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Nairobi, 11–15 April 2011

Friday, 15 April 2011

Programme of meetings

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9–9.45 a.m.

Fifth meeting of the Bureau (CE-112)

Chaired by the President of the Governing Council

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Plenary (Conference Room 2)

Chair's summary of the high-level segment and dialogue

Draft reports of plenary on items 1–7

Report by the Chair of the Committee of the Whole

Report on draft resolutions and agenda:

Agenda item 8: Provisional agenda and other arrangements for the twenty-fourth session of the Governing Council;

Agenda item 9: Other matters;

Agenda item 10: Adoption of the report of the session;

Agenda item 11: Closure of the session.

1.00–1.30 p.m.

Closing press conference with the Executive Director and the President of the Governing Council (Press Centre)

Caucus meetings

Monday, 11 April–Friday, 15 April 2011

8–9.30 a.m.

Youth Caucus (Conference Room 6)

The Daily Youth Caucus gives young people participating in the Governing Council session a chance to meet, share and strategize on a daily basis, and to ensure that the needs and concerns of young people are dealt with in the deliberations of the Council and in the outcome documents for the session. The Caucus will feature speakers on relevant Governing Council events and issues, a review of the Council's deliberations, with a focus on youth, and time each day for planning advocacy and lobbying.

Women's Caucus (Conference Room 7)

The daily Women's Caucus gives women participating at the Governing Council a chance to meet, share and strategize on a daily basis, to ensure that women's needs and concerns are addressed in the deliberations of the Governing Council and in the outcome documents for the session. The Caucus will feature speakers on relevant Governing Council events and issues, a gender-focused review of the Council's deliberations and time each day for planning advocacy and lobbying.

Summary of meetings held on Thursday, 14 April 2011

Committee of the Whole

The Committee of the Whole reconvened at 9.40 a.m., chaired by the Vice-president of the Governing Council, Mr. Sergey Trepelkov, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to UN-Habitat. The Committee considered agenda item 8 (Provisional agenda and other arrangements for the twenty-fourth session of the Governing Council). It also considered the report of the Drafting Committee and adopted its own report, adjourning at 7.30 p.m.

Drafting Committee

The Drafting Committee continued its deliberations on the draft resolutions, commencing Thursday morning with a brief formal session during which it adopted the following draft resolutions: HSP/GC/23/L.7 (Governance of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)); HSP/GC/23/L.10 (Sustainable urban development through policies for safer cities and urban crime prevention); HSP/GC/23/CRP.1 (Gender equality and empowerment of women in sustainable development); HSP/GC/23/CRP.3 (Support for pro-poor housing); HSP/GC/23/CRP.5 (World Urban Forum); and HSP/GC/23/CRP.6 (Implementation of the Bamako Declaration and action plan and the strengthening of the secretariat of the African Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development).

The Drafting Committee and its working group convened in parallel informal morning and afternoon sessions during which the following draft resolutions were informally adopted: HSP/GC/23/L.2 (Sustainable urban development through expanding equitable access to land, housing, basic services and infrastructure); HSP/GC/23/L.4 (UN-Habitat country activities); HSP/GC/23/L.9 (Formulation of a global housing strategy); HSP/GC/23/L.11 (Natural disaster risk reduction, preparedness, prevention and mitigation as a contribution to sustainable urban development); HSP/GC/23/CRP.2 (Human settlements development in the Occupied Palestinian Territory); HSP/GC/23/CRP.4 (Sustainable urban development: the right and access to the city reflected in quality urban public spaces); and HSP/GC/23/CRP.8 (Urban youth development – the next step).

Draft resolution HSP/GC/23/CRP.7 (Enhancing international support measures in support of least-developed countries to implement the Habitat Agenda, alleviate urban poverty and secure ecological safety) was withdrawn by the member State that had submitted it.

The Drafting Committee having reached agreement on all draft resolutions, the Chair of the Committee presented them to the Committee of the Whole for formal adoption, concluding the work of the Drafting Committee.

Parallel Events

Women in Cities International, the Huairou Commission and UN-Habitat hosted a roundtable discussion on "Safer Public Spaces for Women and Girls", linking safety issues with planning and management of public spaces and transit. Chaired by Jan Peterson, Chair of the Huairou Commission, the event featured a keynote presentation by Constance Mogale of the Land Access Movement of South Africa, highlighting the safety implications for women and girls of land tenure and evictions.

Demonstrating a multi-stakeholder approach to enhancing women's and girls' safety in public spaces, panellists, representing grassroots women's groups, local and national government officials, planners, NGOs, United Nations bodies and the media, revealed how they were working to make cities safer for women and for everyone. Highlighting key participatory tools such as women's safety audits and local-to-local dialogues that have enabled meaningful community engagement in safety efforts, panellists agreed that women and girls need to be central to any intervention meant to address their safety. Ambassador J.L Campuzano of Mexico closed the session with a call for commitment by national Governments to ensure safe streets and public spaces for women and girls and to incorporate gender perspectives into city planning and development.

Partners representing the private sector, academia, civil society and parliamentarians gathered to discuss the Wednesday dialogue, discuss the place of Habitat Agenda partners in UN-Habitat governance structures and prepare a statement for the Friday closing session. There was consensus among the partners present that there had not been adequate opportunity during the dialogue to interact with the Governing Council on the issues being discussed. All Partners were encouraged, however, by the recognition of partners in the governance structures options proposed under resolution 7.

