



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) and Under Secretary General, United Nations (video message)/ **Rafael Tuts.** Urban Planning and Design Branch Coordinator. UN-Habitat.
- **Rafael Catalá Polo.** Secretary of State for Infrastructure, Transport and Housing. Ministry of Development (Spain).

09.30-09.45 Presentation round

09.50-11.00 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.** “Building Sustainable Cities of All Sizes: A National Urban Policy Framework”. 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 Shibuta Mabala.** *“The National Urban Policy for sustainable urban development: Uganda experience”*. 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:

- **Alexander Chileshe.** National Technical Advisor. UN-Habitat (Zambia).
- **Muhammad Maliki Moersid.** Director of Human Settlements Development. Ministry of Public Works (Indonesia).

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

Debate

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.30 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-Scientific policy consulting (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.** *“Levying the Land: Land-based instruments for financing public services in transition economies”*. Professor. Israel

Institute of Technology –Technion (Israel).

- **Jago Dodson.** *“Australia’s National Urban Policy: Institutional factors, dynamics and prospects”*. Associate professor and director. Urban Research Program. Griffith University (Australia).
- **Ángela de la Cruz.** Vice-Director of Urbanism. Ministry of Development (Spain).

Discussants:

- **Maria Mousmouti.** Executive Director. Centre for European Constitutional Law (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.** *“Planning a system of cities in Urabá-Colombia: Population, urban and economic growth”*. 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).
- **Ricardo Jordán.** *“Towards more sustainable cities in Latin America and the Caribbean”* Chief, Human Settlements Unit. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).

Discussants:

- **Lluis Brau López.** President. Iberoamerican Federation of Urban Planners - FIU.

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”*. Regional & Metropolitan Planning Unit. UN-Habitat.

- Working Group on “Diagnostic”:
Facilitators: **Themba R. Phakathi.** Regional & Metropolitan Planning Unit. UN-Habitat.
Lisette Buki Rwiyereka. Urban Planning Local Counterpart. Ministry of Infrastructure (Rwanda).
- 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.
Pablo Molina. Partner, J&A Garrigues, S.L.P. Iberoamerican Federation of Urban Planners – FIU.
- Working Group on “Monitoring & Evaluation”:
Facilitators: **Frédéric Saliez.** 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.** *“National Urban Policies and the Post 2015 Development Agenda”*. 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.
- **Joan Llord.** Director of Concerted Actions Office. Barcelona City Council.

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