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and Sustainable Urban Development

Summary of Urban Future Events

URBAN FUTURE EVENT 1: Water integrated in city planning for sustainable development.
OVERVIEW: This event focused on how, in response to the New Urban Agenda (NUA), cities can manage water resources more effectively to improve quality of life and social inclusion while minimising the threat of disasters and rising inequality. The presentations showcased two toolkits on improving water security. **Lead**: International Water Alliance (IWA).

PRODUCT OR INITIATIVE: *IWA's Principles for Water Wise Cities* offer a comprehensive framework for urban leaders, resource managers and communities to support cities as they move towards a more collaborative and sustainable model of water consumption. This combines regenerative water services such as recycling with water-sensitive design, community engagement and disaster preparedness. The *OECD Principles on Water Governance* provide a set of standards for governments to develop and facilitate inclusive water access, emphasising effective governance, cross-sectoral coordination, data collection and stakeholder engagements.

SUMMARY: This session examined the practical options for cities to improve their water governance through better planning. Water resources connect a wide range of different sectors and represent both a source of vulnerability and resilience. Consequently, an integrated approach to water management requires a response that brings together a broad number of considerations, including public health, disaster risk reduction and the right to the city.

IMPLEMENTATION: The vision of an integrated, rights-based system of water management supports the NUA's emphasis on an urban future that is not only environmentally sustainable, but socially sustainable too. Through the adoption of these principles, cities have the opportunity to embrace a more equitable and efficient framework for water distribution and use that will in turn enhance urban security as a whole.

URBAN FUTURE EVENT 2: Data city+ crowdsourced security for the city of tomorrow
OVERVIEW: This session showcased a new app that has already been successfully piloted in Colombia, leading to a significant reduction in violent crime. **Lead**: Servinformacion

PRODUCT OR INITIATIVE: Servinformacion specialises in the management of smart data and its application to a range of urban issues, such as transport. It has also developed an app that specifically focuses on urban security and offers the possibility of increased community safety through the participation of residents using their smartphones.

SUMMARY: This session outlines the development of a new application by Servinformacion that aims to increase urban security by allowing citizens to connect through their smartphones to social networks and security technology that enable them to monitor and identify threats as they occur. The app has already been trialled successfully in the municipality of Soacha in Colombia, with widespread uptake and an apparent drop in violent crime and theft following its adoption.

IMPLEMENTATION: The use of bottom up and participatory applications that allow citizens to use smart data to improve security in their communities will support the NUA's ambition to make public spaces safer and reduce urban violence.

URBAN FUTURE EVENT 3: Videogames as a way to generate interest in urban contemporary issues

OVERVIEW: This event presented a videogame that draws out the experiences of local residents facing resettlement. **Lead**: TizaPaperIByte

PRODUCT OR INITIATIVE: 'El desafío de Villa Girondo' (*The challenge of Villa Girondo*) is a videogame, currently in development, that explores the many difficulties a community experiences during relocation. The game therefore educates players in the complex realities of resettlement and the impacts it has on those forced to move from their homes.

SUMMARY: Videogames have become an increasingly popular tool to educate users, both children and adults, in complex human stories that include development challenges and rights abuses. This session included a presentation of video footage and photos from a work in progress that leads players through the human stories surrounding a community resettlement.

IMPLEMENTATION: As this presentation showed, videogames have considerable potential as accessible platforms to communicate complex development issues engagingly to a wide audience – making them a valuable tool for education and awareness raising.

URBAN FUTURE EVENT 4: The role of media in building better cities

OVERVIEW: This event discussed the importance of independent journalism and the ways that it can contribute to urban sustainability. **Lead**: The Habitat III Journalism Project. **Partners**: Citiscope; Guardian Cities; Future Earth; The International Council For Science.

PRODUCT OR INITIATIVE: The Habitat III Journalism Project was set up ahead of the Habitat III conference to mobilise journalists around urbanisation issues, enabling them to engage with some of the key challenges facing cities and translate these into compelling stories. This session draws on their experiences and also launches the first volume of *The Anthropocene* magazine, themed around urbanisation.

