



REPORTING FORMAT FOR PARTNERS

Networking – Side – Training 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:	Elizabeth Ryan
Event title/number:	“Innovating Cities – Collaboration, Participation and the Importance of the Social - Learning from Bogotá, Medellín, Barcelona and Porto Alegre”
Date:	Thursday April 10, 2014
Venue:	The One UN Room
Time:	2.30 pm to 4 pm
Name of Organizing Institution(s):	The Global Compact Cities Programme
Country/City where Organizing Institution(s) is/are based:	Melbourne, Australia
Approximate number of participants:	Full venue

Summary of the Event (max: 300 words):

In these times of rapid city development and growing divides in inequity, the importance of a collaborative approach to our critical urban challenges cannot be overstated. This networking event was hosted by the Cities Programme, the urban component the UN Global Compact. The UN Global Compact recognises that cities, in particular, have the potential to make enormous strides in creating sustainable societies – where economic, ecological, political and cultural issues are integrated and advanced. It advocates for a cross-sectoral and holistic approach to urban sustainability, where the ten principles of the Global Compact are enacted into day to day urban governance and management.

We were honoured to have presentations from city leaders in Bogotá, Medellín, Porto Alegre and Barcelona in this network event which featured practical, participatory and principled approaches to the development of prosperous and inclusive sustainable cities. Drawing on models from these leading Global Compact city participants, the majority of which are in Latin America, the event provided a particular focus on learning from the groundswell of socially focused efforts in that continent. The event was conducted in Spanish, a first for the Cities Programme.

A key objective of this event was to increase knowledge of collaborative models of urban development. It is also hoped that bringing these parties together would promote the seeding of a network of cities in Latin America to exchange leading practice and innovation on a continuing basis.





Relevant Focus Areas (Refer to below: UN-Habitat's thematic areas) and cross-cutting issues –

- *Urban Planning and Design*
- *Urban Land, Legislation & Governance*

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

1. Outline of the discussion/debates

The event centred around socially focused approaches to urban development and societal transformation. Whilst the areas of focus differed for the respective cities represented there was a commonality to the principles, perspectives and advice. Drawing on the work of TIC, CEO Mauricio Uribe spoke of the efforts to build digital connectedness for social transformation in the capital of Colombia, Bogotá, stating that better access, use and application of ICTs, relieves social exclusion and in fact, that digital inclusion is essential for social inclusion. As such digital connectedness had increased to a top priority for the city, coupled with adapting to climate change, Mireia Belil, drew on her many years of experience with Barcelona city government and the Fundacio Foro Universal de las Cultures which represents a public commitment to dialogue, creativity and common sense in order to foster development that is just, humane, sustainable and peaceful. Mireia spoke at length about the value and forms of participatory approaches but also provided some wise words of caution, saying that centralised decision making also had its place in good urban governance. Margarita Maria Ángel Bernal provided detailed insight into the achievements, philosophy and framework of the city of Medellín's urban development regime through the agency, EDU, Empresa de Desarrollo Urbano. She detailed large scale integrated projects such as the Cinturon Verde (Green Belt) and River Park projects that reflect Medellín's unique approach to urban development which has social transformation and community building as central objectives. Cesar Busatto drew models and key lessons from a resettlement project which had a lengthy preparation, was guided and supported by a long standing cross-sectoral network and had transformation and social inclusion as its driving objective.

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

- *Habitat III*
- *POST2015*
- *A New Urban Agenda*

3. Recommendations made during the discussion

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

- It is important to draw on expertise and resources from across sectors
- digital inclusion is a core component of social inclusion



- need for support mechanisms and resourcing for interchange of knowledge on innovation practices



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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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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