



REPORTING FORMAT FOR PARTNERS

Networking – Side – Training events

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

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Name of Reporter:	Matthew Boms
Event title/number:	86833 Unpacking Targets for the Urban SDG
Date:	7 April 2014
Venue:	City Changer Room A
Time:	8:30-9:30am
Name of Organizing Institution(s):	Communitas Coalition UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UN-SDSN)
Country/City where Organizing Institution(s) is/are based:	New York, NY, USA
Approximate number of participants:	100

Summary of the Event (max: 300 words):

The Communitas Coalition, in collaboration with the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UN-SDSN), convened a Monday morning discussion to ask WUF participants: What are the aspirational targets which constitute a transformative Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) on sustainable cities & human settlements?

In addition to presenting its first draft urban targets, the Communitas Coalition had the objective of creating a bridge between the World Urban Forum and the UN intergovernmental SDGs Open Working Group (SDGs OWG) in New York, effectively connecting leading urban innovators to the OWG's final formulation of SDGs. The event succeeded by facilitating a discussion on the specific targets for an SDG on sustainable cities and human settlements. In the short-term, the event served to help urban advocates to better understand the SDGs process and the role of "sustainable cities & human settlements" therein. In the medium-term, it helped to capacitate city changers in order to shape and anticipate SDG targets in the coming months. In the long-term, the meeting provided an important first step towards bolstering local and subnational efforts to make the 'Urban SDG' a reality on the ground.

Relevant focus areas & cross-cutting issues:

URBAN PLANNING & DESIGN
URBAN BASIC SERVICES
HOUSING & SLUM UPGRADING
RISK REDUCTION & REHABILITATION
GENDER
YOUTH
HUMAN RIGHTS

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

1. Outline of the discussion/debates

Opening Remarks

Mr Matthew Boms, Communications Manager, Communitas Coalition for Sustainable Cities & Regions in the new UN Development Agenda

- Overview of the Communitas Coalition
- Overview of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Where does the Open Working Group currently find itself on the SDGs?





- Focus Area of “Sustainable Cities & Human Settlements”
- Communitas' First Draft Urban Targets
- Next steps towards an Urban SDG

Panel Presentations

Mr Andrew Rudd, Urban Environment Officer, Urban Planning & Design Branch, UN-Habitat

- 60% of the area expected to be urban by 2030 remains to be built
- Urban SDG is a generational opportunity to get cities right
- Supporting targets on urban sprawl, eradicating and preventing slum conditions, enhancing capacities for urban planning

Mr. Yunus Arikan, Head of Global Policy & Advocacy, ICLEI- Local Governments for Sustainability

- Urban SDG will be essential to:
 - Realize local participation and instill a refreshed Local Agenda 21 movement
 - Carry out unfinished business of biodiversity in cities
 - Acknowledge the vital role of subnational and local governments in achieving sustainable development

Ms Mary Rowe, Director, Urban Resilience & Livability, Municipal Art Society of New York City

- This entire room is filled with urban dwellers, most of whom hailing from cities with millions of inhabitants
- The urban SDG is our chance to empower world's city builders and dwellers
- We need to help national governments understand that empowering cities will create economic wealth and social innovation - both in their national interest

Ms Emily Mattheisen, Program Assistant, Habitat International Coalition (HIC)

- Urban SDG should be about a human rights based approach to rural and urban alike
- Integration of city-region food systems and ecosystem services into urban and regional planning
- Opportunity to enhance multi-level governance

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

- *Habitat III*
- *POST2015*
- *A New Urban Agenda*

The panelist presentations and questions from the audience revealed some consensus on Habitat III, the UN Post-2015 Development Agenda and a new urban agenda. The Urban SDG was viewed broadly as a focal point for the UN Post-2015 Development Agenda, as well as for mobilising civil society towards a new urban agenda. The panellists remarked conceptually on Habitat III and its role in localising and further developing a framework for implementing the SDGs.

3. Recommendations made during the discussion

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

The critical point of accounting for the **unfinished business of the MDGs** across the SDGs was present throughout discussions, e.g. slum conditions and enhancing partnerships in the local and subnational contexts (MDG 7 and MDG 8). There was a recurrent call for the **need for rural and urban mutually-reinforcing development**. Certain subthemes were highlighted within the focus area of “sustainable cities & human settlements”:

- Access to safe and inclusive public spaces and services
- Providing access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport, improving road safety and urban air quality
- Strengthening resilience to climate change and natural disasters;
- Eradicating and preventing slum conditions, including by provision of adequate and



- affordable housing, infrastructure and basic services
- Enhancing capacities for urban planning and rural-urban linkages



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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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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