



**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>	Undersecretary of Urban Development and Housing, SEDATU
Event title/number:	NE32 Building the promise of urban equity
Date:	8 <sup>th</sup> April, 2014
Venue:	Yellow Pavilion Room 9
Time:	4:30pm -6:30 pm
Name of Organizing Institution(s):	Secretary of Agrarian, Territorial and Urban Development (SEDATU)
Country/City where Organizing Institution(s) is/are based:	MEXICO
Approximate number of participants:	100

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

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

Mexico is in the first stages of a process to change the predominant urban development model. The Federal Housing Policy pursued by Mexican authorities during the last two decades, despite being successful at increasing the overall number of allocated mortgages, caused segregation, rupture of social and family ties and the settlement of peripheral housing developments, thus resulting the excessive amounts of time and money required to travel inside the city and in general economic and social problems.

The “new model of urban development” promoted by the Ministry of Agrarian, Territorial and Urban Development (SEDATU) has as its main objective to increase the quality of life in Mexican cities and enhance access to the opportunities provided by cities to all. SEDATU promotes a new way to live the city through the application of urban planning instruments such as urban regeneration, re-densification, sustainable urban mobility, etc.

Colombia has applied innovative urban development policies to addressing poverty and inequality. The application of innovative policies and the size and complexity of its urban areas make from Colombia a case of study on how to improve the quality of life of city dwellers through urban policy and planning.

**Objectives**

- Present the main aspects of Mexican Policy of Urban Development and Housing, and explain how this new model of Urban Development addresses social and economic problems in Mexican cities.

All reports received will be included in the WUF7 final report to be published after the closing of the Forum. We kindly urge you to send the report of your session to us **before 30 April 2014** following this format. Please be aware that not delivering the report within the deadline will be taken into consideration when applying for future events at the World Urban Forum.





- Reflect on urban interventions and their impact on the reduction of inequity looking at the cases of Colombia and México.
  - To share experiences and best practices on the implementation of Urban Development and Housing Policy.
- *Relevant Focus Areas (Refer to below: UN-Habitat's thematic areas) and cross-cutting issues*
    - 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

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

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

Mexico's representative questioned the urban development model and its utility to deliver equitable and sustainable cities. He presented the main characteristics and problematic faced by Mexican cities as well as the main objectives of Mexican National Program of Urban Development.

The Colombian representative presented a Latin-American context on urban development. According to his presentation, all Latin American countries share the challenge to develop better cities which guaranty the access to the city for all their inhabitants.

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

It was discussed how Mexico and its new National Urban Policy, can contribute to the development of the New Urban Agenda, as well to the discussion in the Habitat III Conference, due to the fact that by that time some results of this Policy might be visible.

#### 3. Recommendations made during the discussion

Vice minister Guillermo Herrera expressed his satisfaction with the new Urban Policy implemented by Mexico and recommended that Mexico should study the Colombian experience with the implementation of the 388 Law, which deals with territorial ordainment and urban development.

Remy Sietchiping and Robert Lewis-Lettington congratulated Mexico for its actions towards the development of a new urban policy that is align with the efforts of UN-Habitat, and recommended that Mexico should consider as a priority the development of equitable cities.

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

SEDATU has been working with UN-Habitat on the development of strategies



and tools to successfully implement the new National Urban Policy. The presence of Remy Sietchiping and Robert Lewis-Lettington, who have been actively involved in this cooperation, in the NE helped deepen cooperation and understanding of the Mexican case, its needs and areas of opportunity.



### **Detail Information of Speakers/Presenters/Moderators:**

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