In the time of a global shift towards a truly urban world where cities have become the most powerful engine of development, the following key questions arise:

- Why should the private sector position itself as a leader of a New Urban Paradigm?
- In what ways can the private sector be a transformative agent in cities to support development goals whilst benefiting from huge commercial opportunities?
- How can the private sector join forces with cities and the United Nations to accelerate commitments to the Post 2015 Development Agenda?

In order to respond to unprecedented urban challenges and opportunities, UN-Habitat is calling for open dialogue and collaborative action with leaders in the private sector. In particular, to craft a bold new vision for the place, shape, and form of cities in the developed and developing world based on the vital relationships between people (e.g. prosperity, wellbeing and inclusivity), the built and natural environment (e.g. smart infrastructure, peri-urban relations, a circular urban economy), and governance systems (e.g. rule-setting, operational excellence, financial innovation).

This leadership dialogue in New York is the first in a global series of invitation-only events to provide a high-level platform to exchange critical thinking, insights, and innovations regarding the relationships between the private sector, cities, and the United Nations (the event agenda is detailed overleaf).

"Cities are the place where the battle for sustainable development will be won or lost”

High Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the post-2015 development agenda to the UN Secretary General.

Dr. Joan Clos, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and UN-Habitat Executive Director, has been appointed by United Nations General Secretary Ban Ki-moon to lead preparations for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III, 2016). This is a once in a generation opportunity to bring all partners from the private sector, cities, national governments, and civil society around a common objective in order to advance commitments to sustainable urbanization and to deliver a New Urban Agenda for the next 20 years. Habitat III will set out exactly how this New Urban Agenda will offer a major contribution to the Post 2015 Agenda and the new Sustainable Development Goals (the successor to Millennium Development Goals). The private sector is called to play a key role in shaping the global urban agenda that will support a sustainable and inclusive future. The leadership dialogues series will feed into the upcoming Seventh Session of the World Urban Forum (Medellin, Colombia, 5-11 April 2014), which will be one of the first milestones on the road map to Habitat III.

UN-Habitat is uniquely placed to organize this leadership dialogue series:

- Being the only UN agency solely dedicated to working with cities on sustainable urbanization;
- Having the world-class know-how on urban space, shape, and form through field experience;
- Enjoying access to networks in fast growing city economies of the global East and South;
- Informing private sector development of products and services in tomorrow’s market.

The meeting will be held in Conference Room 6. To register for a place at this leadership dialogue event please contact Gita Dave (Gita.Dave@unhabitat.org). No admittance is permitted without a registration pass for security reasons.
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Welcome

Professor Birch is the Lawrence C. Nussdorf Chair of Urban Research and Education. She teaches courses in planning history, and in global urbanization, and serves as the chair of the Graduate Group in City and Regional Planning, as co-director of Penn Institute for Urban Research, as co-editor of the City in the 21st Century Series, University of Penn Press, and as co-editor of SSRN Urban Research e-journal. She is currently co-Chair of the World Urban Campaign, coordinated by UN-Habitat. She serves as President of the International Planning History Society and as Associate Editor of the Journal of the American Planning Association. She has been President of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, President of the Society of American City and Regional Planning History, and co-editor of the Journal of the American Planning Association. She has been a member of the editorial boards of Planning Theory and Practice, Journal of Planning History, Journal of Planning Education and Research and Planning Perspectives. In 2000, she was elected to the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Certified Planners and made a member (honorary) of the Royal Town Planning Institute.

Keynote Speech: Leadership on a New Urban Agenda for the Post 2015 Sustainable Development Goals

Dr. Clos was appointed appointed Executive Director of UN-Habitat, the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, at the level of United Nations Under-Secretary-General in October 2010. He was twice elected Mayor of Barcelona serving two terms (1997-2006) and appointed Minister of Industry, Tourism and Trade of Spain (2006-2008). Prior to joining the United Nations, he served as Spanish Ambassador to Turkey and Azerbaijan. Joan Clos is widely credited with inspiring far reaching investment programmes for Barcelona, municipal management and for urban renewal projects, notably managing the renovation of downtown Barcelona’s Ciutat Vella district and the Barcelona@22 programme in the city’s dilapidated industrial zones.

At the international level, in 1998 he was elected President of Metropolis, the international network of cities. Two years later, he was elected President of the World Association of Cities and Local Authorities, (WACLAC). Between 2000 and 2007, he served as Chairman of the United Nations Advisory Committee of Local Authorities, (UNACLA). And between 1997 and 2003, he was member of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions, (CEMR).

