

WUF10 SESSION CONCEPT NOTES

1. Session's official title

Roundtable Professionals

2. Subtitle of the session (if any)

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3. Leading Branch/Unit/Partner Organization(s)

Habitat Professionals Forum (HPF)

4. Focal Points (Name and email)

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5. List of Partners contributing to the session, if any

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7. Key words

- 4 domains of Change of UN-Habitat, including:
- Urbanisation and Innovation: Maximising Opportunities
- Culture, Tradition and Modernity: A Creative Convergence for Better Cities

8. Objectives of the session (max. 150 words)

After an introduction to the 4 Domains of Change of UN-Habitat (Strategic Plan) and the topics of the session, the Roundtable Professionals will discuss the state-of-the-art in urban solutions and share the knowledge of the professional organisations with the participants related to the 4 Domains of Change. It will elaborate direct responses to the Domains of Change from the Professionals, focussing on the stakeholders' collaboration with UN-Habitat, as well as among partners by demonstrating implementation techniques, follow-up, monitoring and reporting methodologies on the new urban agenda, relevant SDGs and other global commitments, and contribute towards the realization of cities for all.

9. Brief Summary with introduction of the topic (max. 300 words)

The Roundtable Professionals will present, discuss and debate with the participants the state-of-the-art of urbanisation processes, culture and innovation, including interaction with UN-Habitat within the 4 Domains of Change. Following short introductory addresses on partnering with UN Habitat it will feature keynote addresses on the acceleration of urban innovation, mobility and sustainable urban communities, as well as demonstrating innovative autonomous vehicles, management and nature-based initiatives.

Four Urban Cafés tables will discuss and elaborate concrete actions from the professionals to the Domains of Change, involving other representatives of HPF members the questions of urbanisation, innovation and capacity-building, focussing on tradition and forward-looking planning, including a stronger implementation of the SDGs and NUA agenda.

10. Linkages to the New Urban Agenda, Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals (max. 250 words) *Indicate the commitments or effective and innovative implementation actions of the New Urban Agenda, and related Sustainable Development Goals

The professionals of the built environment have a crucial role to play in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals. We ensure the establishment of making better cities now and in the future, by innovating and plan making, at all levels, bringing all the actors together and ensuring that citizens are integrated in the process.

The world is at crossroads and is facing huge challenges, such as climate change, urban crisis, spatial inequality and poverty. We need well-planned urban development - we need to take action. The Habitat Professionals Forum supports all of UN-Habitat's programmes.

The urgency and scale of the challenges demand strengthened historical alliances and the building of new partnerships. This is where Habitat Professionals Forum (HPF), with 15 million members spread globally, can help.

We are working towards the realisation of the commitments related to implementation of all aspects of the New Urban Agenda. We need to further develop capacity-building programmes and knowledge sharing on the implementation of SDGs on the ground, as soon as possible – we need better exchange of urban experiences, cities talking to other cities, handshake partners.

11. Guiding Questions (min. 4 - max. 6 questions)

Roundtable questions:

- Develop concrete contributions and feedback to the 4 Domains of Change of UN-Habitat, and how professionals worldwide can contribute to the implementation of the 4 Domains of Change
- Describe the challenges of implementing the NUA / SDGs on the ground and the best methods to make it happen
- Explain specific innovations on urbanization and culture for future cities
- How can creativity in better cities can be demonstrated, which partnerships are needed
- Cultural heritage in cities is crucial: how local identities can be enhanced and made visible for the people
- Innovation is key – which solutions are the best to achieve sustainable urbanization
- ... more questions to be addressed at the Urban Cafés tables.

12. Indicate expected outcomes for this session (max. 50 words)

HPF is working towards the realisation of the commitments related to implementation of all aspects of the New Urban Agenda. There is a need to further develop capacity-building programmes and knowledge sharing on the implementation of SDGs on the ground. HPF will share and disseminate the experience of all urban professionals, with the aim to achieve better exchange of urban experiences, cities talking to other cities, handshake partners.

13. Describe monitoring and follow-up mechanisms for this session and its outcomes, including innovations (max. 100 words)

The results of the roundtable Professionals will be published and reinvested in the activities of HPF organisation, including follow ups in publication, including UN-Habitat contributions.

14. Outline the format of the session (max. 150 words)

Introduction by moderator, 2 Keynotes, urban cafes and roundtable discussion with attendance

15. Proposed key speakers and moderator(s)

** Indicate full name of the speaker/moderator (Mr./Ms), nationality, Organization/Institution, position and contact address. Take into account the balance in gender and age, region and partner type, and new partners.*

Program of the Roundtable (all attendees are confirmed)

16.30 – 19.00 (2.5 Hours event, or 150 min)

Welcome	5'	<i>Didier Vancutsem</i> , Chair HPF (Moderator)
Introduction	5'	Stakeholder Policy Task Group, UN Habitat Executive Board <i>Dy Currie</i> , SAGE
Introduction	5'	Role of Stakeholders in UN Habitat Strategy <i>Neil Kohr</i> , Think City Programme Director Director, External Relations a.i. UN Habitat
	10'	The 4 Domains of Change of the UN-Habitat Strategic Plan <i>Laura Petrella</i> , Leader I City Planning, Extension and Design Unit I Urban Planning & Design Branch
Keynote	15'	The new challenges of urbanisation <i>Eleanor Mohammed</i> , President Canadian Institute of Planners
Urban Cafes	45'	Urban Café Roundtables on the 4 Domains of Change of UN-Habitat in the context of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urbanisation and Innovation: Maximising Opportunities • Culture, Tradition and Modernity: A Creative Convergence for Better Cities Urban Professionals contributions to the DoC and its implementation:
Domain of Change 1		Spatial inequality and poverty <i>Regitze Hess (IFHP)</i> , Rapporteur - <i>Norliza Hashim, EAROPH</i> , Moderator
Domain of change 2		Prosperity of cities and regions <i>Rafael De Miguel, (EUROGEO)</i> and <i>Mona Rady (UIA)</i> , Rapporteurs - <i>Eric Huybrechts (MTPA)</i> , Moderator
Domain of Change 3		Climate Action and urban environment <i>Milena Ivkovic (ISOCARP)</i> , Rapporteur – <i>Peter Boswell (FIDIC)</i> , Moderator
Domain of Change 4		Urban crisis prevention and response <i>Ege Yildirim (ICOMOS)</i> , Rapporteur – <i>Peter Oborn (CAA)</i> , Moderator
Feedback	30'	Feedback to the 4 DoCs from the 4 rapporteurs to the audience



Discussion	20'	Discussion with attendance, the keynotes and the rapporteurs
Conclusion	5'	Conclusion of the Roundtable and Declaration of the Urban Professionals
Total	150min	

16. Indicate any necessary facility and equipment

Video projector, computer and microphones

4 round tables (15 persons each) and chairs for approx.. 60 persons (evtl more if needed)

4 flip charts A1/A0, paper and pens for each participant

17. Comments/Additional information

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