



REPORTING FORMAT FOR PARTNERS

Networking – Side – Training events

City Changer Room – Urban Library – Agora – One UN events

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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:	Amit Prasad
Event title/number:	“Health equity and sustainable urban development in the post-2015 development agenda: Second WHO-UN Habitat joint report”
Date:	8 April 2014
Venue:	One UN Room
Time:	10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Name of Organizing Institution(s):	World Health Organization
Country/City where Organizing Institution(s) is/are based:	Japan
Approximate number of participants:	60

Summary of the Event (max: 300 words):

- *Brief background of the event, including overall objectives and purposes*
- *Relevant Focus Areas (Refer to below: UN-Habitat’s thematic areas) and cross-cutting issues*

In 2010, the World Health Organization (WHO) and UN-Habitat jointly published a report titled “Hidden Cities” that focused on unmasking and overcoming health inequities in urban settings. This was the first joint report by the two agencies focusing on addressing health issues in urban settings as well as the first time that evidence on the magnitude of the issues was presented to a global audience. This networking event intended to bring together a multitude of stakeholders interested in the post-2015 sustainable development agenda and invite their inputs on the broad structure and content areas of a proposed second joint report.

The primary objective was to engage stakeholders in outlining key concepts and content of the second joint WHO-UN-Habitat report on urban health expected to be published in 2015. The first WHO- UN-Habitat joint report which was focused on eliciting the magnitude of health inequities in cities and providing cities with practical solutions, “Hidden Cities”, was published in 2010. The second planned joint report is also expected to focus on equity with a focus on the requirements of the future. There were two thematic links:





Safer Cities: The first WHO – UN-Habitat joint report suggested governance models that empowered communities to participate in the decision-making process. In the proposed second report these models will be explored in further detail using new experiences from cities and emphasis will be laid on the critical nature of these governance models for future development of cities.

Spatial fix: Urban planning is a critical tool to promote equitable development in cities and health inequities are particularly evident in neighborhood analyses within a city. It has already been recognized in the previous joint report that underdeveloped areas of a city, including informal settlements, are often ignored by city authorities. Therefore, it will be important to continue to emphasize the role of local authorities in inclusive and equitable development in the city in the proposed report as well.

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

1. Outline of the discussion/debates

The second WHO-UN-Habitat joint report is directly related to the post-2015 development agenda as it will provide a platform for the two agencies to articulate their vision of the future of health equity in cities and suggest solutions to United Nations (UN) Member States. Both agencies, together with other UN agencies and experts, have been engaged in formulating proposed goals for the post-2015 development agenda in their respective fields. This proposed report will be an opportunity to explore synergies in the urbanization and health agendas.

The session brought together stakeholders interested in the post-2015 sustainable development agenda and invited their inputs on the structure and content of the second WHO – UN-Habitat joint report expected to be published in 2015. It was chaired by UN-Habitat and panellists included Alain Le Saux (Metropolis), Dr. Patricia O’Campo (University of Toronto) and Dr Arpana Verma (University of Manchester). WHO Kobe Centre introduced the process for the publication of the new joint report in 2015. Alain Le Saux emphasized the importance of provision of basic services in cities coupled with a focus on attaining equity as urbanization gathers pace in developing regions of the world. Dr O’Campo proposed that the new report should focus most of its attention to illustrating solutions for cities to broad problem areas, while Dr Verma mentioned the need for enhancing research and results for developing countries.

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

- *Habitat III*

Audience members articulated the importance of attention to health and health equity for people living in cities in the Habitat III agenda. Health is currently not included in the draft documents but with increased pressure on resources and rapidly ageing populations living in cities, improving access to health services of good quality was considered an imperative.





- *POST2015*

Panellists and the audience observed that health in cities was not receiving sufficient attention from the international community. The post 2015 goals process should provide a strong opportunity to link urbanization and health.

- *A New Urban Agenda*

3. Recommendations made during the discussion

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

See links to post-2015 goals and Habitat III.

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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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





Cross-cutting issues:

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