

HABITAT III CROSS-CUTTING EXPERT GROUP MEETING ON SAFER CITIES IN THE NEW URBAN AGENDA, GENEVA, 6-8 JULY 2016

*“Reviewing the State of Safety in World Cities: Safer Cities +20” - Towards a Transformative
Approach in the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda*

Wednesday 6 July 2016, 9.00-18.00

Venue : *Maison de la Paix*, Chemin Eugène-Rigot 2 - Room: A1B

This Expert Group Meeting provides the opportunity for informal exchange at the expert level about the achievements and trends of safer cities practices over the last 20 years, the reflection of the practice in the Enhanced Draft of the New Urban Agenda and looks ahead to the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.

8:30 Registration

9:00-9:15 **Welcome and introduction**

The New Urban Agenda Enhanced Draft as an opportunity for the advancement of safer cities (Safer Cities 2.0). What is the legacy and the expectations from the Habitat III outcome on the role of cities in enhancing urban safety?

Jean-Claude Paulin Danho, Mayor of Abidjan-Attercoube, Côte d’Ivoire, Co-Chair of the GNSC Steering Committee

Mamadou Mbodj, Senegal Mission to the UN in New York/ Habitat III Political Bureau

Aisa Kacyira, Deputy Executive Director, UN-Habitat, and United Nations Assistant Secretary General

Alioune Badiane, Director of Programme, UN-Habitat

Moderator: Achim Wennmann, Executive Coordinator, Geneva Peacebuilding Platform

9:15-9:45 **Key note: Towards Implementation of Safer Cities in the New Urban Agenda: The Case of the City of Guadalajara, Mexico** - Mayor Enrique Alfaro, Mayor of Guadalajara, Mexico, and Co-chair of the GNSC

9:45-10:15 **Coffee Break**

Refreshments are available for purchase in the cafeteria of the Maison de Paix

10:15-10:45 **Introduction to Working Groups:** Laura Bullon, Habitat III Secretariat, and Juma Assiago, Coordinator Safer Cities Programme, UN-Habitat

10:45 – 13:00 **Working Groups on the Enhanced Draft of the New Urban Agenda**

Task: Draft key messages and recommendations for communiqué

WG 1: Preamble and Quito Declaration (Room S1)

Moderator: Daniel Cauchy (International Centre for the Prevention of Crime)

Rapporteur: Maria Alvarez (UN-Habitat)

WG 2: Transformative Commitments (Room S9)

Moderator: Elizabeth Johnston (European Forum for Urban Security)

Rapporteur: Rukia Jumaali (UN-Habitat)

WG 3: Effective Implementation (Room A1B)

Moderator: Irvin Waller (University of Ottawa)

Rapporteur: Hilary Murphy (UN-Habitat)

13:00 -14:00

Lunch Break

Food and beverage is available for purchase in the cafeteria of the Maison de Paix

14:00 – 15:30

Technical Working Groups: Towards UN System-wide Guidelines on Safer Cities (see session descriptions in the annex for more information)

WG 1: Safety and Peacebuilding (Room A1B)

Moderator: Achim Wennmann (Geneva Peacebuilding Platform)

Rapporteur: Maria Alvarez

(Representative of UN-Habitat in session: Robert Lewis-Lettington, UN-Habitat)

WG 2: Gender and Safer Cities (Room S1)

Moderators: Kathryn Travers (Women in Cities International)

Rapporteur: Rukia Jumaali

(Representative of UN-Habitat in session: Angela Mwai, UN-Habitat)

WG 3: Safe Smart Technologies (Room S9)

Moderator: Ellie Cosgrave (University College of London) and Sean Patrick O'Brien, Global Lead SAP Future Cities and Public Security, SAP

Rapporteur: Hilary Murphy

(Representative of UN-Habitat in session: Alioune Badiane, UN-Habitat)

15.30-16:00

Plenary: Key messages from the Working Groups and Recommendations for Communiqué

Working Groups Presentations

Moderator: Johannes de Haan, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, Justice Section, Division for Operations, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Vienna

Rapporteur: Rory Robertshaw

16:00-17:15

Opportunities for joint advocacy at PrepCom III and at the Habitat III Conference with clear responsibilities and contributions from various partners – Towards the Habitat III Special Session on Safer Cities

Moderator: Juma Assiago, Coordinator, Safer Cities Programme, UN-Habitat

Ana Belen Moreno, Habitat III Secretariat (recorded message)

Mamadou Mbodj, Senegal Mission to the UN in New York/ Habitat III Political Bureau

