

High-level mid-term review of the Committee of Permanent Representatives

Dialogue on cities and pandemics: Current issues for sustainable urbanization and learnings for the further implementation of the Strategic Plan (SP) 2020-2023

Wednesday 30 June 2021 at 14:05 to 15:40 East Africa Time

DRAFT SCENARIO (1 June 2021)

14:05	<p>I. Welcome and opening – The Chair invites the UN-Habitat Executive Director to introduce the session.</p> <p><i>Overview and objectives: The dialogue presents the current main issues for sustainable urbanization and seeks opportunities in these for strengthening the Strategic Plan implementation priorities, approaches and partnerships.</i></p> <p><i>The session is a continuation of the agenda item 5 and incorporates elements of items 2 (Strategic Plan review) and 3 (effective NUA implementation).</i></p>
14:10	<p>II. Introduction to the fundamental impacts of the pandemic on cities and urban living – Eduardo Moreno</p> <p><i>What are the implications to the Strategic Plan results and implementation? How to turn the disruption to an opportunity?</i></p> <p><i>Introduce to the audience the Cities and Pandemics Report’s findings and strengthen understanding of the implications and synergies with the Strategic Plan results [Powerpoint slides]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- An opportunity to focus on supporting cities in the formulation and financing economic recovery plans for green and more just future in line with the SP, NUA and SDGs.- Referencing the <i>Secretary-General’s Brief on COVID-19 in the Urban World</i>, the <i>Sourcebook on Integrating Health in Urban and Territorial Planning</i> etc; connecting the UN-Habitat’s work themes on the pandemic to the Strategic Plan results.- References to UN-Habitat’s partnerships on the COVID-19 response in the field of urban planning and health, and to the planned series of policy position papers and programming initiatives based on the new evidence and data gained from the ongoing normative and operational partnerships.
14:20	<p>III. Dialogue on the learnings from the pandemic for accelerated implementation of the Strategic Plan 2020-2023 – the Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Introduction to the objectives and panel speakers of the dialogue. <p><i>Objective: Gain feedback on priorities and best practices for implementation of the Strategic Plan.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- External moderator options: Julie Gichuru, Alfred Omenya
14:30	<p>Speaker 1. (TBC) Ms. Etienne Krug, Department Director, WHO</p>
focus on all sub-progs.	<p>Topic <i>Opportunities for healthier environment and climate actions by strong urban policies and spatial planning: Fostering strong livelihoods, building a productive workforce, creating resilient communities, enabling mobility and promoting social interaction through health actions</i></p>
14:37	<p>Speaker 2. (TBC) Claudia Lopez Hernandez, Mayor, City of Bogota, Colombia</p>
focus on sub-prog. 3	<p>Topic <i>A fair and green leap in urbanization through effective governance arrangements and integrated pandemic recovery investments in climate, health and spatial justice in the context of Bogota and Colombia</i></p>

14:44	Speaker 3. (TBC) Balakrishnan Rajagopal , the UN Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing
focus on sub-prog. 1, 2, 4	Topic <i>Universal housing and services in the centre of resilient cities and communities: Achieving sustainable urban growth and protecting and empowering the most vulnerable groups in cities (including digital divide, digitalization of urban services)</i>
14:51	Speaker 4. (TBC) Mariana Mazzucato , Professor in Economics of Innovation and Public Value, University College London
focus on sub-prog. 1, 2, HRSI	Topic <i>Towards the new Social Contract: Addressing social and economic inequalities through inclusive multilateralism, strong universal rights and local green financing</i>
14:58	IV. Deepening on the core questions with the panelists – the Moderator <i>Objective: Clarify and broaden on the most prominent and interesting views and topics from the discussion to prepare for the Q&A with the CPR and the session outcome</i> - One follow-up question to each panelist focusing on 1- 2 topics
15:10	V. Q&A between the CPR members and the panel – the Moderator <i>Objective: Prioritisation of policies and investments and accelerate the Strategic Plan implementation by application of the new knowledge and evidence emanating from the pandemic.</i> - Questions by raising digital hand or direct from those present in the UNON Conference Room - Guiding questions shared beforehand with the CPR members based on the panel's themes to increase understanding of the topics and help reach actionable conclusions - Brief response from panel members (2 minutes each) <i>[Possible extension by 15 minutes at the discretion of the Chair, in case of pending questions.]</i>
15:35	VII. Conclusions of the discussion and closing remarks – <i>the Executive Director</i>
15:40	The session ends.