



GLOBAL EXPERT GROUP MEETING
“Towards Effective National Urban Policies: Lessons from Current Practice”

Programme

17-18 March 2014

Venue: Salón de Actos. Ministerio de Fomento. Madrid.

Monday, 17th March

08.30-09.00 Registration

09.00-09.30 Welcome and opening remarks

- **Joan Clos.** Executive Director, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (video message)/ **Rafael Tuts.** Urban Planning and Design Branch Coordinator. UN-Habitat.
- **Ana Pastor.** Minister. Ministry of Development. Government of Spain / **Rafael Catalá Polo.** Secretary of State of Infrastructure, Transport and Housing. Ministry of Development. Government of Spain *(TBC)*

09.30-11.00 Introduction

Carmen Sánchez-Miranda Gallego. *“Objectives and Expected Outcomes of the Experts Group Meeting”*. UN-Habitat Office in Spain.

Why National Urban Policies Matters:

- **Remy Sietchiping.** Leader. Regional and Metropolitan Planning Unit. UN-Habitat.
- **Tadashi Matsumoto.** Senior Policy Analyst. Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).
- **Wladyslaw Piskorz.** *“Evolution of the involvement of the European Union in promoting sustainable urban development”*. Head of Unit. Competence Centre, Inclusive Growth, Urban and Territorial Development. Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy. European Commission.
- **Rene P. Hohmann.** *“Aligning Constituencies to Make National Policies Matter”*. Senior Urban Specialist. Cities Alliance.

Moderator: **Vicente Gullart.** Chief Architect. Barcelona City Council

11.00-11.15 Coffee break

11.15-13.00 SESSION 1: The Sustainable Urbanization Imperative and National Urban Policies.

- **Susan Parnell.** *“National urbanization and urban strategies: necessary but absent policy instruments in Africa Urban Geographer”*. Cape Town University. South Africa.
- **Samuel Mabala Shibuta.** *“The National Urban Policy for sustainable urban development: with reference to Uganda”*. Commissioner of Urban Land. The Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development. Uganda.
- **Alejandro Nieto Enríquez.** *“The role of national governments in the development of just, sustainable and productive cities; Mexico’s new National Urban Policy.”* Under Secretary of Urban Development and Housing. Ministry of Agrarian, Territorial and Urban Development. Mexico.

Discussants:

- **Ricardo Jordan.** Urban Expert. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). Chile.
- **Alexander Chileshe.** National Technical Advisor. UN-Habitat. Zambia.

Moderator: **Elkin Velásquez.** Director. Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean (ROLAC). UN-Habitat.

Debate

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15h30 SESSION 2: Towards Effective National Urban Policies: Lessons from Current Practice

- **Ivan Turok.** *“Evolution of National Urban Policies”*. Deputy Executive Director. Economic Performance & Development Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC). South Africa.
- **Sebastian Elbe.** *“Delivery Mechanism of National Urban Policies”* CEO and Co-founder. SPRINT 2. Germany.
- **José Alejandro Bayona.** *“Colombia’s System of Cities: a new approach to define National Urban Policies”*. Urban Development Director. National Planning Department. Colombia.
- **Nancy Lozano Gracia.** *“Planning, Connecting, & Financing Cities - Now: Priorities for City Leaders”*. Senior Economist. World Bank.

Discussants:

- **Edgardo Bilsky.** Director of Research. United Cities & Local Government (UCLG).

Moderator: **Claude Ngomsi.** Technical advisor. UN-Habitat. Rwanda

Debate

15.30-17.00 SESSION 3: Unlocking the potential of urban development using a robust legislative and regulatory framework.

- **Rachelle Alterman.** Professor. Israel Institute of Technology (Technion). Israel.
- **Jago Dodson.** Associate professor and director: urban research program. Griffith University. Australia.
- **Pilar Martinez.** General Director of Architecture, Housing and Land. Ministry of Development of Spain. / **Angela de la Cruz.** Vice-director of Urbanism. Ministry of Development of Spain

Discussants:

- **Maria Mousmouti.** Director. Institute of Advanced Legal Studies. Greece.
- **Mohammed El Malti.** Professor. National School of Architecture. Morocco.

Moderator: **Robert-Lewis Lettington.** Urban Legislation Unit Leader. UN-Habitat.

Debate

Tuesday, 18th March

08.30-09.00 Recap of the previous day

Elkin Velásquez. Director. Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean (ROLAC). UN-Habitat.

09.00-10.30 SESSION 4: The Economic and Environmental Dimension of a National Urban Policy

- **Juan Carlos Duque.** Research Director. Research in Spatial Economics (RiSE) School of Economics & Finance. EAFIT University. Colombia.
- **Matthew Glasser.** “Mobilizing Capital for Infrastructure Finance” Lead Urban Specialist. Legal Vice Presidency. World Bank.
- **Boris Graizbord.** “Economic changes and opportunities in the Mexican Urban System”. Coordinator. Advanced Studies Programme on Sustainable Development and Environment (LEAD). Mexico.

Discussants:

- **Lluis Brau López.** President. Ibero-American Urbanists Federation (FIU). Spain.

Moderator: **Gulelat Kebede.** Coordinator. Urban Economy Branch. UN-Habitat.

Debate

10.30-10.45 Coffee break

10.45-12.45 BREAKOUT SESSION: The National Urban Policies process

Themba R. Phakathi. *“UN-Habitat’s NUP framework for a rapid diagnostic”*. AHSO. Regional & Metropolitan Planning Unit. UN-Habitat.

- Working Group on “Diagnostic”:
Facilitators: **Bruno Dercon.** Housing Policy Adviser. Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific. UN-Habitat.
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- Working Group on “Formulation”:
Facilitators: **Claude Ngomsi.** Technical advisor. UN-Habitat. Rwanda.
Maria Buhigas. Urban Planning Expert. Urban Facts Consultants. Spain
- Working Group on “Implementation”:
Facilitators: **Elkin Velásquez.** Director. Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean (ROLAC). UN-Habitat.
Lisette Buki Rwiyereka. Urban Planning Local Counterpart. Ministry of Infrastructure. Rwanda.
- Working Group on “Monitoring & Evaluation”:
Facilitators: UN-Habitat Office for Liaison with European Institutions.
Carles Pareja. Director. Pareja&Associats. Spain.

12.45-15.00 Lunch

15.00-16.00 SESSION 6: Towards a “Road Map” on National Urban Policies

- **Ulrich Graute.** *“A global agenda for local governance as a byproduct of the post 2015 development agenda and a challenge for National Urban Policies”*. Senior and Interregional Adviser. United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA).
- **Remy Sietchiping.** *“Joint action plan and work plan for the Global partnership-project, national, global”*. Leader. Regional and Metropolitan Planning Unit. UN-Habitat.

Participants’ reflections and evaluation

16.00-16.30 Closing Session

- **Rafael Tuts.** Coordinator. Urban Planning and Design Branch. UN-Habitat. *Wrap up and Closing remarks.*
- Ministry of Development. Government of Spain

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