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Submitted by Lead Organization	
Name of the lead organization	HealthBridge
City and country where the lead organization is based	Ottawa, Canada
Title of the event	Bellagio Accord for Public Spaces in African Cities
Date	10/18/2016
Room number	MR13
List of partner organizations	University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa UCLG, Barcelona, Spain UN-Habitat, Nairobi, Kenya WIEGO, Manchester, United Kingdom
Number of attendees	61-80
Percentage of women participating	31-40%
Background information on the event (themes, issues, context).	<p>In Africa - like in many other places in the world - streets and public spaces are used for public life, commerce and interaction. However, lack of funds, planning, and maintenance, as well as priority for motorized vehicles, has turned them into unsafe, unforgiving and unconnected places that are, hence, difficult to access. In June 2016 a group of researchers, policy makers and civil society met at the Bellagio Centre in Italy to generate innovative strategies for providing public spaces in African cities and begin preparing a road map for how to address streets and public spaces as an essential service. The work at the Bellagio Centre provided the foundation needed to develop a platform for African cities to build and maintain strong streets and public spaces. With this side event at Habitat III we continued our work to further develop the platform and begin networking with additional African partners.</p>



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Concise summary of the event proceedings, including key points discussed	Streets and public spaces are a critical strategy for the implementation on the New Urban Agenda. Discussion leaders highlighted the ways in which streets and public spaces: -are the places where both active transportation and recreational physical activity occur, thereby reducing risk of NCDs, which will be the number one cause of death and disability in Africa by 2020; -public spaces provide the locations necessary for informal workers to ply their trade, and for people to meet; and, - public spaces can provide the necessary green and open spaces in cities to maintain a wide diversity of species and landscapes within an urban context. The overall goal of the side event was to establish greater connections among African nations, local government civil society, and researchers in the delivery of public spaces.
Recommendations that emerged from these discussions.	Recommendations from the Bellagio Accord were discussed at the meeting. No additional recommendations were discussed.
Partnerships or collaborations that emerged from the event.	Several organizations approached the three organizing institutions and we expect there will be new partnerships as a result.
Name, nationality, title and organization of the 1st speaker at your event.	Kristie Daniel, Canadian, Director of Livable Cities, HealthBridge
Name, nationality, title and organization of the 2nd speaker at your event.	Puvendra Akkiah, South African, IDP Manager, City of Durban (Technical Chairperson UCLG Committee for Urban Strategic Planning)
Name, nationality, title and organization of the 3rd speaker at your event.	Sean Cooke, South African, Transport Planning Department, University of Cape Town
Name, nationality, title and organization of the 4th speaker at your event.	Jose Chong, Peruvian, Urban Planning and Design Expert, UN- Habitat
Name, nationality, title and organization of the 5th speaker at your event.	Comfort Doryen, Liberian, National Petty Traders Union of Liberia c/o
Dissemination of the outcomes of your event?	Follow-up from our event will continue to be posted on our website.