



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:	Stephen Berrisford
Event title/number:	Making new urban law: a dialogue between Latin America and Africa
Date:	8 April 2014
Venue:	City Changer A
Time:	16.00
Name of Organizing Institution(s):	African Centre for Cities, University of Cape Town
Country/City where Organizing Institution(s) is/are based:	South Africa
Approximate number of participants:	40

Summary of the Event (max: 300 words):

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

The event arose out of the ACC’s work on the *Urban Legal Guide for Sub-Saharan Africa*, supported by UN-Habitat and Cities Alliance as well as Urban LandMark. Much of the new urban legislation developed in SSA is critiqued for its unquestioning ‘cut and paste’ approach to urban legislation in developed countries. This session was initiated to discuss the possibilities for adopting a different approach, one of critical and informed learning of the urban legal experiences in Latin American countries.

- *Relevant Focus Areas (Refer to below: UN-Habitat’s thematic areas) and cross-cutting issues*
 - **URBAN LAND, LEGISLATION & GOVERNANCE** (*Land & GLTN, Urban Legislation, Urban and Community Management & Governance, Safety*)

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

1. Outline of the discussion/debates

Stephen Berrisford presented the challenge facing proponents of urban legal reform in SSA. This was followed by presentations by Meembo Changula (Zambia) and Stephen Berrisford (in place of Peter Ngau from Kenya who was unable to attend) that gave practical examples of country experiences of the



problems with urban legal reform in SSA. Edesio Fernandes and Juan Felipe Pinilla then presented a) Brazil's experience of the City Statute and related legislation and b) Colombia's instruments for urban land value capture.



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

- *Habitat III*

Structural change in African cities is over-reaching urban laws and policies; concerted effort is needed to close this gap.

The negative impacts of out-dated urban laws are exacerbated by poor policy frameworks, including centralised decision-making and inappropriate policy objectives.

- *POST2015*
- *A New Urban Agenda*

3. Recommendations made during the discussion

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

Resolution to strengthen ties between African and Latin American countries as they move towards improved urban legislation. There is much that African countries can learn from Latin American countries, especially Brazil and Colombia. Importantly the learning is not a question of 'cutting and pasting' legal instruments or tools, but of learning which instruments work in which conditions, and of avoiding costly mistakes.

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

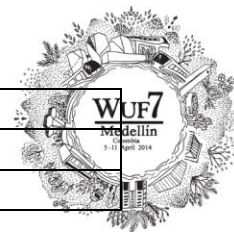
(e.g. agreements or Memorandum of Understanding committed/signed, amounts and number of pledged contributions and partnerships/networks, etc.)

Detail Information of Speakers/Presenters/Moderators:

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Full name (Mr/Ms):	Mr Stephen Berrisford
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Organization/Institution:	African Centre for Cities, University of Cape Town
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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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