



REPORTING FORMAT FOR PARTNERS

Networking – Side – Training events

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

Deadline: 30 April 2014

Please send via email: wuf@unhabitat.org

Reporting Format for Partners
(Networking Events, Side Events, Training Events, City Changer Room, One UN Room, Urban Library, and Agora Room)

Name of Reporter:	Jane Katz
Event title/number:	Vil pou tout - Cities for all: Towards more equitable and resilient communities through secure and transparent land rights in Haiti, Reference number: 98522
Date:	Monday, 7 April 2014
Venue:	Urban Library
Time:	4 – 5 pm
Name of Organizing Institution(s):	Architecture for Humanity
Country/City where Organizing Institution(s) is/are based:	Pétion-ville, Haiti/US
Approximate number of participants:	100

Summary of the Event (max: 300 words):

- *Brief background of the event, including overall objectives and purposes*

Land tenure issues have presented one of the biggest roadblocks to investing and rebuilding in Haiti for some time. This has been exacerbated by the earthquake. A 2009 UN-Habitat report on Haiti states that “due to inadequate registration and follow-up, there are no clear records of what land is owned by the state or by someone else.” Before the earthquake, less than 38 per cent of all property in the metropolitan area of Port-au-Prince had properly registered titles (UN-Habita, 2007). Building, whether it is for shelter or commercial development, is risky when one is unable to ascertain who owns the land or who will have rights to the building when it is finished. Re-establishing residencies without security of tenure puts Haitians at the same risk for evictions and above-market rents that existed before the earthquake. Today, tenure insecurity continues to hamper urban development, both of commercial and industrial projects, and of marginalized informal settlements. These communities are historically disenfranchised and excluded from access to basic planning and services, which further increases their vulnerability to natural disasters. In addition, women, despite being considered the potomitan (pillars) of Haitian society, are held back from advancing because their access to land is restricted by inequitable customary practices.





The Haiti Property Law Working Group (HPLWG), a diverse, cross-sectorial group of local and international individuals and institutions, is working to improve the efficiency and transparency of land tenure systems in Haiti. The HPLWG is developing and disseminating authoritative How-To-Guides created through an open and transparent process by the Working Group to support capacity development in the professions, government institutions and judiciary to enable the higher and more effective functioning of the systems impacting meaningful access to land.

- *Relevant Focus Areas (Refer to below: UN-Habitat's thematic areas) and cross-cutting issues*
Urban Land, Legislation and Governance
Urban Economy
Housing and Slum upgrading
Cross cutting themes – gender

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

1. Outline of the discussion/debates

Architecture for Humanity and Habitat for Humanity and other members of the HPLWG presented examples from a variety of neighborhoods in Port-au-Prince illustrating how land rights pose an obstacle to urban development and propose strategies for increasing transparency and equity in land management. A Q&A followed relating to the work in Haiti, ways to partner, information regarding the working group and learning more about the work.

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

- *Habitat III/Post 2015*
 - Land tenure cuts across the three priorities for Habitat III: national urban policy; laws, institutions and systems of governance; and urban economy.
 - Informal settlements are often excluded from access to services and planning and do not generate fiscal revenue.
 - The Post-2015 development agenda highlights the importance of secure land rights as a foundation for providing equitable access to housing.

- *A New Urban Agenda*

The work of the Haiti Property Law Working Group focuses on land tenure issues after an urban disaster. Working with public-private partners on issues around land rights and tenure issues in an urban context will be of particular value to the new urban agenda.

3. Recommendations made during the discussion

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

Coalition development with a broad cross section of stakeholders on land issues is critical, especially in terms of engaging the private sector and banks.

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.)



UN-Habitat, along with over 100 organizations from the public and private sectors, has been engaged with the working group in Haiti. We will continue to update the progress of the working group.



Detail Information of Speakers/Presenters/Moderators:

Full name (Mr/Ms):	Elizabeth Blake
Nationality:	American
Organization/Institution:	Habitat for Humanity International
Time:	20 minutes
Position:	SVP / Speaker
Contact address (Email):	Eblake@habitat.org

Full name (Mr/Ms):	Ms. Frédérique Siegel
Nationality:	American
Organization/Institution:	Architecture for Humanity
Time:	20 minutes
Position:	speaker
Contact address (Email):	frederiquesiegel@architectureforhumanity.org

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:

GENDER

YOUTH

HUMAN RIGHTS