Lucie Léonard, Director, Research Division, Department of Public Safety, Canada

17:15-17:30 **Conclusions and Way Forward**

Aisa Kacyira, Deputy Executive Director, UN-Habitat, and United Nations Assistant Secretary General

18:00 -20:00 **Public screening of the documentary “License to operate” (Room A1A)**

Organized by the Graduate Institute’s Centre on Conflict, Development and peacebuilding (CCDP) and the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform. The film screening is followed by discussion with Aquil Basheer, Founder, Professional Community Intervention Training, Los Angeles whose work is featured in the documentary. Moderator: Dr. Achim Wennmann, Senior Researcher, CCDP, and Executive Coordinator, Geneva Peacebuilding Platform. Trailer:

Annex - Session descriptions

Wednesday, 6 July, 14.00-15.30 (Maison de la Paix)

WG 1: *Safety and Peacebuilding: Integrated approaches in non-conventional conflict settings (Room A1B)* - Organized by the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform

- Moderator: Achim Wennmann, Executive Coordinator, Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, Geneva
- Oliver Jütersonke, Head of Research, Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP), Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva
- Aquil Basheer, Founder, Professional Community Intervention Training Institute, Los Angeles
- Tuesday Reitano, Head of the Secretariat, Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime
- Hugo van den Eertwegh, Operations Coordinator for the Americas region, International Committee of the Red Cross
- Peter Homel PSM, Professor, Asia Pacific Centre for the Prevention of Crime Griffith Criminology Institute, Australia
- Representative from UN-Habitat Afghanistan and Lebanon

What is the role of conflict resolution and peacebuilding practice in shaping responses to crime and violence in cities? Why should mayors consider the potential value of conflict resolution and peacebuilding practice? This session draws on the results of the Technical Working Group on the Confluence of Urban Safety and Peacebuilding Practice. The Technical Working Group brings together focal points on urban safety with practitioners from the community of peacebuilding, peace mediation and conflict prevention in order to help craft solutions to the rapidly increasing risk of conflict and insecurity in urban settings. The session aims to: (1) Highlight key practice trends in the conflict resolution and peacebuilding field that could become sustainable, affordable, and transferable responses to violence and crime in urban settings; (2) Demonstrate the potential strategic benefits for mayors of conflict resolution and peacebuilding approaches as responses to urban safety given future risks of conflict and social volatility; and (3) Recommend practical avenues for future networking across urban safety and peacebuilding practitioners.

WG2: Gender and Safer Cities (Room S1)

Moderator: Kathryn Travers (WICI)

Rapporteur: Rukia Jumaali

(Representative of UN-Habitat in session: Angela Mwai, UN-Habitat)

Key agenda points for this session

- Follow-up of Habitat III EGM session on gender and the New Urban Agenda
- Proposals for the TWG on Gender and Safer Cities

WG 3: Meeting *Safe Smart Technologies* (Room S9)

Moderator: Ellie Cosgrave (University College of London) and Sean O'Brien, Vice President – Urban Matters, SAP

Rapporteur: Hilary Murphy

(Representative of UN-Habitat in session: Alioune Badiane, UN-Habitat)

Key agenda points for this session

- Pre-session run a short survey to identify key issues/challenges/innovation opportunities in each city
- Debrief from TWG progress on key issues emerged thus far in the study (original Bogota report and mini survey)
- Each city to present one smart+safe innovation
- Facilitated style having a good hour of applied work to identify common touch points emerging from the survey/study, sharing different ways to tackle similar problems
- Developing 'couples' or groups of three whose interaction can be facilitated again in the following months over key challenges and shared initiatives
- Wrap up with plans for the next three-four months in the lead up to Quito

7 and 8 July 2016, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Venue: **Room XXV**

Thursday, 7 July 2016, 9.00-18.00 (Palais des Nations)

9.00 Pickup of badges at the Palais des Nations (Porte Pregny)

10:00-10:30 Welcome and opening

Moderator: Alioune Badiane, Director of Programme, UN-Habitat

Welcome

Welcome remarks from the Director-General of UNOG, Mr. Michael Møller, delivered by the Executive-Secretary of UNECE, Mr. Christian Friis-Bach

Esther Alder, Member of the Executive Council and former Mayor of the City of Geneva

Bernadia Tjandradewi, Secretary General, United Cities and Local Governments Association-Asia Pacific

Jean-Claude Paulin Danho, Mayor of Abidjan-Attercoube, Côte d'Ivoire, Co-Chair of the GNSC Steering Committee

Opening statements

Lucie Léonard, Director, Research Division, Department of Public Safety, Canada

Aisa Kacyira, Deputy Executive Director, UN-Habitat and Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations

10:30-13:00 The state of safety in cities: What have we learned about safety in cities over the last 20 years?