Governing Council attendees gathered to hear UN-Habitat report on its activities in Kibera Soweto-East, a neighbourhood in Nairobi's largest slum. Presenters gave an overview of the Kenya Slum Upgrading Programme and local water and sanitation projects, as well as the Kibera Soweto-East Resource Centre project. Participants heard from members of the Soweto-East community and the Director of the BASF Social Foundation and had the opportunity to put questions about slum upgrading activities to both UN-Habitat staff and the Soweto-East residents present.

The "SymbioCity" side event, hosted by the Swedish Government in cooperation with SIDA, the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, and SALAR, the Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions, was opened by the Swedish Ambassador in Kenya, Mrs. Ann Dismorr. The approximately 30 participants, representing various countries and organizations, were introduced to the SymbioCity Approach, which illuminates methods and tools for sustainable urban development planning through an interdisciplinary approach. To raise awareness and stimulate discussion about local governments' options for steering cities towards sustainable urban development, participants played the interactive computer game called SymbioCity scenarios. In the role of the Mayor of a fictitious city, participants' leadership skills were tested as they grappled with different environmental, social and economic challenges facing the city. Within a limited budget, the "Mayors" were tasked with creating a strategic and sustainable plan for their city that was subject to feedback from city stakeholders. The game session was followed by a lively discussion in which participants shared their perspectives on the approach.

The Global Land Tool Network side event "Land, Property and Housing: A Focus on the Muslim World", highlighted the important contribution that Islamic law, principles and practices make in shaping access to land in many Muslim contexts. The event, which aimed at increasing understanding on opportunities to engage in this field, featured Mr. Siraj Sait, primary author of the book, "Land, Law and Islam" and author of the new training package launched at the event. The relevance of the training package for multiple stakeholders was underscored through presentations by representatives of the Kenya Polytechnic University, which was integrating the package into its new land administration course; the Huairou Commission, whose representative spoke on the course's relevance for grassroots women, and UN-Habitat's Somalia Programme, whose representatives discussed a recent training-of-trainers event for Somaliland. The side-event encouraged case-study documentation and local adaptation and application of the training package.

More than 100 participants contributed to discussions about the Global Housing Strategy to the Year 2025, during the "Housing the Future" side event organized yesterday afternoon. The panel, chaired by Ambassador Agnes Kalibbala, Representative of the Republic of Uganda to UN-Habitat, made a review of the Global Shelter Strategy to the Year 2000 outcomes and showcased UN-Habitat's current shelter initiatives, programmes and tools within the framework of the Adequate Housing for All programme. During the event, UN-Habitat launched six new housing publications that reviewed affordable housing practices, experiences and programmes from around the world. The draft housing profile for Uganda was officially presented to the Government of Uganda, and the first volume of the Housing Practices series, documenting affordable housing experiences in Ethiopia, was officially launched and delivered to the Government of Ethiopia. Participants in this interactive event discussed, debated and delineated the future of affordable housing, setting the stage for a new vision of housing and initiating a roadmap towards the Global Housing Strategy to the year 2025.

A private sector strategy meeting held yesterday drew approximately 20 representatives of global companies, business associations and UN-Habitat staff to discuss how to move forward with the Core Business Principles for Sustainable Urbanization, a document prepared by previous working groups and presented at the fifth session of the World Urban Forum in Rio de Janeiro last year. Participants discussed ways to turn the principles into action while integrating them into UN-Habitat priorities. Executive Director Dr. Joan Clos gave an in-depth speech on UN-Habitat's vision for the future and the role of the private sector within it as a key urban development actor and UN-Habitat partner. Representatives of the private sector reaffirmed their commitment to investing their resources and competencies through the establishment of the Urban Private Sector Advisory Board.

Additional information for delegates

Regional group meetings

The following meeting rooms have been allocated for regional group meetings from Monday to Friday between 8 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. unless otherwise stated.

African group	Conference Room 9 (rooftop)
Arab Group	Conference Room 5 Monday to Friday 1–3p.m.
Asian and Pacific group	Conference room 4
Central and Eastern European group	Conference room 14 (rooftop)
Group of Latin American and Caribbean countries	Conference room 13 (rooftop)
Western European and others group	Conference room 8 Monday to Friday 2.30 p.m.
Group of 77 and China	Conference room 11

Other group meeting rooms

European Union	Training Room
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Statements delivered at the Governing Council

Speeches delivered at the Governing Council will be posted on the UN-Habitat website at www.unhabitat.org/gc23 as soon as the Secretariat receives them. Delegates are reminded to send soft copies of their speeches to Ms. Diana Park (email: diana.park@unhabitat.org, mobile: +254 788 526 005).

Participants List

The participants list is available at the Information Desk for your reference and is also posted on the Governing Council website at www.unhabitat.org/gc23. Please let the Information Desk know if there are any corrections you wish to make or email the Secretariat at habgc@unhabitat.org.

Interpretation Training

UN-Habitat and the United Nations Office at Nairobi are offering a training opportunity during the current session of the Governing Council to young student interpreters from universities of Hong Kong, Beijing and Nairobi. The student interpreters are using language channel 8 and are providing an unofficial interpretation service that will be recorded for them to get maximum benefit from this training opportunity. This will ensure a new generation of conference interpreters are prepared to service member States in the future.