SUMMARY: This session, bringing together a range of participants in the Habitat III Journalism project, focused on the contribution that the media could make to support better outcomes for cities across the world. Featuring presentations and interactive dialogue with a variety of stakeholders, the speakers considered how following on from Habitat III the media could continue to play a relevant role in communicating urbanisation agendas to a wide audience.

IMPLEMENTATION: Effective media communication of urbanisation issues will play a key role in determining public interest and understanding in the forthcoming urban agenda, in the process helping to encourage greater participation in urban decision-making.

URBAN FUTURE EVENT 5: Data driven cities: Three dynamic apps for planning resilient cities

OVERVIEW: This event highlighted how the use of geospatial data and technology can improve the resilience of cities through the creation of a dynamic map. By integrating a multitude of different data sets, these tools can help urban policy makers visualise the outcome of different planning decisions. **Lead**: GeoSUMR: Geoinformation For Sustainable Urban Management And Resilience.

PRODUCT OR INITIATIVE: The presentations showcased three geospatial mapping tools for informal settlement upgrading, civic engagement and urban design, using a long-term web GIS application.

SUMMARY: The focus of the event was on the benefits that geospatial apps could bring to urban management by enabling varieties of complex data to be combined into a readily accessible visualisation. This not only has the advantage of providing policy makers and urban developers with a clearer sense of the implications of a particular planning decision, but also – by rendering these processes in a

more accessible format – support greater public awareness of the potential costs and benefits of an intervention. This means that as a result, there is a greater sense of collective ownership and by extension stronger partnerships between different groups of urban stakeholders.

IMPLEMENTATION: The application of geotechnologies to visualise data supports more informed policy making and also enables better understanding among other urban stakeholders of what the outcome of a particular intervention might be. This will provide an important contribution to the NUA by strengthening evidence-based decision-making and civic participation.

URBAN FUTURE EVENT 6: MigraplanAPP: Urbanisation and migration participatory planning tools to prevent informal settlements proliferation

OVERVIEW: This session highlighted recent research on rapid urbanisation brought about by migration and displacement in Latin America and the Caribbean, showcasing a number of participatory tools that can be applied to support vulnerable populations in different urban contexts. **Lead**: "Migraplan" Research and Practitioner Network Internacional Organisation For Migration (IOM). **Partners**: Universidad Catolica de Salta; Escuela de Negocios Ministerio Publico de la Defensa; Ciudad Autonoma de Buenos Aires; Microenergia. Habitat and Micro-business; Facultad de Arquitectura y Ciencias del Habitat; Universidad Mayor de San Simon; Cochabamba; Red de Acciòn Comunitaria; Colombia; Grupo Interdisciplinario de Investigación GIDEST; Universidad Nacional de Colombia.

PRODUCT OR INITIATIVE: The session presented two books produced by the Migraplan network, *Migraplan I* and *II*. Focusing on Latin America and the Caribbean, these examine the effects of rapid urbanisation brought about by migration, displacement and refugee flows, an area where there is still limited understanding on how to implement rights-based planning. The session also introduced a handbook on upgrading informal settlements based on this research and a magazine, *Postplan*, assessing the legacy of urban and housing policies in the past 20 years.

SUMMARY: Through presentations, a video and participant discussions, the event highlighted Migraplan's research findings and its development of a number of participatory planning tools for displaced or migrant urban populations. It also included an analysis of how factors such as informal settlement development, urban growth and social change in the context of Latin America and the Caribbean compare with conditions in other regions.

IMPLEMENTATION: The NUA is notable for its strong emphasis on social inclusion for all, with migrants, refugees and internally displaced persons all singled out for particular mention as excluded and at-risk urban groups. The findings of the research offer important guidance on how urban stakeholders can respond more effectively to vulnerable urban populations in future.

URBAN FUTURE EVENT 7: Live laboratory: Exploring urban accessibility

OVERVIEW: The session exhibits an innovative software app designed to measure mobility and access in cities by synthesising various data sources. This tool enables users to identify areas where accessibility is limited and target interventions accordingly. **Lead**: WRI México (CTS EMBARQ México). **Partners**: CTS Embarq; World Bank (WB); World Resources Institute.

