



**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)

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Event title/number:	From participation to power/45978
Date:	8 March, 2014
Venue:	Yellow pavilion, room 9
Time:	14.00-16.00
Name of Organizing Institution(s):	We Effect
Country/City where Organizing Institution(s) is/are based:	Global, working in 30 countries Regional office for Latin America (6 countries) is based in Costa Rica
Approximate number of participants:	96 (on and off, but this was the max total)

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

The networking event consisted in a panel discussion – among the participants and with the audience – about the impact of housing cooperatives on poverty alleviation and the empowerment of women. The objectives were to share best practices, promote help-to-self-help models and to jointly identify new roles for housing cooperatives in the quest for urban equity.

The discussion departed from the personal experiences of Amada Ivet, president of the housing cooperative organisation *Mesa de Cooperativas* in Honduras, and Faniz Giron, president of the Nicaraguan cooperative housing federation *Central de Cooperativas*, Cencovicod, in their roles as cooperative leaders – and as women.

The panel highlighted the role of housing cooperatives in the empowerment of women and discussed how female empowerment in the cooperatives has led to increased female participation in the local communities at large. Increased participation has led to increased power – but not necessarily to increased gender equality. The challenge, according to the panellists, is to find means to alleviate the workload of women. Men need to take greater responsibility, whilst society needs to recognise the multiple workloads of women and respond by adequate legal frameworks and services, including public day-care. The main conclusion was that gender mainstreaming policies are not enough – ensuring increased gender equality requires involvement by all sectors – and very conscious strategies to achieve that involvement. Civil society organisations should work to develop concrete proposals that involve state and private sector actors, with the aim to seek collaboration and increased participation in the setting of the urban agenda.





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

### 1. Outline of the discussion/debates

Please see above.

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

- *Civil society organisations need to formulate concrete proposals for multi-sector involvement focussing on increased gender equality in the formulation of the **new urban agenda**.*
- *UN Habitat should more clearly recognise housing cooperatives as a viable and strategic means to not only build houses – but also as a means to promote help to self-help and **increased gender equality** for poor women and men in their quest for the right to housing.*

### 3. Recommendations made during the discussion

- *The development of the **new urban agenda** must include the active involvement of poor women and men themselves – through their own organisations.*
- *UN Habitat must ensure active participation of civil society in the continued process towards Habitat III.*

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

None.

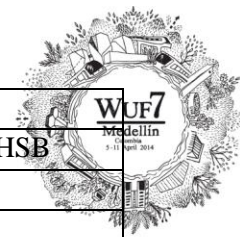
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