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United Nations Conference on
Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)
Quito (17-20 October 2016)


Official meetings

Wednesday, 19 October 2016

General Assembly

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

10:00 to 13:00

5th plenary meeting  [\[webcast\]](#)

Agora Room

General debate [item 8] (*continued*)

Statement by His Excellency Kimmo Tiilikainen, Minister of Agriculture and the Environment of Finland

Statement by Ms. Nandita Chatterjee, Vice Minister of Housing of India

Statement by Mr. Igor Čizmek, Vice Minister of Construction and Physical Planning of Croatia

Spain

Austria

Papua New Guinea

Hungary

Statement by His Excellency Yoav Gallant, Minister of Construction and Housing of Israel

Seychelles

El Salvador

Madagascar

Brazil

Netherlands

Timor-Leste

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Malaysia
United Republic of Tanzania
Togo
Morocco
Slovenia
Italy

15:00 to 18:00

6th plenary meeting  [webcast]

Agora Room

General debate [item 8] (*continued*)

Statement by His Excellency Prince Maele, Minister of Land Management, Water and Sanitation Services of Botswana

Azerbaijan
Australia
Holy See
Cyprus
Tajikistan
United Arab Emirates
Kazakhstan
Egypt
Belarus
Pakistan
Zimbabwe
Ethiopia
International Committee of the Red Cross
International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
United Nations Development Programme
United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
United Nations Environment Programme
International Civil Aviation Organization

The list of speakers for the plenary meeting, “General debate”, is now open. All delegations (all States Members of the United Nations and members of specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as the European Union, in its capacity as observer) wishing to inscribe are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat, in writing, by email (c/o Ms. Mary Muturi, e-mail: muturi@un.org) indicating the name and title of the speaker. The list of speakers for the general debate will be established on a first-come, first-served basis, with the customary protocol that ensures that Heads of State or Government speak first, followed by other heads of

delegation. Delegations are reminded that interventions in the plenary meetings *should be limited to five minutes*, on the understanding that this will not preclude the distribution of more extensive texts.

All delegations prior to delivery of the statement are kindly requested to email a copy of their statement to habitat3conference@un.org, as well as to habitat3secretariat@un.org, indicating in the subject line, "Statement and Name of Country or Organization". Where possible, statements should be provided one day in advance of delivery or *at least 3 hours before* delivery of statement.

In addition to the representatives of States participating in the Conference and the representative of the European Union, representatives of the following organizations may, time permitting and without setting a precedent, make a statement during the general debate: (a) intergovernmental organizations and other entities that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the capacity of observer in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under its auspices; (b) other intergovernmental organizations; (c) specialized agencies and related organizations; (d) interested United Nations organs; (e) associate members of regional commissions; (f) local authorities; and (g) non-governmental organizations. Representatives of intergovernmental organizations, entities, associate members of regional commissions, specialized agencies and related organizations and interested United Nations organs may contact the Secretariat, in writing, by email (c/o Ms. Mary Muturi, e-mail: muturi@un.org) to be inscribed in the list of speakers.

High-level round-table 4 [\[webcast\]](#)

10:00 to 13:00

Teatro Nacional

"Integrated Strategic Planning and Management"

Co-Chairs:

His Excellency Peter Eriksson, Minister for Housing and Digital Development, Sweden

To be confirmed

Moderator:

Mrs. Eugenie Birch, University of Pennsylvania

Panellists:

His Excellency Kimmo Tiilikainen, Minister of Agriculture and the Environment, Finland

His Excellency Desmond van Rooyen, Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, South Africa

Mr. Manuel Fernando Castro, Deputy Minister of Planning, Colombia

To be confirmed

Interactive discussion

High-level round-table 5  [webcast]

15:00 to 18:00

Teatro Nacional

*“Implementing the New Urban Agenda at All Levels and with All Actor”**Co-Chairs:*

Her Excellency Gabriela Michetti, Vice President of Argentina

To be confirmed

Moderator:

Mr. Edgar Pieterse, South African Research Chair in Urban Policy and Director of the African Centre for Cities

Panellists:

His Excellency Yoav Gallant, Minister of Construction and Housing, Israel

Her Excellency Soledad Nuñez, Minister Executive Secretary of the Housing and Habitat National Secretariat, Paraguay

Ms. Corina Cretu, Commissioner for Regional Policy, European Union

Mr. Parks Tau, President of the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)

Interactive discussion

The high-level round-tables will be interactive and multi-stakeholder in nature, and each will be open to participation by representatives of all participating States, up to 15 representatives of observers, relevant entities of the United Nations system and other accredited intergovernmental organizations, up to six representatives of local authorities and up to six representatives of major groups and other relevant stakeholders. There will be no prepared list of speakers. At the discretion of the Co-Chairs, priority in the order of speakers will be given to those speaking at the level of Head of State or Government or at the ministerial level, followed by high-level representatives of other stakeholders. The high-level round-table sessions will aim to achieve a balance between speakers from participating States and stakeholders. In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions *should not exceed three minutes*.