Moderator: Achim Wennmann, Executive Coordinator, Geneva Peacebuilding Platform

Opening Statements - Global Overview

Juma Assiago, Coordinator, Safer Cities Programme, UN-Habitat (learning from crime and violence reduction)

Jean-Yves Barcelo, Inter-Regional Adviser, UN-HABITAT Geneva Office/ representative from UNISDR (Safety from the perspective of disaster risk reduction)

Daniel Cauchy, Director General, ICPC Canada (based on the international report on crime prevention in urban settings)

Elizabeth Johnston, Executive Director, European Forum for Urban Security, Paris, France

Discussants from a regional perspective (3-5 minutes maximum for each intervention):

North America: Irvin Waller, University of Ottawa/ Lucie Léonard, Director, Research Division, Department of Public Safety, Canada

Latin America and the Caribbean: Ana Falu, Women for Habitat – Latin America/Macarena Rau, Director, ICA – Latin America

Africa and Arab States: Anton de Plessis, Director, Institute for Security Studies, Johannesburg, South Africa; Martin Xaba, City of Durban and Maye Seck, City of Dakar as representative of the Africa Forum for Urban Safety (AFUS)

Asia Pacific: Peter Homel PSM, Professor, Asia Pacific Centre for the Prevention of Crime Griffith Criminology Institute, Australia/ Sayel Cortes, CityNet-Asia Pacific, Seoul

13:00-14:30 Lunch Break

Food and beverage is available for purchase in the cafeteria of the Palais de Nations

13:00-13:45 Lunch-time parallel informal discussions

'City and Security' – Understanding the history and evolution of the city in the face of safety and the achievement of 20 years of urban safety strategies for a better urban future (Room XXV) (Moderator: Andres Suarez, Universidad Alberto Hurtado, Chile)

UN-Habitat launch of the global slum campaign by Participatory Slum Upgrading Programme (Alioune Badiane and Murugi Maina, PSUP, UN-Habitat) (Room XXIV)

14:30-17.30 Towards convergence between the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and the New Urban Agenda: Connecting International, national and municipal policy on safety and security

Moderators: Achim Wennmann, Executive Coordinator, Geneva Peacebuilding Platform; Juma Assiango, Coordinator, Safer Cities Programme, UN-Habitat

Remarks

- Robert Lewis-Lettington, Coordinator, Urban Legislation, Land and Governance Branch, UN-Habitat
- Eduardo López Moreno, Ph. D, Head of Research and Capacity Development, UNHABITAT, Nairobi
- Johannes de Haan, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, Justice Section, Division for Operations, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Vienna

The voice of cities: Market place for promising practices – Urban safety success and failure stories: Unpacking the complementarity between the New Urban Agenda and the SDGs from a city perspective. Guide to speakers: 5-7 minutes maximum for each intervention.

- Geneva: Contrat de quartier des Pâquis (Pierre Chappuis and Mireille Widmer)
- Seoul Metropolitan Government (tbc)
- Mexico City/Morelia/Guadalajara
- Johannesburg/Durban/Dar es Salaam/Abidjan/Nairobi
- Other cities – please pass a note to the moderator at the beginning of the session

18:30-20:00 Reception offered by the Administrative Counsel of the City of Geneva with a welcome by Mr Guillaume Barazzone, Mayor of Geneva. Palais Eynard (Rue de la Croix Rouge 4) This reception takes place in the centre of the Geneva. The venue can

be reached by public transport. Please take Bus No.5 from the stop 'Nations' into the direction 'Thônex-Vallard' and get out at the stop 'Palais Eynard' (approx. 20 minutes).

Friday, 8 July 2016, 9.00-16.00 (Palais des Nations)

09:00-10.00 Informal Briefing to United Nations agencies and International Organizations based in Geneva (Room XXV)

- Debrief of key observations and messages of conference "Reviewing the State of safety in Cities"
- Debrief on the zero draft of the New Urban Agenda
- Gathering of member state inputs on the implementation agenda of the New Urban Agenda

10:00-11:30 Perspectives on multidimensional approaches to urban safety (See session descriptions in the annex for more information)

- Session 1: Promoting urban safety through application of smart sustainable cities indicators and standards (UNECE) (Room XXV)
- Session 2: Evidence-based solutions to improve urban safety (IDRC) (Kazakh Room)
- Session 3: Reducing the impact of armed conflict and violence on people living in cities (ICRC) (Room XXIV)

11:30-13:00 Plenary: The road to Habitat III Quito and Beyond: Recommendations for HABITAT III and beyond/ Implementing the New Urban Agenda: Practical recommendations on Safety in Cities (Room XXIV)

Moderated session plenary sessions around three key questions: What are the key opportunities and challenges of implementing the New Urban Agenda? What are the key action points and recommendations to improve safer cities as part of the New Urban Agenda?