PRODUCT OR INITIATIVE: The Open Trip Planner Analyst is an open-source platform that offers a more comprehensive assessment of the benefits a particular urban area provides. While traditional indicators focused mainly on 'proximity', such as the distance to the nearest transport stop, there is now recognition that 'accessibility' – the availability of jobs, services and other amenities within reasonable reach of a community – is a more sophisticated measurement of gauging mobility. By processing and analysing multiple data sources simultaneously, this software tool is able to rank cities and localities according to their accessibility.

SUMMARY: The presenters demonstrated the tool and provided participants with direct training on how to effectively exploit these technologies when deciding on urban planning and development policies. The software, by enabling users to combine and analyse a multitude of measurements together, allows them to design more effective transit systems that more closely reflect the opportunities and shortfalls in a particular neighbourhood.

IMPLEMENTATION: The NUA clearly states that accessibility and mobility are both essential to social justice and wellbeing, requiring a sustained effort if current inequalities are to be addressed. Consequently a more nuanced and multidimensional tool to assess cities in these areas will allow urban authorities to design and target transit interventions in different neighbourhoods effectively.

URBAN FUTURE EVENT 8: Centered Approach to Problem Solving and Collaborative Conversations had led to the Unexpected Growth of Ecosystems

OVERVIEW: This event presented examples of participatory innovation and experimental design that have successfully led to significant economic and environmental benefits for communities. **Lead**: Socialab.

PRODUCT OR INITIATIVE: Socialab, a Chilean non-profit organisation, specialises in the development and promotion of innovative people-led solutions. It regularly stages competitions to invite contributors from around the world to propose original and groundbreaking solutions to development challenges.

SUMMARY: Socialab has worked extensively in Latin America, often in partnership with United Nations (UN) agencies and other organisations, to engage companies, communities and social entrepreneurs in the design of imaginative, low cost solutions to development challenges such as disaster response, waste management, education and big data. This session presented some inspiring examples that show the potential of bottom-up, participatory solutions to urban development challenges.

IMPLEMENTATION: The application of cost effective, responsive solutions is an essential resource in responding to the challenges outlined in the NUA, particularly in informal settlements and other urban areas where public services and infrastructure are limited.

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URBAN FUTURE EVENT 9: Crowdsourcing data for safe cities and sustainable community action

OVERVIEW: This event presents the use of crowdsourced data as a tool to highlight incidents of sexual harassment and assault. By collating anonymous reports from victims of abuse, it allows the creation of a detailed incident map that can then inform public safety interventions. **Lead**: Red Dot Foundation (SafeCity). **Partners**: Polycom Development Project.

PRODUCT OR INITIATIVE: The Safecity CrowdMap provides victims of harassment with a platform to report incidents. These are then uploaded to the organisation's online map, creating a detailed spatial profile of offending patterns.

SUMMARY: While the CrowdMap app was initially developed to tackle gender-based violence and abuse in India, it has since been rolled out in other countries. In addition to receiving thousands of personal reports from cities in India, Nepal, Cameroon and Kenya, the organisation has also delivered many community workshops and through its work achieved significant improvements to public security

for women and girls. This session outlined some of the key achievements of the CrowdMap and its potential for improving personal safety in other cities.

IMPLEMENTATION: The CrowdMap app is an inspiring example of a participatory technology that harnesses the power of smart data to forward the NUA's goal of ensuring safe and secure cities for all groups, including women and girls.

URBAN FUTURE EVENT 10: The energy and environmental efficiency planning for low income housing In Mexico
OVERVIEW: This event, organised by the Instituto del Fondo Nacional de la Vivienda para los Trabajadores (INfonavit), Mexico's largest mortgage lender, examines the role of energy efficient environmental planning in low income housing developments. **Lead**: Infonavit. **Partners**: Deutsche Gesellschaft Für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).

PRODUCT OR INITIATIVE: Infonavit is Mexico's national institute for worker housing and has been recognised for its progressive initiatives in the area of environmental finance. Its Green Mortgage scheme, which extended additional credit to homes equipped with eco-friendly technologies, led to it receiving an award for sustainable banking.

SUMMARY: The session explored various approaches to regional development through the promotion of housing provision that combines social wellbeing with environmental sustainability.

IMPLEMENTATION: This event highlights the importance of developing housing that effectively combine affordability and wellbeing with environmentally sensitive design.

