THE WORLD’S PREMIER CONFERENCE ON CITIES

The World Urban Forum

A results oriented conference to advance on the New Urban Agenda

CPR Working Group - 16 October 2013
Background information already available…

- WUF7 draft concept note
- WUF7 logical framework
- WUF7 Programme at a glance
- WUF7 Information for preparations (July and September) (updates)
- WUF7 Preparations for National Delegations
- WUF7 Important dates (update)
- WUF7 Newsletters
- WUF7 Website
- CPR meetings (June and September)
- CPR working groups (July and October)
Promotion and mobilization already started…

- Letters of invitation to countries through Ministry of Foreign Affairs (July)
- Letters of invitation to line Ministers (September), including LDCs countries
- International launch of WUF7 in Medellin on World Habitat Day
- Presentations in international conferences and events such as MINURVI, UCLG Congress, EcoCity…
- Promotion in New York during World Habitat Day celebrations: invitation by the President of ECOSOC
- National Urban Forums such as Colombia, Ecuador, Madagascar… Haiti to be organized in December. European Urban Forum in February, as well as AMCHUD.
- Regional retreats in Rio (August), Cairo (October), Fukuoka (November) and Nairobi (November). Liaison offices meetings
- Campaign in media starting in October 2013
More news…

- Nobel Prize Joseph Stiglitz confirmed for the first Urban Talk on Tuesday 8 April 2014
- E-debate as part of the Post 2015 process
- More than 2,000 people already registered
- Deadline extended for Networking and Side events
- World Urban Campaign Steering Committee in Nantes approved activities for WUF7 under the theme “The Future We Want, the City We Need”
- “I’m a City Changer” campaign launched in Medellin as local campaign to mobilize the citizens for WUF7 celebrations (schools, young people, women, private sector…)

WUF7 based on results, not only in activities

- Responds to the need to be innovative, competitive adding value to the sustainable urban development debate
- Post-2015 Agenda Process and Habitat III kick-off event
- Focus on Quality versus Quantity
- Inclusiveness of participation
- Strengthened participants’ preparation
- Mobilization of all regions, especially Latin America
- Promotion before/during/after with a wider range of relevant “key players”
WUF7 Concept note, E-debate and the Post 2015 Agenda

- E-debate contributing to the Post 2015 development agenda (December to February)
- WUF7 concept note as background document to discuss about “Urban Equity”
- Revision of the document after contributions allowing a participatory process
- Latest version of the WUF7 concept note before the opening of WUF7
- Final document integrating contributions during the WUF7 sessions and debates
- Robust and participative document to be integrated as part of the Post 2015 development agenda process and Habitat III
- WUF as a place where everybody has a voice and is heard
Dialogues, Assemblies, Roundtables and Special Sessions

- Concept notes based on a same format a specific logical framework connected to the main WUF EAs
- First analysis of potential speakers ensuring inclusiveness, gender balance, geographical presence...
- Coordination among all WUF7 Dialogues focal points
- Work in progress for assemblies
- Roundtables and Special Sessions to be developed during next weeks, ensuring host country participation
- All sessions connected with the WUF7 Theme and Concept Note
WUF7 Urban Talks

- Invitations to main speakers being sent
- Nobel Prize Joseph Stiglitz already confirmed
- Sessions will have a capacity of 1,500 people
- Live broadcasted
- Sustainable urban development and urban equity as main focus of the sessions
WUF7 Networking, side and training events

- Deadline extended
- Selection criteria established (Qualitative / Regional balance)
- Internal evaluation to be combined with a “blind” evaluation carried out by internationally recognized sustainable urban development experts
- Distribution by “tracks” or “itineraries” (Thematic threads)
- Announcement of selected events three months before the Forum to allow proper organization
WUF7 Exhibition

- Information already available
- Exhibition concept being developed
- UN-Habitat booth as a space to present projects and experiences
- Booking already started and more than 25 exhibitors confirmed (80 in WUF6)
Other relevant information...

- UN agencies involvement. The role of the UN system
- Foundations and development agencies
- Private sector
- Gender groups
- Youth presence
- Parliamentarians
- Civil Society
Improved logistics and information

- Early planning
- WUF Manual preparation based on WUF7 plans and operations, started in WUF6
- Coordinated Host country support through the Colombian Embassy in Nairobi
- Local Organizing committee established
- Use of a centralized local service provider within the venue management, coordinated by UN-Habitat WUF Secretariat
“Urban Equity in Development – Cities for Life”