



**REPORTING FORMAT FOR PARTNERS  
Networking Event 53**

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**Reporting Format for Partners**  
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<b>Event title/number:</b>	CITIES FOR LIFE AND TERRITORIAL RIGHTS: FACING THE CHALLENGE OF HUMAN INEQUALITY / Ciudades para la vida y derechos territoriales: ante el desafío de la inequidad humana / Cidades pela vida e direitos territoriais: enfrentar o desafio da desigualdade humana / Villes pour la vie et les droits territoriaux: face au défi des inégalités humaines.
<b>Date:</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> April 2014
<b>Venue:</b>	Yellow Pavilion – Room Nr. 7
<b>Time:</b>	14:00 – 16:00
<b>Name of Organizing Institution(s):</b>	Universidad Nacional de Colombia – UNAL In alliance with: Habitat International Coalition - HIC, Consejo Latinoamericano de Ciencias Sociales - CLACSO and Asociación Colombiana de Investigadores Urbano Regionales - ACIUR
<b>Country/City where Organizing Institution(s) is/are based:</b>	Colombia and different countries in Latin America and in the world
<b>Approximate number of participants:</b>	100

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

Focusing on knowledge and action for life, equity and territorial rights, UNAL [www.unal.edu.co](http://www.unal.edu.co) HIC, CLACSO and ACIUR [www.conocimientoyaccionunal.com](http://www.conocimientoyaccionunal.com) shared their debates concerning the attainment of cities for life, equity and territorial rights, vis-a-vis settlements, urbanization and real-estate dynamics, responses of international organizations, governments, and social and political groups concerned with habitat, urbanism and territories, and government relations with social and community organizations.

We focus on:

- Neglected, unseen or stigmatized habitats and territories, across national boundaries and urban peripheries or rural edges.
- Habitats and territories subjected to dispossession and gentrification.





- Dispossessed and destabilized habitats and territories, due to different types of violence and a variety of conflicts.
- Habitats and territories impacted by urban development models and real-estate actions.

#### Objectives

- To share academic positions in dialogue with civil society and social and community organizations, concerning the challenges facing cities and territories for life committed to territorial rights and human equity issues.
- To generate a collective statement that critically contributes to base agreements on development policies discussed within WUF7, and to broaden the debate towards Habitat III.
- To envision global and local guidelines and strategies vis-a-vis equity, life and territorial rights.

In a comprehensive plan, we will continue towards Habitat III and convoke to discuss conceptual and political contradictions related to the recognition of territorial communities, cultures, socio-spatial processes and the rights to the city and territory. We call for new epistemologies and categories to understand and act on habitat and territory, starting from the territorial subjects themselves, their meanings, dreams, socio-spatial realities and expectations of socio-spatial fulfilments.

#### *Cross-cutting issues*

**HUMAN RIGHTS:** Fulfilment of territorial rights and life, within a complex approach. Equity based on the recognition of what each human group considers as such, respecting and recognizing diversity, cultures and territorialities

#### *Focus Areas*

Urban land, legislation & governance

Urban planning & design

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

#### Issues

1. Weak understanding of *neglected and stigmatized habitats and territories*. Lack of approaches from the same people and territorial processes. Official views determine voids and lack of direct engagements with its people.
2. *Worldwide gentrification*. Public and private urban and rural interventions, real-estate actions, public space, urban renewal, revitalization, despoil and displace lower income groups to less suitable lands and housings.
3. Deepening *dispossession and destabilization, due to conflicts and violence(s)*, related to armed groups, or land destination, violate rights to housing, cities and territories, and human rights.
4. Public models of territorial occupation, land management and real-estate actions trigger the current impacts on our urban societies. Dominance of neoliberal city of violates rights to housing, the city and territory.

#### Worries

- City without people, myth of the inclusive city, and neoliberal city
- Equity confused with equality, suppressing diversity.
- Resilience colluding severe suffering of people and exalting pain capacity.





- Gentrification as policy, based on the renewed city.
- Public-private alliance as instrument to control territories and despoil the poor.
- Political-economic vocations reconquering urban territories, destroying architectures, social and economic tissues.

### **Social organization**

- Take action and subvert that “wealth is privatized and poverty is socialized”.
- Public opinion: State’s legitimacy based on the display of urbanism symbolic discourses. Control over media, if not "media will make us love our oppressor and hate the oppressed".
- Untie participation, re-politicization, strengthening neighbourhood’s resistance.
- Academia and civil society accompanying defence of rights.

### 2. Emerging issues:

- *Habitat III*

### **Prioritize:**

- Neglected, destabilized and dispossessed habitats and territories, in cities, national boundaries, urban peripheries or rural edges, impacted by stigmatization, gentrification, conflicts and violence(s).
- Social-spatial justice based on the respect for different territories, habitats and communities, for their own horizons and meanings, memories and tangible and intangible heritages; conditional to cultural and material capabilities and needs of people.

- *POST2015*

Environmental justice associated to territories and respect of territorialities, life and local cultures.

- *Urban Agenda*

- Overcome urban-rural dichotomy: complex territorial approach.
- Overcome the idea of citizens as owners.
- Monitor, prevent, intervene resettlement, displacement and population movements, due to conflicts, violence’s and gentrification.
- Respect diversity: multiple and diverse city projects.
- Rescue the right to the city and land rights, tangible and intangible heritage, sociability of neighbourhoods, architectural and symbolic and historical values.

### **Approaches**

**EQUITY:** Support to socio-cultural, political, economic and spatial fulfilment, based on territorial diversities and human groups.

**LIFE:** Individual and collective rights and possibilities to be oneself and to expand its multidimensional habitat tissues; to ensure permanence, security, stability and fulfilment of individual and cultural life.

**DEVELOPMENT:** Multiple, geographically and historically contextualized social and cultural processes, geared towards various horizons of meaning, collectively constructed and stated.





## 1. Recommendations

- Recognition and dialogue between different cultures, knowledge(s) and wisdoms, academic and social.
- Building social and academic subjects in each territory.
- Research: UN and Governmental responsibility: Building culturally based knowledge(s) and action capacities to defend territorial rights.

## 2. Network

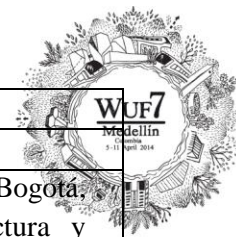
Strengthening Latin American and worldwide relations with UN-Habitat and Habitat UNI: universities, academic groups and NGOs, and linkages towards the fulfilment territorial rights, life and equity

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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:*

**GENDER**

**YOUTH**

**HUMAN RIGHTS**

