disease. A global analysis by WHO shows investment in clean fuels and improved technologies is highly cost-effective. Should these funds ever be used to reduce the price of technologies directly, so more people can access them? Two speakers will debate the role of direct subsidy, complemented by a case study from Sudan and one from Nepal. Voting will be preceded by a question/answer session. Issues and findings summed up by the Chair.

Speakers:

Chair: Professor Michael Brauer, University of British Columbia
Don O'Neal, HELPS International
Keith Openshaw, Energy Consultant

08:30 – 10:30**Working Towards the MDGs: The Global Studio Model**

Location: VCEC – MR 2

Organization: Global Studio

A primary urban development goal must be putting people at the centre of their own development. Global Studio Istanbul, in June of 2005, took up this challenge and brought together over 100 students, academics for the primary urban development goals of putting people at the centre of their own development. Global Studio Istanbul aimed to turn participatory design and planning ideas into action in socially excluded neighbourhoods. Chaired by GS convener, Anna Rubbo, this session reports on Global Studio Istanbul and invites debate between local and visiting NGOs, community representatives, city building students and professionals on how best to enable social inclusion in design and planning education and practice. What are the problems and opportunities? This session hopes to generate ideas, practical and actionable outcomes, and an on-going network of interested groups and individuals.

Speakers:

Elliott Sclar, Professor, Columbia University
Dr. Pietro Garau, University of Rome
Somsook Boonyabancha
Task force members and Global Studio participants

08:30 – 10:30**From Cities' Agenda 21 to Sustainable Construction**

Location: VCEC – MR 1

Organization: Cities for Life Forum – Foro Ciudades para la Vida

This event focuses on the host organizations' experiences with projects in Peru and the Netherlands and show how these contribute to building up a sustainable and healthy city. This event will consider: the Cities Agenda 21 project, which has been implemented in 15 cities in Peru; Sustainable Construction for the Urban Poor, which aims to apply sustainable construction concepts to informal construction in Peru; and Concepts & Strategies to include Environmental Health in Urban Planning processes.

08:30 – 10:30**The Inclusive Approach: Urban Reform Experiments in Asia, Africa, Latin America and Canada**

Location: VCEC – MR 15

Organization: Global Cities Program, University of Toronto

This session will include an interactive roundtable of expert actors from Brazil, India, South Africa and Canada, brought together to discuss the challenges confronting effective urban governance on the ground. On-going urban reform experiments in each country will be briefly profiled as a way to open the discussion, engage audience participation and draw additional local experiences and practices from the participants and stakeholders in the room. The discussion will address strategies and practices with useful lessons in civic engagement.

Speakers:

Patricia McCarney, Director, Global Cities Program, University of Toronto
Richard Stren, Director, University of Toronto Urban International

08:30 – 10:30**Effective Partnerships: Land, Secure Tenure and Financing Schemes by the Public and Private Sector**

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Oceaview Suite 1

Organization: International Real Estate Federation

Based upon the Global Campaign for Secure Tenure's concept of "removing Slums, not Slum Dwellers," BEYOND SHELTER-A HOME seeks to make a significant impact on the living and working conditions of the world's urban poor. Our experts discuss the impact of private property rights on freedom and security. Only by joining forces with a public-private sector coalition can we successfully overcome these challenges. As Gary Taylor states in "Real Property Markets – The Real Solution for Economic Development," starting with Hernando de Soto's ideas, we must concentrate on how to elevate private property rights and real property markets on the development agenda and mobilize resources to help others establish lasting frameworks which support transparent market systems.

Speakers:

Enrique Penalosa, former Mayor of Bogota, Colombia
Dr. Sapon Pornchokchai, President, Thai Appraisal Foundation, Thailand
Sheldon Good, CCIM, Founder, Sheldon Good & Company, USA

08:30 – 10:30**Networking of Winter Cities in the Northern Hemisphere**

Location: VCEC – MR 16

Organization: North/North Network for Urban Sustainability

The North/North Network for Urban Sustainability and Leadership invites representatives of communities and cities above the 35th Latitude to explore a new network for urban sustainability. The planned discussion and discourse on issues of consumption of natural resources and urban sustainability will be especially enriched by the attendance of city administrators, urban NGO and winter city organizations' representatives, members of academic communities, and professionals in community development, planning, and architecture. Representatives

of provincial, state, and regional governments are also welcome. Panellists leading the discussion of issues and best practices will represent China, Russia, and the United States of America.

08:30 – 10:30

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

Location: VCEC – MR 13

Organization: Cities Alliance

Strengthening the link between domestic capital and city infrastructure needs – what can be done? This session focuses on opportunities for action by way of partnerships between cities, national governments and their development partners. From the cities' standpoint, identifying a set of agreed internal actions and demonstrating a clear revenue stream would provide greater voice when negotiating with higher levels of governments for greater devolution of power to match increased responsibilities. At the same time, national level policy actions are necessary to enable a new market for private capital to finance public infrastructure. Bringing together representatives from national governments, cities, lenders and development partners, this session aims at a better understanding of access to finance.

Speakers:

Prof. Gyan-Bouffour, Deputy Minister of Finance, Ghana
J. Ngobeni, CFO, City of Johannesburg, South Africa
S. Malathi, Commissioner Economics, Tamilnadu, India

08:30 – 10:30

GUSSE: A Global Urban Sustainability Solutions Exchange

Location: VCEC – MR 12

Organization: The University of British Columbia

There's a new place to implement the Habitat agenda: the Global Urban Sustainability Solutions Exchange (GUSSE). It's like Amazon.com for urban solutions: an online community where you can browse, get recommendations, review and share the best ideas in the world. We have spent this year working with urban and online learning experts to produce a "trial" version. Solutions like waste-to-energy schemes and hip hop for social change have been mapped into this online space. We are calling on practitioners – from NGOs to researchers, city planners to engineers, businesses to designers – to join this session and take GUSSE to the next level. A panel will be followed by small group discussions where you will test the pilot site and provide suggestions for a next, working version of GUSSE that is even more responsive and useful to you.

08:30 – 10:30

Using GIS in Disaster Mitigation

Location: VCEC – MR 9

Organization: US Department of Housing and Urban Development

This panel will discuss the use of Geographic Information Systems and advanced computer-based visualization technology to support disaster mitigation efforts in land use planning and development, particularly as they relate to large urban regions.

Speakers:

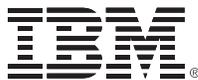
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Multi-lateral bank or development agency
Moderator: Alven Lam, HUD

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