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**ROOM VIII  
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The In focus: SDG 11 roundtable discussion will encourage participants from various backgrounds: UN, NGOs, private and public sector national governments, local governments etc. to connect and work together to achieve SDG 11 and implement the New Urban Agenda.

The roundtable will provide a platform to: **Foster cooperation between UN agencies, private, public, NGOs, academia and civil society Brainstorm to create synergies to promote effective implementation of SDG 11; and Create joint initiatives and activities to ensure the highest and coordinated impact in implementing SDG 11 and other urban related SDGs.**

#### 10:00 - 10:20: Welcome Remarks

- **Olga Algayerova**, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
- **Asa Jonsson**, Chief, Best Practices Unit, UN-Habitat

#### 10:20 - 10:35: Keynote

- **Laia Bonet**, Deputy Mayor, City of Barcelona

#### 10:35 - 10:45: Presentation of the New Urban Agenda Platform

- **Asa Jonsson**, Chief, Best Practices Unit, UN-Habitat

#### 10:45 - 13:00: Roundtable Discussion (11:15-11:30 Break)

**Moderator: Elena Szolgayova**, Chair, UNECE Committee on Urban Development, Housing & Land Management

- **Yves-Laurent Sapoval**, Counsellor, Housing, Town Planning and Landscapes Directorate, France
- **Helge Brattebø**, Director, Norwegian University of Science and Technology Sustainability
- **Alice Charles**, Lead, Cities, Infrastructure & Urban Services, World Economic Forum
- **Charles Deutscher**, Policy Adviser | Policy and Humanitarian Diplomacy Division, ICRC
- **Christine Löw**, Director, Liaison Office, UN Women
- **Bo Mathiasen**, Deputy Director, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
- **Hans Born**, Assistant Director, DCAF - Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance
- **Franziska Hirsch**, Coordinator, Smart Sustainable Cities for all Ages; Secretary, Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents, UNECE
- **Thiago Herick De Sa**, Technical Officer, World Health Organization
- **Rio Hada**, Team Leader, Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, OHCHR
- **Onno Ruhl**, General Manager, Aga Khan Agency for Habitat
- **Cyrille Honoré**, Chief, Multi-Hazard Early Warning Services Division, WMO\*
- **Lorenza Jachia**, Secretary, Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation & Standardization Policies, UNECE
- **Rowan Palmer**, Programme Specialist, Economic and Fiscal Policy Unit UN Environment
- **Alexandre Hedjazi**, Director, Global Environmental Policy Programme, University of Geneva\*
- **Cécile Riallant**, Head of the Migration and Development Unit, International Organization for Migration
- **Miquel Rodriguez**, Commissioner for the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda, City of Barcelona
- **Lovisa Selander**, Sustainable Development Expert, Universal Postal Union
- **Francois Cuenot**, Secretary of the Working Party on Pollution and Energy, GRPE, UNECE
- **Himanshu Shekhar**, Associate Academic Officer, UN University
- **Maïke Salize**, Associate Environmental Affairs Officer, Aarhus Convention, UNECE
- **Edmundo Werna**, NRI Team Leader, International Labor Organization

#### Discussion Questions:

- How are local, national and international governments, international organisations and stakeholders working together on implementing the 2030 Agenda, its SDG 11, New Urban Agenda, and other relevant global and regional commitments? What successful examples and best practices?
- What are the challenges in the current cooperative initiatives? (major publications, events?)
- What are your key projects that demonstrate the implementation of SDG 11 and other urban related SDGs? Who are your partners on your relevant projects? Main milestones?
- What are major projects planned? Who are cooperative partners and what are key major events?

