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Networking – Side – Training events
City Changer Room – Urban Library – Agora – One UN events

Deadline: 6 June 2014
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Name of Reporter:	Ana Aguilera
Event title/number:	Urbanization and Spatial Development of Cities—A Policy Research Program
Date:	April 6
Venue:	One UN Room
Time:	3:30-5:00pm
Name of Organizing Institution(s):	The World Bank
Country/City where Organizing Institution(s) is/are based:	Washington, DC, USA
Approximate number of participants:	100+

Summary of the Event (max: 300 words):
Brief background of the event, including overall objectives and purposes: This session was jointly organized by the World Bank and UN-Habitat to share and discuss ongoing initiatives examining spatial development of cities. The objective of the session was to raise awareness and knowledge on the challenges and opportunities of rapid urbanization among policymakers in developing countries and to highlight how a spatial and economic lens matters for urbanization policy and investment by: (i) strengthening the urban professionals' toolbox; (ii) sharpening specific policy instruments; and (iii) sequencing policies and investments. Recent innovations in the availability of spatial data and developments in analytical and statistical techniques for analysing these data have made this empirical work feasible at reasonable cost. The work under this program will help inform the complex policy choices on the distribution of infrastructure investments, public services, and institutional reforms over space and time. This research program will first examine the determinants and consequences of the spatial transformation of cities in developing countries to inform policy choices. Then, it will provide complementary insights on the spatial evolution of cities and metropolitan areas, and will integrate these results to produce three main types of outputs: (i) data products, including processed high resolution satellite images and geo referenced household surveys; (ii) technical background, policy notes, and research papers, aimed primarily at researchers and policy audiences in developing countries; and (iii) outreach activities with city leaders and policymakers to disseminate the key findings of this program.

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.*

- *Relevant Focus Areas (Refer to below: UN-Habitat's thematic areas) and cross-cutting issues*
  Research and Capacity Development, Urban Economy, Urban Planning and Design, Urban Land, Legislation & Governance.

Summary of the Discussion (max: total 500 words):
1. Outline of the discussion/debates

The discussion highlighted the need to work collaboratively across development partners in order to leverage the evidence to more effectively set priorities for urban policies at the global, national, and city levels. Eduardo Moreno, Head of Research and Capacity Development at UN-Habitat, described their recent efforts to expand Dr. Shlomo (Solly) Angel's (Lead, Urban Expansion Initiative, NYU Stern Urbanization Project) work on monitoring urban expansion in 280 cities. Ellen Hamilton outlined the World Bank's recent efforts in building a harmonized global database to measure urban footprint and urban form; and Ana Aguilera and Nancy Lozano described the World Bank's global program to measure living standards within cities and characterize the spatial evolution of cities in developing countries.

The key takeaways from the discussion included the importance of understanding how new data sources may bring people who have been invisible out into the open and whether or not this is ultimately a good thing (this was the question on bringing high-resolution data to focus on the vulnerable, who exist in low resolution ambiguity and whether this would increase their vulnerability).

2. Major emerging issues and position documents/declarations towards:
None

- *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.)
None

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.)
None

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