

UN Pavilion Side Event: Implementing the New Urban Agenda through National Urban Policy: Global Perspectives

Date: Monday, 17 October 2016, 16:00 – 16:45
Venue: UN Pavilion

Objective of the event

- This ministerial event, co-organised by UN-Habitat, aims to discuss National Urban Policy (NUP) and its role as a tool for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda NUA, from the perspective of ministers of different countries which have begun the NUP process and who are at varying stages of completion.
- The OECD's role in this event is to give an opening remark. In general, the OECD can present our willingness and readiness to support OECD and non-OECD countries in developing and implementing NUP, based on our experience of policy analysis. In particular, the OECD could use this occasion to demonstrate OECD's work on monitoring and evaluating NUPs, with our expertise.

Background (focus is placed in monitoring NUP)

- Monitoring will be an important step in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda. It is particularly important to stress the importance of data collection at the right spatial scale. Data on cities, as defined by their historical administrative borders, do not allow for meaningful comparisons of experiences, thus limiting the benefits of international dialogue.
- The OECD has developed, together with the European Commission, a metropolitan database which provides internationally comparable data, based on a functional definition of cities. Such data is crucial to monitor and evaluate performance of individual cities, thus the aggregated performance of cities at the national scale.
- UN-Habitat and the OECD have collaborated to prepare a report on the "Global State of National Urban Policies". This is the first instance in which both organizations have sought to document the status of National Urban Policy across the world. This work demonstrates how important it is for governments to harness urbanization to achieve national and global goals.
- Out of the 35 OECD countries, only 15 have an explicit national urban policy, and 33% of those National Urban Policies are still in the formulation stage.

- However, almost 90% of OECD countries have at least some partial elements of a national urban policy.
- The OECD will co-host with UN Habitat the Second International Conference on National Urban Policy. This will be the first opportunity following the Habitat III Conference to consider in a global forum the role of National Urban Policy.

SPEAKERS

- Joan Clos, Executive Director, UN Habitat
- Ángel Gurría, Secretary General, OECD
- William Cobbett, Director, Cities Alliance
- Hoin Kang, Minister of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, Republic of Korea
- Dr. Friedrich Kitschelt, Staatssekretär, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany
- Kadir Topbaş, Mayor of Istanbul (tbc)
- Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing & Organizing (WIEGO) (tbc)
- Rolf Alter, OECD (Moderator)

FORMAT OF THE SESSION

- **Opening:** The session will begin with opening remarks and a brief outline of the overall framework and objectives of the session, with reference how NUP can be a tool for the implementation of the NUA. Remarks will be made from three global organizations working in the area of NUP, OECD and Cities Alliance.
- **Panel discussion:** The panel discussion will consist of three (3) panelists discussing the role of NUP in their country for the implementation of the NUA.

Draft Programme (subject to change)

Monday, 17 October 16:00-17:30	
16:00-16:03	Opening Remarks, Moderator, UN Habitat
16:03-16:08	Opening Remarks, Angel Gurría, Secretary-General of the OECD
16:08-16:13	Opening Remarks, Clare Short, Chair of the Management Board, Cities Alliance
tbc	Remarks, Dr Joan Clos, Executive Director, UN-Habitat
Panel Discussion (5 mins per speaker)	
16:13-16:18	Mr Daniel Chain, Secretario de Obras Públicas. Ministerio del Interior, Obras Publicas y Vivienda, Argentina

16:18- 16:23	Stephen Y. Neufville, Deputy Minister of Urban Affairs, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Liberia
16:23- 16:28	Emmanuelle Cosse, Minister for Housing and Sustainable Habitat, France (tbd)
16:30- 16:43	Questions and comments
16:43- 16:45	Panel change (to the second panel)