THE WORLD URBAN FORUM

An overview presented at the Induction Seminar for new Members of the CPR

2 September 2011
Main objectives of the Forum

• Further cooperation and coordination among development agencies in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda, the Declaration of Cities and other Human Settlements in the New Millennium and the United Nations Millennium Declaration.

• Strengthen the coordination of international support to the implementation of the Habitat Agenda.

• Facilitate the exchange of experiences and the advancement of collective knowledge among cities and their development partners.
## Participants at the Forum

- All Member States
- Local Authorities
- Intergovernmental Organizations
- Non-Governmental Organizations
- International Organizations
- Community Groups
- Habitat Professionals
- Business and Private Sector
- Academics and Students
- International Finance Institutions
Activities and Structure of the Forum

- Ceremonial Opening
- Formal Opening
- World Urban Youth Assembly
- Gender Equality Action Assembly
- Business Assembly
- World Urban Campaign Session
- E-debates and Dialogues
- Roundtables (of specialized partner groups)
- Networking Events
- Special Sessions
- Training Events
- Side Events
- Exhibition
- Art and Sports Competitions

Total of 350 different meetings and events in one week

- A Ministerial segment of the GC?
Locations of the Forum
Participation in and outreach of the Forum

The chart shows the number of participants from WUF1 to WUF5. The participation increased from 100 countries at WUF1 (2002) to 150 countries at WUF5 (2010). The number of participants grew steadily from 4000 to 10000 between WUF1 and WUF3. There was a slight decrease in WUF4 (2008) to 146 countries, followed by a significant increase in WUF5 (2010) to 150 countries.
Value added of the World Urban Forum

- Advocacy – awareness raising
- New Partnerships
- International Cooperation (incl. South-South)
- Policy debates
- Knowledge dissemination
- Exchange of good practices and peer review
- Capacity building
- Strengthening National Urban Forums
Strengthening National Urban Forums (NUFs)

As a mechanism for mobilising partners from all categories, NUFs should:

• Promote monitoring and assessment of implementation of Habitat Agenda and other global targets

• Engage non-government actors for shaping inclusive policies

• Encourage structured and inclusive participation at WUF

• Support resource mobilisation from non-traditional sources, e.g. private sector
On-going work

- Implement findings of the lessons learned review
- Conduct a review of annex IV to the WUF1 report to better define roles and responsibilities of the Advisory Group
- Define the role of the CPR in WUF
- Strengthen the interdivisional support mechanisms
- Preparations for WUF6
Functional linkages of WUF with Programmes of UN-Habitat
World Urban Forum 6
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Theme: The Urban Future

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THANK YOU!

More information on the WUF6 website at: www.unhabitat.org/wuf

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