URBAN FUTURE EVENT 11: Innovative financing for urban and land development with gender equality and youth rights in the Muslim world
OVERVIEW: This event explored the potential benefits of engaging positive customary and faith-based mechanisms to support the implementation of the NUA in Muslim countries in Asia, North Africa and the Middle East. **Lead**: University of East London (UEL) Centre for Islamic Finance Law and Communities (CIFLAC). **Partners**: AGGI; Huairou Commission; Global Land tool Network (GLTN); International City Leaders; IIUM; UN-Habitat.

PRODUCT OR INITIATIVE: This session included the launch of a publication on gender sensitive land finance tools developed jointly by UEL and GLTN.

SUMMARY: The session, in an interactive 'studio' format to encourage dialogue between participants, explored ways to synthesise universal finance tools with alternative municipal finance models that draw on customary and Islamic law and finance. Through a range of case studies and research, the discussions highlighted a series of actions that could engage a range of finance models while supporting the rights of women, youth and other groups.

IMPLEMENTATION: This session provided a valuable perspective on how urban policy makers and practitioners can utilise religious and traditional finance mechanisms to support the implementation of the NUA.

URBAN FUTURE EVENT 12: Energy efficient buildings for resilient and smart cities
OVERVIEW: This event focused on the main impacts of the Global Environment Facility-funded project "Market transformation for energy efficiency in Brazil". **Lead**: Ministry of Environment Brazil.

PRODUCT OR INITIATIVE: The event presented a number of publications and films relating to the Brazilian Energy Efficiency Labelling Programme for buildings developed by the project.

SUMMARY: The project included the development of a range of tools to support energy efficient housing development, including a practical guide on classifying energy efficient buildings awareness raising materials and multimedia resources for different audiences. The session showcased some of these achievements and lessons from the project.

IMPLEMENTATION: The promotion of more energy efficient housing design and development, supported by this project, is identified in the NUA as a major element in improving urban sustainability.

URBAN FUTURE EVENT 13: Bmaps, an innovative accessibility guide provided by a smartphone application and a website using an internet browser

OVERVIEW: This event presents a new application, available on smartphone and computer, which uses citizen-sourced data to develop a comprehensive map of accessibility. This enables persons with disabilities and other users to navigate their way around an unfamiliar urban environment. **Lead**: The Nippon Foundation. **Partners**: The Ecuadorian Ministry of Urban Development and Housing; Mirairo Corp.

PRODUCT OR INITIATIVE: Bmaps is a barrier-free application developed by the Nippon Foundation following the announcement of Tokyo as the host for the 2020 Olympic Games. The application allows inputs on a variety of data, such as the number of steps at the entrance of a restaurant or the presence of wheelchair-friendly rest rooms, and then collates this information into a interactive map that enables users to gauge the accessibility of a particular area.

SUMMARY: Bmaps has already received tens of thousands of inputs and it is hoped that by 2020 it will have around a million unique entries in its database, providing locals and visitors to Tokyo – particularly those with disabilities – to move freely and with confidence through the city. The application, already in Japanese and English, will soon be available in Spanish and there are plans to roll it out in other countries as well. The session explained the thinking behind the application, demonstrated its use and highlighted some of the ways it could be used in future.

IMPLEMENTATION: The application shows the potential of user-friendly, citizen-sourced smart data sources to develop information that can be used to improve access and safety – in this case for persons with disabilities, a key constituency repeatedly mentioned in the NUA who are often overlooked in urban planning.

URBAN FUTURE EVENT 14: Investing together: Working effectively across levels of government to implement the New Urban Agenda

OVERVIEW: This event looked at the challenges of allocating public investment effectively in a multi-level governance context, with a particular focus on Colombia and the launch of a new OECD report. **Lead**: National Planning Department, Government of Colombia.

PRODUCT OR INITIATIVE: In addition to discussing the National Programme of Colombia, the session included the official launch of OECD's new publication, *Making the Most of Public Investment in Colombia: Working Effectively across Levels of Government*. This study contains a detailed analysis of the country's multi-level governance framework and its implications for public investment, providing

comparative data and outlining measures Colombia can take to improve its performance, as well as a series of indicators to assess progress.

