



**REPORTING FORMAT FOR PARTNERS**

**Networking – Side – Training events**

**City Changer Room – Urban Library – Agora – One UN events**

**Deadline: 30 April 2014**

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**Reporting Format for Partners**  
(Networking Events, Side Events, Training Events, City Changer Room, One UN Room, Urban Library, and Agora Room)

<b>Name of Reporter:</b>	Rhoda Lynn Gregorio, GIZ
Event title/number:	How to enable urban innovation – fast, at broad scale, and equitable? / NE 16
Date:	Tuesday, April 8, 2014
Venue:	Red Pavillon, Room 16
Time:	2-4 pm
Name of Organizing Institution(s):	Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
Country/City where Organizing Institution(s) is/are based:	Germany, Bonn
Approximate number of participants:	60

**Summary of the Event (max: 300 words):**

- *Brief background of the event, including overall objectives and purposes*

As we need to advance towards sustainable urban development we need to enable urban innovation. Vis-a-vis the magnitude of the challenges and the speed of urbanization, questions arise how to correspondingly speed up innovative processes, and how to ensure that innovation goes beyond punctual problem solving, but is embedded in transformative change, and spreads more easily from city to city - at broad scale, and equitable.

The session focused on the enablers of innovation: What could be done in cities, through cities and in cooperation with cities? Governance and the physical city, attitudes and policies; all needed to be considered by urban transformation management.

The objectives of the event were

- To illustrate the nature of urban innovation and their consequences for transformative urban management which affects policy frameworks, organizational development, stakeholder interactions, technological and social innovation, infrastructure management, and other
- To give guidance on how to engage in ambitious transformative urban development while managing pressing daily problems and structural shortcomings.





- To identify useful approaches, policies, networks and other enablers for cities to trigger, implement and spread innovations for sustainability and to extract conclusions for policy makers and urban practitioners.

- *Relevant Focus Areas (Refer to below: UN-Habitat's thematic areas) and cross-cutting issues*

Urban rules and legislation, which include national policies, are crucial to empower cities for sustainable development. The event reflected on the mix of policies and other incentives to motivate and foster the capacity of urban stakeholders to engage in sustainable urban development. Good governance and participation, as part of the safer cities sub-theme, is fundamental to motivate and maintain the commitment of urban stakeholders for the development of their city.

The case studies as well as the discussion reflected on who benefits from innovations, with special attention given to gender and age aspects.

### **Summary of the Discussion (max: total 500 words):**

#### 1. Outline of the discussion/debates

After a brief introduction on the potential successes of urban innovation, four experts shared their individual perspectives of national policies, applied research programs, entrepreneurial activities and civil society initiatives during the first part of the session.

In the second part of the event, mayors from various regions complemented these perspectives with their experience of day to day management of cities, giving guidance on how to engage in ambitious transformative development while managing pressing daily problems and structural shortcomings (education, transport, funeral services and basic services); none of them mentioned technology solutions. The initial inputs, the “reality check” by the mayors and the debate with the audience provided new ideas about the different forms to understand and to enable urban innovation giving guidance to urban practitioners and policy makers.

#### 2. Major emerging issues and position documents/declarations towards:

- *Habitat III and POST2015*

The post 2015-MDG's debate and developing Habitat III debate underscore the responsibility our cities are bearing in their role as ‘*development agents*’. Resilience, social inclusion, productivity, energy and resource efficiency, and responsiveness are some of the dimensions of sustainable urban development, at city level as well as part of the global agenda. Substantial and lasting progress in these dimensions requires transformative changes in the way cities are managed.

The link between urban development, human rights, rights to commons and global public goods will become more obvious. At the same time, the need for rapid action to at least maintain, if not to improve the social, economic and ecological situation will become more and more pressing, while facing serious constraints in terms of resources, capacity adequate policies and ap-





proaches. While the post-2015 debate will highlight the issues (What needs to be done?), Habitat III will focus on the options for responses (How to do it?). Notwithstanding the subsidiarity principle, cities will need enabling national policies and international cooperation to trigger innovation and maintain transformative processes towards sustainable urban development. The event aims at motivating and enriching the discussion on options to increase the transformative capacity of cities.

- *A New Urban Agenda*

### 3. Recommendations made during the discussion

*(e.g. policy direction, good/best practices, resource mobilization, innovative funding mechanism, etc.)*

Success factors for innovation:

Innovation should be accessible, and should be linked directly to cities and citizens through collaborative partnerships without being solely connected to markets. All speakers stressed participation, stakeholder involvement, dialogues; also integrated approach, transparency, leadership, clear governance models, investment conditions, combination of existing funds, bringing together crowd sourcing with big investors, urban labs; give risk capital and platforms for interchange. Moderator Emilia Saiz, UCLG noted: “You don’t always need more funds, you need to do things differently”. Leaders of innovation should be aware of social and economic realities.

### 4. Building partnerships, network and synergies with UN-Habitat

*(e.g. agreements or Memorandum of Understanding committed/signed, amounts and number of pledged contributions and partnerships/networks, etc.)*

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If there were more speakers/presenters/moderators in your events, please feel free to add the above tables.

### **UN-Habitat Thematic areas**

All events are identified by UN-Habitat priority substantive areas as below.

#### **URBAN LAND, LEGISLATION & GOVERNANCE**

*Land & GLTN, Urban Legislation, Urban and Community Management & Governance, Safety*

#### **URBAN PLANNING & DESIGN**

*Regional & Metropolitan Planning, City Extensions & Enlargements, Market Town & Intermediate City Planning*

#### **URBAN ECONOMY**

*Urban & Municipal Finance, Urban Productivity, Youth and Job Creation*

#### **URBAN BASIC SERVICES**

*Water & Sanitation, Urban Energy, Urban Mobility, Urban Waste Management*

#### **HOUSING & SLUM UPGRADING**

*Housing, Slum Upgrading, Shelter Rehabilitation*

#### **RISK REDUCTION & REHABILITATION**

*Urban Risk Reduction, Infrastructure Rehabilitation, Climate Change Mitigation & Adaptation, Resilience*

#### **RESEARCH & CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT**

*Global Urban Observatory, Flagship Reports, Capacity Development*

***Cross-cutting issues:***

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