



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:	Caroline Skinner
Event title/number:	Harnessing Economic Potential: Street Vending, Enterprise Growth, and Urban Equity (NE42)
Date:	Tuesday April 8
Venue:	Red Pavilion, Room 19
Time:	16:30 – 18:30
Name of Organizing Institution(s):	Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing
Country/City where Organizing Institution(s) is/are based:	Global
Approximate number of participants:	+50

Summary of the Event (max: 300 words):

Future urban equity cannot be achieved without social inclusion and economic empowerment for all urban populations. This networking event organized by the global policy research network Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO), focused on one of the most visible yet marginalized actors in the urban economy: informal vendors. What was unique about the event was that it featured leaders from prominent workers’ organizations in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. The focus was also on first-hand experience of cities that work with, instead of against, informal traders. Each speaker described specific, recent examples where cities and informal traders have worked together to achieve greater inclusion. From Latin America, prominent street vendor leaders reflected on issues from Medellín, Colombia and Tegucigalpa, Honduras. The StreetNet International organizer for Africa, the global alliance of street trader organizations, identified inclusive mechanisms on the African continent. The Self Employed Women’s Association, a union with 1.8 million members, reflected on the process of securing a national law on street vending and innovations in Ahmedabad, India.

The event aimed to and succeed in:

- Bridging the divide between the ground level experiences of informal workers and urban government politicians, officials and practitioners.
- Facilitating cross country learning on the use of urban laws and norms for socioeconomic inclusion.
- Broadening and strengthening the network of urban practitioners concerned with how to manage and support the informal economy.

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.





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

1. Outline of the discussion/debates

The formal inputs set the stage for a vibrant discussion where participants shared their own experiences from cities across the globe.

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

The Post-2015 Development Agenda as reflected by the UN Task Force, calls for an integrated policy approach to ensure ‘inclusive economic development, social progress and environmental sustainability’. The theme for Habitat III sustainable urban *development* (while the 1996 Habitat Agenda called for sustainable *human settlements*) constitutes a fundamental shift in views on urbanization. ‘In short, this entails harnessing the economic potential of urbanization latent in cities through effective, transparent and participatory urban planning, economic development, legislative processes and management’. (First Consultation Paper, 2012:2). What is common to both processes is a far greater focus both on sustainability and on economic development. The informal economy is a key element of inclusive, sustainable growth. This event emphasised the importance of livelihood issues featuring more prominently at Habitat III and in the post-2015 Development Agenda.

3. Recommendations made during the discussion

Important themes from case studies around inclusion of street vendors into urban plans were:

- Important role that organizing plays in making inclusion happen – especially through democratic and innovative structures like SEWA’s market committees, like FOTSSIEH’s women’s network and the coordinating platform
- Role of platforms that are inclusive and bring together different groups of informal workers, like in the DRC, where “nothing for us without us” is realized
- Emphasis on dialogue and capacity for engaging in such dialogues, either through mechanisms identified in law like Town Vending Committees in India – or outside of law in partnerships
- Two levels: broad laws for protections and then specific localized solutions to localized problems like schematic plans in India and blocked drain in Accra

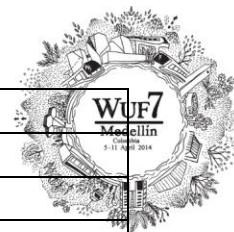
4. Building partnerships, network and synergies with UN-Habitat

The event secured a number of cross country connections both among city council officials and practitioners but also activists and researchers concerned with livelihood issues. Several mechanisms of inclusion were identified during the question-and-answer as well as follow-up conversations.

Detail Information of Speakers/Presenters/Moderators:

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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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