Representatives of States are invited to indicate to the Secretariat Mr. Ziad Mahmassani (e-mail: mahmassani@un.org), and Mr. Henry Breed (e-mail: breed@un.org) if they will be represented in a high-level round table at the level of Head of State or Government or at ministerial level.

Concept notes on the high-level round tables will be made available on the Conference website (<https://www.habitat3.org>).

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Delegations are requested to inform the Secretariat, *as soon as possible*, of any changes of their level of participation in the Conference (e-mail muturi@un.org).

Programme of side events

The interactive programme of side events (on-site) to be held during the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) is available on the official Conference website ([click here](#)). Queries regarding side events should be sent to habitat3secretariat@un.org.

Press conferences

Wednesday, 19 October 2016

Ground floor

Conference venue

 [\[webcast\]](#)

08:00

Briefing by the Spokesperson of the Conference

[The complete schedule of the press conferences can be consulted by [clicking here](#)]


Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 20 October 2016

General Assembly

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

10:00 to 13:00

7th plenary meeting  [\[webcast\]](#)

Agora Room

General debate [item 8] (*continued*)

League of Arab States


United Nations Capital Development Fund

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

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United Nations Population Fund
 United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
 Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
 Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
 International Telecommunication Union
 Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
 Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
 International Labour Organization
 World Meteorological Organization
 United Nations Global Compact
 International Fund for Agricultural Development
 Representatives of local authorities
 Representatives of non-governmental organizations

15:00 to 18:00

8th plenary meeting  [\[webcast\]](#)

Agora Room

1. Round-table sessions [item 9]
 - Report by the Co-Chairs of the round tables
2. Credentials of representatives to the Conference: Report of the Credentials Committee (A/CONF.226/8) (to be issued) [item 7 (b)]
3. Adoption of the final outcome of the Conference ([A/CONF.226/L.1](#)) [item 10]
4. Adoption of the report of the Conference ([A/CONF.226/L.2](#) and [A/CONF.226/L.3](#) (to be issued)) [item 11]
5. Closure of the Conference [item 12]

High-level round-table 6 entitled “Financing Sustainable Urban Development” will take place on Thursday, 20 October, from 10:00 to 13:00 in the Teatro Nacional. Additional information will be made available in tomorrow’s journal.

Announcements

Election of the Vice-Presidents of the Conference

A letter dated 2 September 2016 from the Secretariat addressed to the Chairs of the regional groups requested the nomination of interested candidates (three candidates per regional group, except the Latin American and Caribbean States which is to nominate two candidates) for the election of Vice-Presidents of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III). The Chairs of the regional groups who have not yet communicated their nominations are requested to do so *as*

soon as possible. Communications and inquires may be addressed to the focal point, Ms. Mary Muturi (e-mail: muturi@un.org).

Credentials for representatives

Delegations are reminded that in accordance with rule 3 of the provisional rules of procedure of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), *credentials* of representatives and names of alternate representatives and advisers should be addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and delivered to the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, located in the Conference Services Room (next to room “R-A”) on the ground floor of the Casa de la Cultural, *as soon as possible*. The credentials should be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or, in the case of the European Union, by the President of the European Commission.

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 18 October 2016

General Assembly

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 [\[archived video\]](#)

3rd plenary meeting

General debate [item 8]

The Conference continued the general debate under agenda item 8.

