

**Statement made on 26th July 2016 (13:06 hrs
onward) by Mr. Indu Prakash Singh
of ActionAid in the Plenary of
the PREPCOM 3 of UN-HABITAT III in
Surabaya, Indonesia:**

"Our dear Co-chairs of the PREPCOM 3 for UN-HABITAT III, We at ActionAid thank you all for giving us the opportunity to share our views on The New Urban Agenda.

1. We, the members of the Global Platform for the Right to the City, inhabitants, citizens and organizations undersigned, call on national governments and all stakeholders involved in Habitat III's preparation process to commit to the Right to the City as a fundamental concept of the New Urban Agenda.

The Right to the City is the outcome of decades of a collective and bottom-up creation that consists in the right of all inhabitants, present and future, temporary and permanent, to use, occupy, produce, govern and enjoy peaceful just, inclusive and sustainable cities, villages and settlements, understood as a common good essential to a full and decent life.

We are convinced that global mobilization is the key to make the Right to the City a pillar of the vision of the New Urban Agenda and a roadmap for all necessary implementation, follow-up and monitoring mechanisms, including high level multi-stakeholder debates in the UN system and local authorities. World leaders must commit now to make our villages, towns, cities and settlements more inclusive, equitable, democratic, safe, peaceful and sustainable for all.

We seek: Human Rights and the Right to the City for Everyone!

2. We call for a Renewed Habitat Agenda III, than the New Urban Agenda.

3. We want the clause 7 (a) of the Habitat III Zero Draft of the New Urban Agenda of 6th May 2016 to be restored than the clause 12 (b) of the Habitat III Draft New Urban Agenda of 18th July 2016. For the recent clause negates the very important role being played by the local governments in contradistinction to the national governments.

4. We seek social protection and decent wage for the workers of the informal sector. Who are the CityMakers, NationMakers and the WorldMakers.

5. Many years ago the world leader, Martin Luther King, Jr spoke of his dream. We at ActionAid too have a dream: 'When no one will be homeless, anywhere in the world. When all will be educated, have enough to eat, be fully healthy, to sleep peacefully. Without being woken by the sticks of police, pulling out the flesh and blood, out from the frail and emaciated bodies of homeless women, men, children, disabled – physically/ mentally, elderly, destitute ... When no child will nurse the nightmare to become a Hitler. When no stratagems will be used by the bureaucrats, high and low, to drive away the homeless families from shelters.'

I end my speech by a salutation that we use in India, Zindabad. Which means 'may you live, thrive and throb'. Zindabad Shahr (City), Zindabad Vishwa (World), Zindabad UN-Habitat, Zindabad UN!"

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