SUMMARY: This session comprised a panel discussion between a number of high-level participants from national and regional government, as well as international and financial organisations. The discussion examined the institutional and financial mechanisms that can be leveraged to promote collaboration between different tiers of government – an approach all too often lacking in public development programmes without an effective framework.

IMPLEMENTATION: The session highlighted the importance of strengthening connections between different levels of government to ensure public funds are allocated in an efficient and coherent manner. This aligns with the NUA and its emphasis on more integrated, effective urban investment.

URBAN FUTURE EVENT 15: Pedagogy and Practice: Innovating for the New Urban Agenda

OVERVIEW: This event looked at the opportunities of engaging participatory approaches in design and planning education to assist in the implementation of the NUA and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). **Lead**: Center for Sustainable Urban Development (CSUD) and Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation (GSAPP), Columbia University, New York.

PRODUCT OR INITIATIVE: The session showcased four presentations on different projects: 'Water urbanism in India and Brazil, 2016', 'Community led sanitation upgrades in Johannesburg 2007- present', 'Democratising access to Nairobi's public transit, 2010- present' and 'Disseminating principles for inclusion in 10 countries, 18 cities- 2013-15'. It also showcased a draft publication, *Pedagogical Principles in Support of the NUA and SGDs*.

SUMMARY: The session explored the potential of inclusive and collaborate instruction in urban planning and design, drawing on diverse perspectives, citizen engagement and knowledge sharing. Through case studies and discussion, participants outlined some key principles that could be reflected in teaching practices to encourage a more inclusive and people-focused approach to city making.

IMPLEMENTATION: Following on from this session, the organisers plan to develop a 'pedagogy to practice' NUA roadmap and an accompanying 'Urban Change Makers Resource Network'.

URBAN FUTURE EVENT 16: Cali, the Integrated Habitat Policy: An inclusive approach to territories, fostering resilience and poverty reduction.

OVERVIEW: This event outlines Cali's experiences in established a territory-wide system of governance. **Lead**: Municipality of Cali, Colombia.

PRODUCT OR INITIATIVE: This session includes an audio-visual presentation that summarises the development of Cali's *Integrated Habitat Policy* and its implementation of the *Territories for Inclusion and Opportunities Strategy*.

SUMMARY: This session showcased lessons, successes and best practices from Cali's efforts to improve development outcomes in the city and surrounding rural areas. The presentation examined its funding partnerships with international organisations and the design of its *Strategic Housing Plan*, a long-term vision that aims to prevent the development of social and spatial disparities in future through an integrated planning approach.

IMPLEMENTATION: The presentation provided an illuminating case study on how to realise the more integrated, territory-wide system of governance advocated in the NUA.

URBAN FUTURE EVENT 17: JOE NYC - Next generation of affordable housing in NYC

OVERVIEW: This event showcased the work of an innovative New York-based network of community development corporations (CDCs) and brought together an international group of experts to discuss the challenges of affordable housing. **Lead**: JOE NYC. **Partners**: Huairou Commission

PRODUCT OR INITIATIVE: JOE NYC is a Joint Ownership Entity established by a group of community development corporations in New York to improve their financial capacity, resource flows and funding access to help them maintain affordable property portfolios. A short presentation of the project and its work was featured at the beginning of the session.

SUMMARY: Following on from JOE NYC's presentation, the expert panellists shared their experiences and discussed the various dimensions of affordable housing provision across the world.

IMPLEMENTATION: Developing innovative financing and cooperative models to support affordable housing access will help protect low-income communities from the impacts of rising rents and the resulting growth of social division.

URBAN FUTURE EVENT 18: Shaping informed cities: Platforms for knowledge generation and use in urban decision-making

OVERVIEW: This event presented the experiences of an urban observatory in South Africa and its research on integrating ecological value into region-wide urban planning. **Lead**: UCL City Leadership Lab. **Partners**: Gauteng City-Region Observatory (GCRO).