The Conference heard statements by His Excellency Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister for Families, Children and Social Development of Canada; His Excellency Julian Castro, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development of the United States of America; His Excellency Mochamad Basuki Hadimuljono, Minister of Public Works and Housing of Indonesia; His Excellency Vincent Mwale, Minister of Local Government and Housing of Zambia; His Excellency Francois Bausch, Minister of Sustainable Development and Infrastructure of Luxembourg; His Excellency Denis Kellman, Minister of Housing, Lands and Rural Development of Barbados; Her Excellency Judi Wakhungu, Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Natural Resources of Kenya; His Excellency Atarake Nataara, Minister of Internal Affairs of Kiribati; His Excellency Abdelmadjid Tebboune, Minister of Housing, Urbanism and the City of Algeria; His Excellency Arjun Narsingha, Minister for Urban Development of Nepal; His Excellency Diene Farba Sarr, Minister of Urban Renewal, Habitat and Living Environment of Senegal; Her Excellency Elsa Noguera, Minister of Housing, Cities and Territories of Colombia; Her Excellency Maria Soledad Nuñez Mendez, Minister Executive Secretary of the National Secretariat for Housing and Habitat of Paraguay; His Excellency Maurice Dieudonné Bonanet, Minister of Housing and Urban Development of Burkina Faso; His Excellency Babatunde Raji Fashola, Minister of Power, Works and Housing of Nigeria; His Excellency Win Khaing, Minister of Construction of Myanmar; Her Excellency Branca do Espírito Santo, Minister of Housing and Urban Development of Angola; His

Excellency Arto Aas, Minister of Public Administration of Estonia; His Excellency Mohamed Salah Arfaoui, Minister of Equipment, Housing and Spatial Planning of Tunisia; His Excellency Desmond Lee, Special Envoy of the Prime Minister to the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) and Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of National Development of Singapore; Mr. Hirofumi Hanaoka, Vice Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan; and Mr. Indika Bandranayake, Vice Minister of Housing of Sri Lanka.

 [archived video]

4th plenary meeting

General debate [item 8]

The Conference continued the general debate under agenda item 8.

The Conference heard statements by Her Excellency Eneida de Leon, Minister of Housing of Uruguay; His Excellency Jan Claude Mbwentchou, Minister of Housing and Urban Development of Cameroon; Her Excellency Amal Maouloud, Minister of Housing, Town Planning and Spatial Planning of Mauritania; His Excellency David Ngarimaden Houdeingar, Minister of Territorial Development, Urban Planning and Housing of Chad; Mr. Andrey Chibis, Vice Minister of Construction, Housing and Utilities of the Russian Federation; Ms. Célia Ramos, Secretary of State of Spatial Planning and Nature Conservation of Portugal; Mr. Carlos Estuardo Barillas Estrada, Vice Minister of Communications, Infrastructure and Housing of Guatemala; Mr. Maeen Abdul Malik, Vice Minister of Public Works and Highways of Yemen; Mr. Mehmet Ceylan, Vice Minister of Environment and Urbanization of Turkey; Ms. Tone Skogen, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs of Norway; Mr. Kim Kyung Hwan, Vice Minister of Land, Infrastructure and Transport of the Republic of Korea; Mr. Ernst Hauri, State Secretary, Director of the Federal Office of Housing of Switzerland; Mr. Chris Baryomunsi, Minister of State for Housing of Uganda; Mr. Cezar Radu Soare, State Secretary at the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration of Romania; Ms. Lorna Eden, Vice Minister for Local Government, Housing and Environment of Fiji; Mr. Gunther Adler, State Secretary to the Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety of Germany; the representative of the World Bank; Ms. Hadeel Abdul Latif Binnaji, Deputy Director General for Investment and Private Sector Projects of Kuwait; and the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Lebanon.

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High-level round-table 2

“Ecological, climate-resilient and disaster-responsive cities”

The Co-Chairs of the High-level round-table 2, their Excellencies Camille Gira, Secretary of State at the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Infrastructure of Luxembourg, and Maria Leonor Robredo, Vice President and Chairperson, Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council of the Philippines, opened the dialogue and made statements.

High-level round-table 2 was moderated by Mr. Aniruddha Dasgupta, Global Director of the Ross Center for Sustainable Cities of the World Resources Institute (WRI), who also made a statement.

The floor then was offered to the panelists, who made statements in the following order: Her Excellency Tone Skogen, State Secretary in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Norway; Mr. Denis Coderre, Mayor of Montreal, Canada; and Mr. Henk Ovink, Special Envoy for International Water Affairs of the Netherlands.

An interactive discussion ensued, during which statements were made by the representatives of Switzerland, the Philippines, the United States, Cuba, Portugal, Turkey, Germany, Tajikistan, Uruguay, Colombia and Finland.

Statements were made by: the representatives of the United Nations Office for Project Services; the United Nations Environment Programme; the United Nations Office of the High Representative for Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States; the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies; the United Nations Office for Disaster Relief Reduction; and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biodiversity.

