

Third United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)

UNECE/CHLM

Coordination for Habitat III

Geneva, 9 October, 2013

Overview of Relevant Resolutions
and UN System Contribution to Habitat III

General Assembly Resolution 66/207

- Decision to convene (Habitat III) in 2016
- Purpose: To reinvigorate commitment to sustainable urbanization through a “New Urban Agenda”
- Habitat III and preparatory process to make use of planned regional and international meetings
- UN-Habitat Executive Director, Dr. Joan Clos, named as SG to Habitat III by UNSG Ban Ki-Moon

General Assembly Resolution 67/216

Initial modalities and format:

- Habitat III Prepcom established (to have 3 meetings)
- Prepcom 1: New York for 2 days during GA 69 (9/2014)
- Prepcom 2: Nairobi for 3 days around GC25 (4/2015)
- Final dates, format, location and organizational aspects of Habitat III to be considered at GA 69
- Habitat III Trust Fund established

Governing Council Resolution 24/14

- Habitat III SG to prepare proposal for Habitat III, incl. contribution of UN system and partners – draft in preparation
- Member States to strengthen National Habitat Committees
- Member States to prepare *national* reports before Prepcom 1 – guidelines under review
- Habitat III SG to prepare, with support of UN system, *regional* and *global* reports based on country reports

Mandate for Habitat III Coordinative Mechanism

UN-Habitat Governing Council Resolution 2013:

Invited “...the Secretary-General of the Conference to consider establishing an effective United Nations system-wide coordination mechanism so as to enable the effective participation and contributions of United Nations departments, funds and programmes, the regional commissions and specialized agencies, and the international financial institutions, at all stages of the preparatory process and at the Conference itself”

Contribution of UN System to Habitat III

UN Interagency Consultative Body for Habitat III launched in Geneva 3 July 2013 agreed to:

- Support to the preparatory process
 - (i) Input of UN and national habitat committees
 - (ii) Strategic options for financing
 - (iii) Think piece (conceptual basis for the conference)
 - (iv) Guidelines for country reports
- Preparation of regional and global reports based on national reports
- Contribution to national, regional and international meetings
- Upcoming: e-discussion of draft guidelines for preparation of national reports

Outcome of this meeting

- How UNECE/CHLM and member states can contribute to Habitat III Secretariat, including naming focal points and secondment of staff?
- How UNECE/CHLM and member states contribute to Habitat III preparation of country and regional report?
- A commitment to promote the Habitat III Trust Fund and country fund-raising

Country Reports

UN-Habitat Governing Council 2013:

Requests that before the first Prepcom, at UNGA69, national reports to be developed:

- (1) Progress in implementation of Habitat II;
- (2) Challenges, emerging trends and a prospective vision for sustainable human settlements and urban development - a “New Urban Agenda”.

Country Reports – Six Key Topics

Challenges experienced, lessons learned and future issues - New Urban Agenda:

- **1. Urban Demographic Issues**

- Managing rapid urbanization
- Addressing urban youth needs
- Responding to the needs of the aged
- Integrating gender in urban development

- **2. Environment and Urbanization**

- Addressing climate change
- Disaster risk reduction

- **3. Land and Planning**

- Ensuring sustainable urban planning and design
- Improving urban land management, including addressing urban sprawl
- Enhancing urban food production
- Reducing traffic congestion
- Improving technical capacity to plan and manage cities

- **4. Urban Economy**

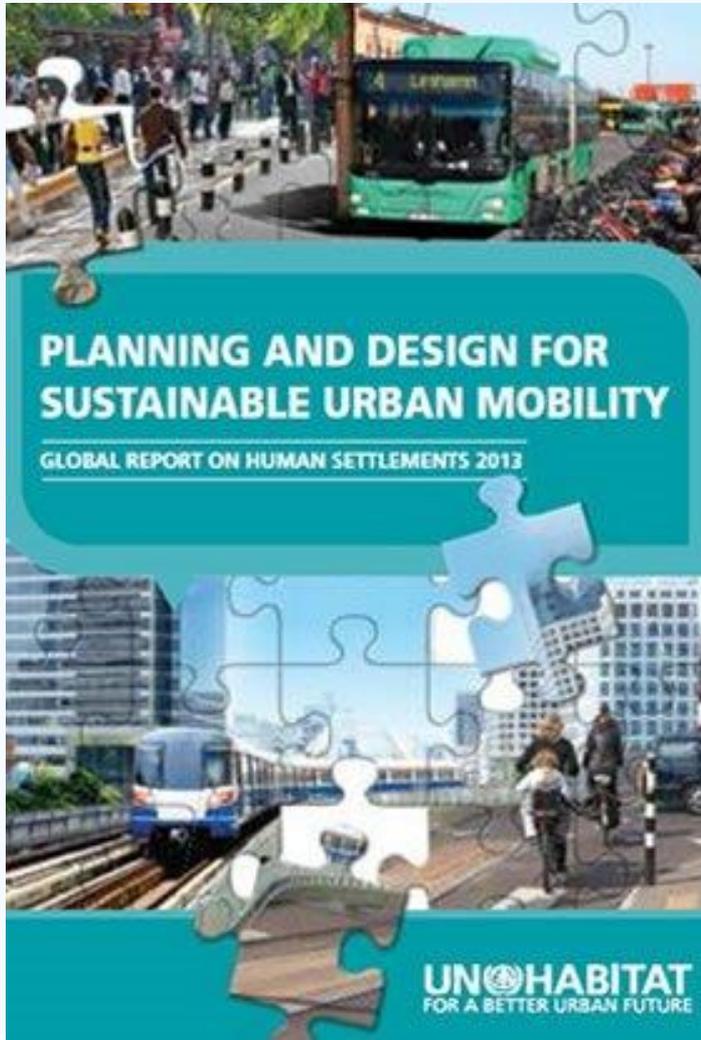
- Improving municipal/local finance
- Strengthening and improving access to housing finance
- Supporting local economic development
- Creating decent jobs and livelihoods
- Integration of the urban economy into national development policy

- **5. Urban Governance and Legislation**
 - Improving urban legislation
 - Decentralization and strengthening of local authorities
 - Improving participation and human rights in urban development
 - Enhancing urban safety

Country Reports (continued)

- **6. Housing and Basic Services**
 - Slum upgrading and prevention
 - Improving access to adequate housing
 - Ensuring sustainable access to safe drinking water
 - Ensuring sustainable access to basic sanitation and drainage
 - Improving access to clean domestic energy
 - Improving access to sustainable means of transport
- **Indicators:** Percentages of urban populations by country for 1996, 2006 and 2013 (disaggregated by gender)

World Habitat Day 2013



UN-Habitat Global Report on Human Settlements 2013 –

‘Planning and Design for Sustainable Urban Mobility’

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“Mobility is not just about developing transport infrastructure and services; it is about (access) overcoming the social, economic, political and physical barriers to movement, such as class, gender relations, poverty, physical disabilities and affordability.”

UN Under-Secretary General and UN-Habitat Executive Director, Dr Joan Clos



THANK YOU!