Moderators: Achim Wennmann, Geneva Peacebuilding Platform, Geneva; Juma Assiago, Coordinator, Safer Cities Programme, UN-Habitat

Remarks

- Mamadou Mbodj, Senegal Mission to the UN in New York/ Habitat III Political Bureau: Key areas to influence the negotiations towards the New Urban Agenda
- Habitat III Secretariat: Key element of the road map to QUITO
- Robert Lewis-Lettington, Coordinator, Urban Legislation, Land and Governance Branch, UN-Habitat - Habitat III special session on Safer Cities

Followed by a moderated session

13:00-13:15 Closing and farewell - Alioune Badiane, Director of Programme, UN-Habitat

Annex: Session descriptions for Friday, 8 July 2016, 10.00-11.30

Session 1: Promoting Urban Safety in Smart Sustainable Cities (Room XXV)

Organized by United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and UNHABITAT

Moderator

- *Ellie Cosgrave*, Research Associate, Liveable Cities Program, University College of London (UCL)

Introduction

- Alioune Badiane, Director of Programme, UN-Habitat
- Domenica Carriero, Project Manager, UNECE

Speakers

- Rosy Mondardini, Community & Partnerships, Citizen Cyberlab –University of Geneva
- Kalpana Viswanath, Co-Founder, Safetipin
- Kathryn Travers, Executive Director, Women in Cities international

The main objective of this session is to discuss how the use of ICT can support to build safer and more sustainable cities in the path towards the Agenda 2030. This session will also identify key challenges and opportunities for cities to become safer and smarter and present examples of good practices from several stakeholders.

Session 2: Safe and Inclusive Cities: Evidence-based solutions to improve urban safety (Kazakh Room)

Organized by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC)

- Moderator: Jennifer Salahub, International Development Research Centre, Canada
- Nausheen Anwar, Institute of Business Administration, Pakistan – Gender and violence in urban Pakistan.
- Hugo van der Merwe, Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation, South Africa - Assessing the impact of state-community collaboration to address urban violence in South Africa
- Ignacio Cano, Laboratory for the Analysis of Violence, Brazil - Social cohesion: The missing link in overcoming violence and inequality?

What drives urban violence? How is it linked to poverty and inequalities? What are solutions to make cities safer and more inclusive? This session seeks to share new information, challenge accepted practices, and engage in constructive debate on how to improve urban safety for all residents. To these ends, researchers from the Safe and Inclusive Cities initiative (www.idrc.ca/cities) will share insights from their studies of urban violence and what works to prevent and reduce it. Drawing on examples from Pakistan, South Africa, and Brazil, the session will share findings on:

- How gender norms, marginalization, and poor urban planning combine to make life violent for men and women in Karachi and Islamabad/Rawalpindi;
- The potential of a public employment program in South Africa to reduce both poverty and violence in cities; and,

- Why violence-reduction interventions that seek to increase social cohesion need to be careful that they do not facilitate more violence.

Session 3: Reducing the humanitarian impact of armed conflict and violence in cities (Room XXIV)

Organized by the International Committee of the Red Cross

- Hugo Slim, Head of Policy, ICRC (Moderator): *Introductory remarks*
- Evaristo de Pinho Oliveira, Deputy Head of Water and Habitat Unit, ICRC: *Water and habitat in urban areas affected by armed conflict*
- Thomas de Saint Maurice, Legal Adviser in the Arms Unit, ICRC: *Urban warfare, weapons and international humanitarian law*
- Caroline Putman-Cramer, Focal point on Urban Violence and Head of Sector for the Americas, Protection Division, ICRC: *Humanitarian action in situations of urban violence.*

Armed conflict and violence continue to cause extensive humanitarian suffering to people living in cities and towns. Vital infrastructure, basic services and economic assets are frequently degraded, destroyed or rendered inaccessible, risking the loss of hard won development gains. The ICRC's operations have grown to match rising humanitarian needs in cities. Today the ICRC works in 80 countries and has large scale urban operations in cities like Aleppo, Donetsk, Gaza, Rio de Janeiro and Goma. Ahead of Habitat III and the adoption of the New Urban Agenda, this session aims to:

- Highlight the links between Habitat III and the humanitarian impacts of urban conflict and violence;
- Share the ICRC's experience of operating in urban environments;
- Recommend ways actors, including authorities, humanitarian agencies and donors, can better meet the challenges of operating in urban humanitarian contexts.