



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:	Sonia Dias
Event title/number:	City Changer Event: Integrating Waste Pickers into Municipal Waste Management: Waste Pickers' Struggles and Victories 92663
Date:	11/04/14
Venue:	City Changer room
Time:	
Name of Organizing Institution(s):	Inclusive Cities Project
Country/City where Organizing Institution(s) is/are based:	USA
Approximate number of participants:	65

Summary of the Event (max: 300 words):

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

Integrating waste pickers into municipal waste management: Waste pickers' struggles

Millions of people worldwide make a living collecting, sorting, recycling and selling valuable materials that someone else threw away. This diverts tons of material from landfills. Recycling is one of the easiest ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and use fewer virgin resources. Despite their contributions, waste picker livelihoods are threatened as cities privatize solid waste management or adopt approaches such as incineration. This event will explore alternative paths by profiling how waste picker movements in some cities have secured a place in the waste system. The event draws on the Inclusive Cities Project's 5 years of multi-country learning and the extensive experience of waste picker movements in Columbia, Brazil, South Africa and India.

In Bogota, waste pickers recently won the right to tender for waste management contracts through a case in the Constitutional Court. A waste

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picker leader from the Asociación de Recicladores de Bogotá and a resident waste expert will explain the case and the challenges of implementation. Belo Horizonte, Brazil has long integrated waste pickers into municipal waste management. A waste activist from that city will reflect on this and describe a new system, recently introduced in Minas Gerais State, of paying waste pickers for environmental services. The director of Asiye eTafuleni, an NGO providing urban design and technical support to informal workers, will speak about developments in Durban, South Africa. In the city of Pune, India, KKKPKP, a waste pickers' union, formed a cooperative; its members provide door-to-door collection services through an MOU with the municipality. A leader from KKKPKP will detail this arrangement. After the presentations, the convener will draw out general principles from these disparate examples and offer other contexts to be considered. Presentations will form a document distributed afterward to attendees, waste picker organizations, city officials and urban planning professionals.

Objectives

- To profile alternative approaches to municipal waste management that is both people centred and more sustainable than incineration. This includes details on how this has worked in certain cities from waste picker leaders and resident waste experts.
- To further the dialogue between practitioners, informal workers representatives and scholars about the practical and conceptual barriers to inclusion and forms of intervention that led to securer livelihoods.
- To strengthen and grow a network of urban practitioners committed to people centred approaches to city management.

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

URBAN BASIC SERVICES

Water & Sanitation, Urban Energy, Urban Mobility, Urban Waste Management

Cross-cutting issues: Human Rights.

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

1. Outline of the discussion/debates

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

- *Habitat III*

One of the main topics during the session was the need for consolidation of a framework on sustainable solid waste management and for a consensus building process towards engaging cities into committing to an urban agenda that takes into consideration the potential of solid waste in terms of job creation. With that in line the session ended with a set of guidelines for sustainable solid waste management having in mind its livelihoods aspects.

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Though solid waste management is not mentioned explicitly in the Millennium Development Goals many waste experts have argued that the right approach to solid waste management can produce significant progress towards achieving many of the Goals.

The networking event explored examples of waste systems which engage waste pickers as service providers which thus relate to Goal 1 “eradicate extreme poverty and hunger”. Solid waste management systems and the livelihoods of informal workers can be improved if municipalities engaged in partnerships with waste pickers by promoting source segregation systems with membership based organizations of informal workers as service providers thus the importance of this theme for the post 2015 agenda.

- *A New Urban Agenda*

Urban planning is too often used as an excuse for evictions and relocations of informal workers that exacerbate poverty and exclusion, to support the interests of elites. However, waste pickers alongside other informal workers are building global alliances to challenge pre-conceptions embedded in modern urban planning, and engage with a variety of actors such as professional associations, academics, planners, international agencies and government officials to argue for a major review of underlying assumptions and thus forward their ideas about inclusive cities and space for the working poor.

Pro-poor, inclusive cities cannot be achieved without closer collaboration between national, sub-national and local levels and without major investments in infrastructure to ensure that informal workers have access to essential urban services such as sanitation, water supply, waste management, health care, housing and other essential services.

Therefore, this networking event contributed to profiling the need for a new urban agenda to take into account the needs of waste pickers.

3. Recommendations made during the discussion

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

The event session concluded with the presentation of a set of policy guidelines on how best integrate waste pickers into solid waste systems.

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.)

The event showed in various examples showed on creative use of urban space which prompted interest from the Head Ag, External Relations Office of



UNHabitat to profile them as study cases. In addition, a participant from Colombia got inspired by the example of the Waste and Citizenship Forum of Brazil and asked for support on building a similar experience in Colombia.



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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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HUMAN RIGHTS

Poverty Alleviation