PRODUCT OR INITIATIVE: The session presented the work of the GCRO, a research observatory created in collaboration between the Gauteng city-region government and local universities. A key feature of its work is it adoption of a territory-wide approach, engaging different levels of governance across the extended city-region. One of its projects, 'Green assets and infrastructure', examines how ecosystem services and green capital can be effectively mainstreamed into provincial planning in Gauteng. The project recently launched a report, *A Framework for a GI Approach in the GCR*, and also includes a Green Infrastructure CityLab that facilitates knowledge sharing between provincial and municipal decision makers.

SUMMARY: The event was designed to illustrate the opportunities presented by urban observatories in promoting evidence-based decision-making through the experiences of GCRO. Among other areas, it considered how to enhance information sharing, flexibility and collaboration across different institutional settings to create an integrated knowledge resource to support multi-level, region-wide governance.

IMPLEMENTATION: This session illustrated through the experiences of GCRO how other city-regions can develop multi-level research centres to support stronger territorial strategies.

URBAN FUTURE EVENT 19: Mobiliseyourcity - Sustainable urban mobility plans in 100 cities

OVERVIEW: This session showcased an initiative that aims to help cities and local governments in developing countries improve mobility and reduce emissions. **Lead**: Cooperation for Urban Mobility in the Developing World (CODATU). **Partners**: German Agency For International Cooperation (GIZ); French Development Agency (AFD); French Environment And Energy Management Agency (ADEME); Centre for Studies and Expertise on Risks, Environment, Mobility and Urban and Country Planning (CEREMA)

PRODUCT OR INITIATIVE: CODATU's Mobiliseyourcity is an initiative that aims by 2020 to engage 100 cities across 20 countries in the transformation of their mobility networks. Among other objectives, it aims to help them to reduce carbon emissions from their transport sector by 50% compared to business as usual by 2050.

SUMMARY: Mobiliseyourcity supports national and local governments by helping them to design national and urban mobility plans, reinforced by an appropriate legal and financial framework. It also provides technical assistance, capacity building and international knowledge exchange on best practices.

IMPLEMENTATION: As outlined in the NUA, accessible and inclusive mobility options that promote alternatives to private vehicle use will make cities more environmentally sustainable and inclusive.

URBAN FUTURE EVENT 20: Cities, citizens, resilience: Tools and people

OVERVIEW: This event included a number of presentations on resilience, with case studies on urban resilience efforts in Indonesia and Latin America. **Lead**: CEREMA. **Partners**: AFD; Diponegoro University, Indonesia; Advisor Of France-UNECLACL Cooperation; French Committee For Sustainable Development (Committee 21).

SUMMARY: This workshop showcased a number of presentations on resilience building efforts, including disaster preparedness in Semarang, Indonesia (Diponegoro University), climate change adaptation and mitigation in Latin America (Advisor of France-UNECLACL Cooperation) and the use of satellite imagery to assist in post-disaster recovery (CEREMA).

IMPLEMENTATION: The event presented a number of useful approaches to building resilience in cities.

URBAN FUTURE EVENT 21: Turning roads into streets – Road space allocation and public space resilience

OVERVIEW: This event made the case for a rethinking of our current road hierarchies to reorient public space towards safe, pedestrian friendly spaces. **Lead**: Transitec Ingénieurs-Conseils.

SUMMARY: At present, the amount of space in cities dedicated to streets is very small, particularly in informal settlements. The legacy of car-oriented urban planning has led to a widespread lack of secure, accessible pedestrian areas, with profound implications for wellbeing, safety and sense of place. This session proposed a fundamental reordering of the current hierarchy of the road network to accommodate non-motorised forms of transport and the creation of vibrant community spaces.

IMPLEMENTATION: Promoting inclusive, human-centred streets and pedestrianised community places supports the NUA's emphasis on safe, accessible public spaces.

URBAN FUTURE EVENT 22: Urban future: Gathering video evidence in communities at risk of exploitation of forced eviction in development projects

OVERVIEW: This event discussed the use of video evidence to help communities at risk of eviction. **Lead**: Media Stockade.

PRODUCT OR INITIATIVE: Media Stockade is an independent production film that produces films on a range of topical development issues, such as community evictions, gender discrimination and humanitarian aid.

SUMMARY: This session focused on the use of video documentation as a tool to support communities who find themselves at risk of eviction to accommodate development projects.

