



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:	Hélène OSMONT
Event title/number:	2014 URBAN SUSTAINABILITY PRIZE
Date:	2014 April the 8th
Venue:	City Changer Room
Time:	12:00/1:00 pm
Name of Organizing Institution(s):	La Ciudad Verde
Country/City where Organizing Institution(s) is/are based:	Colombia
Approximate number of participants:	Approximately 120

Summary of the Event (max: 300 words):

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

The Urban Sustainability Prize is the first national initiative to recognize urban sustainability in Colombia.

The prize attempts to reward highly innovative and progressive practices in Colombian cities, practices that focus on inclusivity in terms of social diversity, cultural activity, equality, eco-friendliness, and responsibility to future generations. Three dimensions of urban sustainability are taken into account in judging for the prize: urban efficiency, green economy and environment, governance, and strategically chosen projects.

One city in each of the four categories based on the city’s population will be awarded the prize.

All four winning cities will receive public recognition during the 7th World Urban Forum. Each winning city will receive a workshop in Creative Sustainability. Urban experts will be sent to improve the city’s most problematic issue, identified thanks to the information on urban sustainability indicators that the city filled out in its application. A creative workshop will be created based on the principles of Buena Nota and La Ciudad Verde and will serve as an action plan to improve the city’s development.

This technical, international assistance hopes to succeed through direct exchanges with citizens of the winning city and with urban interventions that promote urban sustainability, both practically and symbolically.





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

Urban Planning and design (sustainability and tactical urbanism).

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

1. Outline of the discussion/debates

We discussed with several mayors the significance of supporting sustainable initiatives in all Colombian cities, from the smallest cities to the largest cities (37 cities presented their indicators and strategic projects before the event).

We awarded the cities with the best overall indicators of sustainability, but the most important indicator was the strategic project and commitment to sustainability.

Every mayor had to answer to a specific question about the unique challenges in their cities and discuss how they were creating solutions to solve these challenges.

Afterwards, we switched to the citizen award. Of the one hundred and twenty citizens who presented their projects before the event, three were awarded during the event for their originality and the strength of their ideas and sustainable solutions.

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

We didn't specifically discuss future UN-Habitat events.

3. Recommendations made during the discussion

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

The main recommendations were:

- To try to help cities, even cities in which there is little support for the sustainability movement. It is more important to recognize the efforts of the politicians and citizens and to bring them some practical solutions than to criticize their weaknesses.
- To emphasize the importance of creating exchanges between cities, as well as between civil society and political authorities.
- To take advantage of these kinds of international events. Such events provide the opportunity to meet people with the similar concerns and motivations, and to share knowledge and best 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.)

We are currently working with the winning cities' governments to implement workshops in their cities, workshops that we are designing to match each city's specific needs. All these workshops are being built with civil





society and since we began planning this in conjunction with our WUF7 event we have been able to contact many experts on sustainability.

Hosting an event during WUF7 helped us to increase our network, meeting people with similar goals and share experiences.

We are continuing to work with the judges to improve our methodology and trying to systematize all the data we collected on the cities and on sustainability. With all this data, we are currently building a “sustainable city network” within the country. The purpose of this network is to provide an opportunity to share experiences and compare different cities with comparable information.

We are also participating in the implementation of civil society projects in several Colombian cities.

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 to 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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