



REPORTING FORMAT FOR PARTNERS

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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:	Fiona Woo
Event title/number:	Regenerative Cities and Communities: A People-Driven Transformation
Date:	8 April 2014
Venue:	Plaza Mayor Yellow Pavilion Room 13
Time:	16:30-18:30
Name of Organizing Institution(s):	World Future Council
Country/City where Organizing Institution(s) is/are based:	Hamburg, Germany
Approximate number of participants:	30

Summary of the Event (max: 300 words):

At the core of the regenerative cities vision is ensuring that future generations inherit a robust and intact world in which individuals can realise their full human potential and cities continue to provide opportunities for all people to improve their quality of life.

In an interdependent world, cities increasingly rely on goods and resources from across the globe. However, they fail to prioritise the long-term availability and vitality of these necessary resources.

Regenerative urban development allows policymakers and communities to reap the benefits of cities that regenerate the materials they consume and foster a mutually beneficial relationship with their surrounding hinterland.

The objective of this event was to re-examine the notion of urban sustainability, introduce the vision of regenerative cities and explore the roles played by local authorities, national and regional policymakers and other stakeholders in realising this new urban agenda.

Focus areas relevant to UN-Habitat themes included: urban energy and resource management; climate change mitigation and urban resilience; urban legislation; urban and community management and governance; regional and metropolitan planning; urban productivity.

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

1. Outline of the discussion/debates

- How regenerative urban development creates benefits for local communities





- How local authorities can ensure that resources are used more efficiently
- Who is responsible for implementing urban change and urban policies
- How different stakeholders can work together to achieve the new urban paradigm

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

- *Habitat III*

The need for vertical coordination and effective multi-level dialogue was emphasised. The success of Habitat III hinges on all stakeholders being included in the preparatory stages, especially ensuring that national representatives are coordinating with local authorities to develop an ambitious and viable urban agenda. This is necessary in helping to bridge the gap between policymaking and implementation.

- *POST2015*

- *A New Urban Agenda*

Since the principle of ‘sustainable development’ was enshrined in the Rio Declaration and Agenda 21, the term has been stretched in all directions and appropriated by interest groups as a catchall phrase whose exact meaning has become unclear. As urbanisation around the world contributes to climate disruption, loss of soil carbon, degradation of farmland, contamination of our waterways and the depletion of biodiversity, the ability of future generations to meet their own needs is compromised.

This event’s discussions highlighted the lack of action at a significant scale and rate in the past and called on cities to be regenerative in order to reverse these destructive trends.

The road to regenerative urban development begins with a switch in our thinking so that by-products conventionally considered ‘waste’ can be reframed and reused as resource inputs. Regenerative cities are productive centres that help to regenerate the materials and resources they use and foster a mutually beneficial relationship between urban areas and their hinterland.

3. Recommendations made during the discussion

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

Realising the benefits of urban-rural linkages and achieving a new urban paradigm require policymakers and community leaders to envision a better future for their cities that is different from the past and act to realise their vision. This requires long-term perspectives, leadership and strong political commitment.

It is also necessary to involve all stakeholders and to leverage public participation to legitimise the planning and development process, increase acceptance and accelerate change.

Highlighting the economic benefits in particular was proposed as a strategy to mobilise and inspire local policymakers to take action towards closing resource loops and regenerative development.

Further recommendations included:

- Put urban development onto the national policy agenda
- Decentralise urban policy mandate and related financing to the local levels



- Involve urban citizens in resource regeneration through innovative policies, e.g. enabling decentralised power generation with a feed-in tariff law



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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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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