



## Habitat III Orientation Session

Tuesday 16th September 2014, 9:30am - 1:00pm

*UN Church Center, 8th Floor | 777 UN Plaza, New York, NY 10017*

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## Official Programme

9:00am *Coffee & light refreshments are served*

### 9:30am **Welcome & Acknowledgements**

**Ms. Rachael Wyant**, *Governance Campaign Coordinator, The Huairou Commission*  
**Mr. Matthew Boms**, *Communications Manager, Communitas Coalition*

### 9:35am **Opening Remarks**

**TBC** - *Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations*

### 9:45am **Panel I: About Habitat III**

**Moderator: Dr. Eugenie L. Birch**, *Chair of the World Urban Campaign & Chair of the Graduate Group in City & Regional Planning, University of Pennsylvania*

#### **Panelists:**

**Ms. Jan Peterson**, *Chair of Coordinating Council, The Huairou Commission*

**Ms. Axumite Gebre-Egziabher**, *Director, Regional Office for Africa, UN-HABITAT*

- What is the United Nations Conference on Housing & Sustainable Urban Development? What role does UN-Habitat play within the UN system?
- How have civil society and all levels of government jointly contributed to Habitat processes?
- What was the overall impact of Habitat I in Vancouver 1976 and Habitat II in Istanbul 1996?
- What is the "roadmap" to Habitat III in 2016? What is the function of each of the Habitat III processes?

### 10:30am **Panel II: Towards a New Urban Agenda**

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

#### **Panelists:**

**Ms. Maruxa Cardama**, *Executive Coordinator & Co-Founder, Communitas Coalition for Sustainable Cities & Regions in the New UN Development Agenda*

**Dr. Clara Irazábal**, *Director of the Latin Lab, Assistant Professor of Urban Planning at Columbia University, and Co-Chair of the Planners of Color Interest Group (POCIG) at the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP)*

- What is the state of urbanisation in 2014? How have the world's cities evolved since Habitat II?
- What is the SDG on Cities & Human Settlements? How would it build upon the urban paradigm in the MDGs?
- How might integrated design & planning make for a more sustainable world?

11:15am **Breakout Groups on the New Urban Agenda**

1. **How can territorial planning meet the needs of citizens in the 21st century?**

**Rapporteur:** Dr. Eugenie L. Birch, *Chair of the World Urban Campaign & Chair of the Graduate Group in City & Regional Planning, University of Pennsylvania*

2. **How can the agenda lead us to synergetic rural and urban development?**

**Rapporteur:** Ms. Maruxa Cardama, *Executive Coordinator & Co-Founder, Communitas Coalition*

3. **How can the agenda empower good governance and human rights at all levels?**

**Rapporteur:** Ms. Maite Rodriguez, *Director of Fundación Guatemala and Coordinating Council, The Huairou Commission*

4. **What are the policy drivers for achieving decent living conditions in slums and security of land tenure?**

**Rapporteur:** Ms. Mara Forbes, *Programme Officer, Slum / Shack Dwellers International (TBC)*

5. **What are the policies on climate change and resilience that should underpin the New Urban Agenda?**

**Rapporteur:** Dr. Blair Ruble, *Vice President for Programs at the Wilson Center, Director of Urban Sustainability Laboratory & Senior Advisor to the Kennan Institute*

12:00pm **Rapporteurs report back to the group**

1:00pm **Conclusions & The Road Ahead**

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