



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)

Name of Reporter:	Barbara McMurray
Event title/number:	Eliminating Constraints to Urban Land and Property Ownership by Women: A Practical Perspective: NE20
Date:	April 8, 2014
Venue:	Red Pavilion Rm 20
Time:	2pm – 4pm
Name of Organizing Institution(s):	International Housing Coalition
Country/City where Organizing Institution(s) is/are based:	United States
Approximate number of participants:	4 speakers and 40 in audience

Summary of the Event (max: 300 words):

- In the last few years, gender sensitive legislation and policies have been enacted in some countries, but have often failed to impact the lives of women in cities or increased their opportunities to own land and property. Some regulatory frameworks recognize the right to individual and collective property entitlements for women; promote women’s voices in public policy; and encourage inclusive and accessible mechanisms for land use, planning, finance and registry. Still, women in cities may not feel empowered or able to act on regulatory promises and address the multiple barriers to land and property ownership. Based on experiences in the field this event presented different approaches to eliminating legal, political, social, and customary barriers to women owning land and property. It highlighted lessons learned in terms of empowerment, equity, and capacity building.
- *Relevant Focus Areas (Refer to below: UN-Habitat’s thematic areas) and cross-cutting issues*
 - *Housing and Slum Upgrading*
 - *Urban Land Legislation and Governance*
 - *Gender*

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

1. Outline of the discussion/debates

Opening Remarks: Barbara McMurray

Discussant One: Elizabeth Blake – Discussing Habitat for Humanity

International work on gender and property rights, including the Global Land





Tool Network, Global Housing Indicators and Land Campaign. Discussion of projects in Haiti, Bolivia, Lesotho, Honduras and Brazil.

Discussant Two: Jan Peterson – Discussing the Huariou Commission work with grassroots advocacy on land issues, with a focus on local community and change.

Discussant Three: Judith Hermanson – Discussing PADF programs in Haiti post-earthquake, focusing on community driven methodology and integrated approaches to housing reconstruction, hearing the needs of the community for things such as solar lights which dramatically reduced incidence of sexual assault.

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

- *A New Urban Agenda* – Women have a unique voice in the urban space which needs to be protected and encouraged. Land and property rights are a critical part of empowering women.

3. Recommendations made during the discussion

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

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.)

Connections were made between panellists and audience members working in similar regions of the world. Useful discussion and networking opportunities were made in a lively question period.

Detail Information of Speakers/Presenters/Moderators:

Full name (Mr/Ms):	Ms. Barbara McMurray
Nationality:	USA
Organization/Institution:	International Housing Coalition
Time:	5 minutes
Position:	<i>Moderator</i>
Contact address (Email):	bcmurray@cox.net

Full name (Mr/Ms):	Ms. Elizabeth Blake
Nationality:	USA
Organization/Institution:	Habitat for Humanity International
Time:	20 minutes
Position:	Presenter
Contact address (Email):	Lblake@habitat.org

Full name (Mr/Ms):	Ms. Janet Peterson
Nationality:	USA





Organization/Institution:	Huairou Commission
Time:	20 minutes
Position:	Speaker/Presenter
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Full name (Mr/Ms):	Judith Hermanson
Nationality:	USA
Organization/Institution:	Pan American Development Foundation
Time:	20 minutes
Position:	Speaker/Presenter
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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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