



REPORTING FORMAT FOR PARTNERS

Networking – Side – Training events

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

Deadline: 30 April 2014

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Name of Reporter:	Elin Andersdotter Fabre
Event title/number:	Future of Places - Public Spaces in Favelas and Slums/54343
Date:	Wednesday 9 April
Venue:	City Changer Room B
Time:	4pm to 5pm
Name of Organizing Institution(s):	Ax:son Johnson Foundation, Slum Dwellers International & ICLEI
Country/City where Organizing Institution(s) is/are based:	Sweden
Approximate number of participants:	100

Summary of the Event (max: 300 words):

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

The networking event “Future of Places – Public Spaces in Favelas and Slums” was organized by Slum Dwellers International, ICLEI and the Ax:son Johnson Foundation, as a component of the Future of Places conference series. The Future of Places series strives to ensure that public space and placemaking are part of the new urban agenda that will be decided upon at the upcoming Habitat III Conference in 2016.

The objective of this event during the 7th World Urban Forum was to bring together key stakeholders composed of local authorities, civil society representatives, public space researchers and practitioners, interest groups and many more to promote public space and placemaking as an essential element for creating inclusive cities and addressing the challenges posed by rapid urbanization.

The event also aimed to highlight the potential of inclusive urban planning, utilizing public space as an instrument to promote equality and poverty reduction; specifically regarding marginalized communities.

The event was an opportunity to disseminate key information and outcomes from the first Future of Places Conference in Stockholm held in 2013 and draw attention to the second conference “Streets as Public Spaces and Drivers of

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Urban Prosperity” scheduled to take place in Buenos Aires from the 1-3 September 2014.



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

Public space has relevance for all of UN-Habitat Thematic areas – Governance, Planning & Design, Economy, Basic Services, Slum Upgrading, Risk Reduction & Rehabilitation and in particular for the following priority areas: Urban and Community Management & Governance, Safety, Regional & Metropolitan Planning, City Extensions & Enlargements, Market Town & Intermediate City Planning, Urban & Municipal Finance, Urban Productivity, Youth and Job Creation, Water & Sanitation, Urban Energy, Urban Mobility, Urban Waste Management, Slum Upgrading, Urban Risk Reduction, Infrastructure Rehabilitation, Resilience.

Public space has tremendous relevance for UN-Habitat cross-cutting issues such as gender, youth and human rights.

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

1. Outline of the discussion/debates

Discussion on Public Space as part of the Global Agenda – how public space is an effective tool for addressing issues of governance, economy, environment, health and for building social cohesion.

The creation of public spaces as a mitigating tool to address the social, economic and environmental needs of those who live in informal settlements and slums – that there is a breadth of knowledge that can be learned from the developing world.

Local Governments need to understand how their citizens use space in order to create an enabling environment for strengthening livelihoods and social cohesion.

Using the example of market places to demonstrate the importance of public space for livelihood and income generation – bridging the gap between the community, practitioners and politicians.

How public spaces is an effective tool for urban transformation, creating an inclusive society and building a prosperous city.

Public space as key corridors to connect neglected communities with the greater city, and provide access to social and economic opportunities.

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





- *Habitat III*

The importance to ensure that public space and placemaking are part of the new urban agenda that will be decided upon at the upcoming Habitat III Conference in 2016. It is understood that public space is a necessary tool to create a desirable society that is inclusive and people centred – this is fundamental for the new urban agenda that arises out of Habitat III.

- *POST2015*

Highlighting the importance of public space as a driver for urban development, hence its impact on sustainable development on a global scale. Public space also provides an opportunity to localize many of the key concerns that arise out of the Post 2015 agenda (i.e. health, governance, access, inclusiveness, etc.).

- *A New Urban Agenda*

Participation and access to public space by all creates a sense of ownership and will ensure the protection, maintenance, development and investment in public space – this must be highlighted in the new urban agenda as a major component for urban development.

3. Recommendations made during the discussion

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

Important input from participants on best practices (*Cairo, Johannesburg, San Francisco, Cape Town, Kibera, New York, Kirtipur, Kathmandu, Ethiopia, Afghanistan and Ecuador*), important networks (*Safetipin mobile app to evaluate public spaces, young delegates to participate in conferences*), topics related to public space and streets (*street vendors, private vs public space, interaction, children, women, poor, streets for all, sidewalks, climate change, public space vs vehicular traffic, walkability, informal activity, land allocation for public space, rural public space areas, inclusion & social cohesion, markets, basic infrastructure preservation of traditional public space, worldwide car-free month, civil society, art in the public space*) and the overall Future of Places and Habitat III process.

4. Building partnerships, network and synergies with UN-Habitat

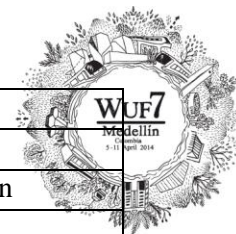
(e.g. agreements or Memorandum of Understanding committed/signed, amounts and number of pledged contributions and partnerships/networks, etc.)

Strengthening existing partnerships and providing possibilities for new ones.

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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