The Moderator and the panelists responded to comments made and questions raised during the interactive discussion.

The Chair, his Excellency Camille Gira, Secretary of State at the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Infrastructure of Luxembourg then made a statement and declared High-level round-table 2 on “Ecological, Climate Change Resilient, Disaster-responsive Cities” closed.

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High-level round-table 3

“Adequate and affordable housing”

The Co-Chair of high-level round-table 3, Her Excellency Judi Wakhungu, Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Regional Development Authorities of Kenya, opened the round-table. The round-table was co-chaired by His Excellency Julián Castro, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development of the United States of America, who made a statement.

High-level round-table 3 was moderated by Mr. Jonathan Reckford, Chief Executive Officer of Habitat for Humanity, who also made a statement.

The floor was then offered to the panelists, who made statements in the following order: Her Excellency Karla Šlechtová, Minister of Regional Development of the Czech Republic; Her Excellency Paulina Saball, Minister of Housing and Urban Planning of Chile; Ms. Leilani Farha, Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context, in the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; and Her Excellency Maria Henriqueta Arantes, National Secretary of Housing of Brazil.

An interactive discussion ensued, during which the representatives of the following participating states made statements: Colombia and the Netherlands.

The representative of the following observers, relevant entities of the United Nations system and other accredited intergovernmental organizations made a statement: the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the following participating states: Canada, Singapore, Costa Rica, Switzerland, Turkey, the Holy See and Barbados.

The representative of the following observers, relevant entities of the United Nations system and other accredited intergovernmental organizations also made a statement: the International Labour Organization.

The representative of the following participating state made a statement: Botswana.

The representative of the following observers, relevant entities of the United Nations system and other accredited intergovernmental organizations also made a statement: the United Nations Human Settlements Programme.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the following participating states: Morocco and Egypt.

The representative of the following major groups and other relevant stakeholders made a statement: the Huairou Commission.

The Moderator and the panelists responded to comments made and questions raised during the interactive discussion.

The Moderator made a statement and, on behalf of the Co-Chairs, declared high-level round-table 3 on “Adequate and affordable Housing” closed.

General information

More details on the information below are available in document [A/CONF.226/INF.1](#).

Security screening

Every effort is being made to ensure that security screening for access to the Conference venue is smooth and fast, but some delays may be unavoidable. All participants are encouraged to arrive early, to avoid bringing large items, and to prepare for screening when approaching the metal detectors.

Information for participants

A note by the secretariat containing information for participants has been issued as document [A/CONF.226/INF/1](#).

Documentation

For all conference documentation, including the Journal, please visit the Conference website ([click here](#)).

Distribution of official documents

The official documentation of the Conference will be issued in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. The main document counter for delegations will be located at the entrance of the Teatro Nacional at the Conference venue. Distribution

of official documents will be limited to one set per delegation and delegations are encouraged to bring their own mobile devices loaded with pre-session documentation. Print-on-demand service will be provided for those delegations needing extra hard copies.

Circulation of written statements

There will be no circulation of statements in hard copy. Delegations are required to bring 20 copies of their statement to the Meeting Servicing Assistant desk in the meeting room. Delegations wishing to have their statement posted on the Conference website are encouraged to e-mail their statement to the secretariat one day in advance, if possible, or at least three hours before deliver, to the following e-mail addresses: habitat3conference@un.org and habitat3secretariat@un.org, indicating in the subject line, "Statement and Name of delegation".

Arrangements for bilateral meetings

For bilateral meetings among States at the Head of State or Government or ministerial level, five rooms, each with a capacity to hold a maximum of 12 participants, will be available in the main venue, from today, 17 October, to Thursday, 20 October 2016. Requests for bilateral meetings should be submitted to Tony di Lanzo (e-mail dilanzot@un.org) with subject line "BILATS". Final confirmation of all room assignments will be given the day before the meeting. To prevent double booking, only the delegation initiating the bilateral meeting should submit the request. Reservations will be accepted for 20-minute durations. It is essential that all requests specify the date and time for each meeting, and include the name and level of both delegations participating in the bilateral meeting. Every effort will be made to keep consecutive appointments of the same delegation in the same room.

Live webcast coverage

The United Nations webcast services provide live and on-demand webcast coverage of the Conference. The live streaming is available in English and the original language of the speaker on the UN Web TV website (<http://webtv.un.org>) and on the official conference website (<http://habitat3.org/>). The coverage includes: plenary, the high-level round-tables, press conferences and Urban Stage meetings.
