

**Agenda of UNDP Side-event on Astana Economic Forum,
18 May 2018, Astana, Kazakhstan
“Urban ratings of the quality of life in Kazakhstan”**

Date: 18 May 2018

Time: 15:30 – 16:48

Location: Hall «Vision», ASTANA EXPO-2017, Astana Economic Forum

Time	Topic
15:30 – 15:40	<p>Welcome speech:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Zhenis Kassymbek, Minister of Investment and Development of Kazakhstan</i> • <i>Norimasa Shimomura - UN Resident Coordinator, UNDP Resident Representative in Kazakhstan</i> <p>Moderator of side event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Rakhim Oshakbayev – Director of the Center for Applied Research "Talap"</i> <p><i>Introductory poll for the event participants with the use of online equipment</i></p>
15:40 – 15:50	<p>Presentation «Urbanization as an accelerator of inclusive and sustainable development»</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Maria Carrizosa - Research Fellow in Public and Urban Policy, Teaching Fellow at the New School University, USA</i> • <i>Lena Simet - Expert on calculations of international urban indexes (HDI, HCI), Consultant in Urban Issues, Coordinator of the Global Urban Futures Project at the New School University, USA, co-presenter</i>
15:50 – 16:12	<p>Discussion and Q&A (participation of key experts and the whole audience):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Moderator</i> <p>Questions for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Is it necessary to limit internal migration to cities to prevent uncontrolled growth of some cities and a sharp reduction in the number of others?</i> • <i>How can local budgets be raised to address social problems in cities?</i> • <i>How to ensure that the city administration is focused on people and their prosperity?</i> • <i>How can urban residents participate in the management of their neighborhood / city?</i>
16:12 – 16:22	<p>Presentation of the Report «Housing Profile of Kazakhstan»</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Gulnara Roll - Head of Housing and Land Management Unit at United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, Geneva, Switzerland</i> • <i>Åsa Jonsson- Chief of Best Practices Unit, Russia and CIS Coordinator, UN-Habitat, co-presenter</i>
16:22 – 16:44	<p>Discussion and Q&A (participation of key experts and the whole audience):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Moderator</i> <p>Questions for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How to make housing in cities more accessible, while ensuring quality and quantity?</i> • <i>How to ensure energy efficiency and sustainability of buildings in extreme weather conditions and natural disasters?</i> • <i>Should the business be involved in the management and maintenance of apartment buildings?</i> • <i>Where to find the necessary resources to finance the reconstruction of apartment buildings?</i>
16:44 – 16:48	<p>Conclusion and final remarks:</p> <p><i>Finishing poll for the event participants with the use of online equipment</i></p>