URBAN FUTURE EVENT 23: After Habitat III: Working together toward a new urban reality

OVERVIEW: This event examined the role of civil society organisations post-Habitat III in realising the objectives of the NUA. **Lead**: Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung – New York Office, **Partners**: Global Platform For The Right To The City; Habitat International Coalition; Housing and Land Rights Network.

SUMMARY: This event brought together a variety of participants from housing networks and local governments to consider the future role civil society organisations can play post-Habitat III in promoting sustainable urbanisation. Among other issues, the session considered how the aims of the NUA aligned with other rights-based frameworks, as well as its potential to create new spaces for collaboration and participation in cities in the years to come.

IMPLEMENTATION: Civil society will play an essential role in ensuring the bold ambitions of the NUA come to fruition. Considering at this stage how this engagement can best be facilitated is timely as cities begin the process of realising the NUA's commitments.

URBAN FUTURE EVENT 24: Women-friendly city challenge: Make your city the most women-friendly in the world

OVERVIEW: This event presented discussions between international women's organisations on how to make cities safer for women and girls. **Lead**: Women Transforming Cities International Society. **Partners**: Huairou Commission; Seoul Foundation of Women and Family.

PRODUCT OR INITIATIVE: Women Transforming Cities runs a range of initiatives, including a monthly series of cafés that host gatherings around Vancouver to discuss issues that affect women and girls, as well as a high-profile Hot Pink Paper campaign to get municipal parties to commit to an action plan on gender-based violence. Seoul Foundation of Women and Family has partnered with Seoul Municipal Government to develop a series of positive initiatives in Seoul, including a safety manual and gender sensitive training.

SUMMARY: Making cities safe for women and girls requires a holistic range of approaches, engaging individuals and communities as well as officials and police. This session brought together representatives of women's organisations in Canada and South Korea to discuss the different strategies they had employed in Vancouver and Seoul.

IMPLEMENTATION: These initiatives offered valuable examples of how partnerships between different stakeholders, with the shared aim of making cities more women-friendly, can achieve significant gains in terms of safety and accessibility.

URBAN FUTURE EVENT 25: Campaña Campus de Pensadores Urbanos

OVERVIEW: This event presented the experiences of a recent Urban Thinkers Campus that engaged a wide range of constituencies in research, workshops and knowledge sharing. **Lead**: MIRA and FEMUM ALC.

PRODUCT OR INITIATIVE: Two Latino networks, Mira and FEMUM ALC, partnered to create a Urban Thinkers Campus collaboration that brought together more than 30 cities and communities in Mexico and Peru under the aegis of the Huairou Commission. With the involvement of 10 universities and 40 social organisations, local governments, NGOs and development agencies, it undertook extensive surveys, interviews, participatory workshops and discussion groups, working with urban migrants, indigenous communities and other at-risk groups.

SUMMARY: The session showcased some of the key learning from the Urban Thinkers Campus and the needs, concerns and stories of the men and women who participated in it.

IMPLEMENTATION: The Urban Thinkers Campus is an innovative example of grassroots and multi-stakeholder research that produces significant participation and collaboration between different groups, promoting more effective city interventions.

URBAN FUTURE EVENT 26: Mujeres en la ciudad: Construyendo inclusion y sostenibilidad

OVERVIEW: This event explored the intersection between gender, inclusion and urban sustainability. **Lead**: Red Mujer y Habitat de América Latina. **Partners**: Gender Hub; América Latina de Argentina, Colombia y Guatemala; Comisión Huairou; CEPAL (División De Asuntos De Género; Cities Alliance; Jagori (India); WICI International (Canadá); Gender Hub; UN-Habitat; Red Metropolis.

SUMMARY: This session brought together a number of international women's organisations to examine how, in light of the New Urban Agenda's emphasis on inclusion and sustainability, the right to the city could be extended to women and girls so that they could access services, move freely through public space and live without the threat of violence. The participants, drawing on a range of experiences in different countries. considered how pubic space could be safer, disaster preparedness strengthened and service provision enhanced through more effective gender inclusion in cities.

IMPLEMENTATION: The findings illustrate the value of gender-sensitive urban planning and how, if effectively implemented, it can directly strengthen many of the NUA's objectives.