Session 1: Challenges of Realizing The Vision of Sustainable Urban Development

Dr. Rohit T. Aggarwala is an environmental policy advisor, transportation planner, and historian. He currently serves as the Special Advisor to the Chair of the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group and leads the environmental program at Bloomberg Philanthropies. He also teaches urban studies at Stanford University. From 2006 to 2010, Aggarwala served as the Director of New York City’s Office of Long-Term Planning and Sustainability where he was charged with developing and implementing New York City’s long-term sustainability plan known as PlanNYC, a 25-year roadmap comprising 127 separate initiatives across six major areas of concern, including land, water, transportation, energy, air, and climate change.

Before joining the Bloomberg administration, Aggarwala was a management consultant at McKinsey & Company from 2002 to 2006. He also served as Special Assistant to the Deputy Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration during the Clinton Administration. Aggarwala attended Columbia University as an undergraduate, and returned for both business school and a PhD in American history. He also obtained an MA in history from Queens University in Kingston, Ontario.

Riva Froymovich is a Content and Programme Manager at The Economist. She is the author of End of The Good Life: How the Financial Crisis Threatens a Lost Generation - and What We Can Do About It (Harper Perennial), which chronicles the impact of the latest financial crisis on Generation Y and promotes innovative reforms in education, employment, and public policy. She is a journalist and has reported both in print and on camera for The Wall Street Journal and the Dow Jones Newswires, among other outlets.
Robin Ried is the Head of Urban Development and a Global Leadership Fellow at the World Economic Forum. During her time at the Forum, she has launched a suite of urban-related activities which engage leaders in business, government, and civil service to serve as partners in transformation for cities around the world. Prior to joining the World Economic Forum, Ms. Ried worked at HR&A Advisors, a consulting firm specializing in real estate, urban development, economic and policy advisory for public, private, and non-profit clients. From 2004 – 2005, Ms Ried conducted a Fulbright Scholarship in Barcelona, Spain related to the integration of environmental considerations in urban redevelopment projects. She holds a Master's degree in City Planning from the University of California, Berkeley and a Bachelor's degree from Brown University.

William Finch has been the Mayor of Bridgeport since 2007. As a lifelong conservationist, he is dedicated to making Bridgeport the cleanest and greenest city in the region. In his first year in office, he signed an Executive Order to promote sustainability in the Park City and assembled a team of volunteers to compile the BGGreen2020 sustainability initiative, which serves as a “Greenprint” for the City to create jobs, save residents money and lower the City’s carbon footprint. Bridgeport has dramatically increased its recycling rates, attracted numerous green businesses to its Eco-Industrial Park, developed an Energy Improvement District, reached its tree planting goal, completed the first Parks Master Plan for the City in more than 100 years. In 2013, the largest fuel cell power project in North America broke ground in Bridgeport. He created the Mayor’s Conservation Corps, a team of young adults who raise awareness of the benefits of recycling, energy efficiency and storm water management. As a State Senator representing the 22nd District, Mayor Finch served as chair of the Environment Committee. Finch has taken on several leadership roles in the U.S. Conference of Mayors, serving on its advisory board, nominating committee and as co-chair of its Climate Protection Task Force.

James P. Anderson is currently the Vice President of Smart Cities North America for Schneider Electric, located in Nashville, TN. He is responsible for leading the Smart Cities initiative in the U.S., bringing efficiency and sustainability solutions to cities and municipalities. He has over 35 years of experience in the electrical industry spending the last 21 years with Schneider Electric. Prior to his current role, James was the Vice President for Infrastructure Business, developing solutions for Grid Automation and Demand Response in the Smart Grid space focused on the Electric Utility Segment. Previously he held an assignment in Grenoble, France where he was Director for Low Voltage Power Devices and was responsible for global strategy and product developments. Mr. Anderson began his career with General Electric Co on the Technical Marketing Program. Over his career, he has held various positions in sales, sales management, product management, and business management.

He graduated from the University of Iowa with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering. Jim is also a member of IEEE Power Engineering Society as well as The NEMA Smart Grid Council. He is also a participating member in the Smart Grid Interoperability Panel and has worked with the WBCSD.
Matthew Lynch is the Project Director of the Urban Infrastructure Initiative of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) based in Geneva. The WBCSD is a CEO-led organization of forward-thinking companies that galvanizes the global business community to create a sustainable future for business, society and the environment. Matthew is an engineer with his initial professional background in environmental management in the mining and petroleum sectors. In 2002, he took a position as an adviser with a community-development NGO in Afghanistan, followed by a program role with the intergovernmental environment organization for South Asia (SACEP) headquartered in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Before joining the WBCSD, he was the Programme Manager for the NGO Engineers Against Poverty in London.

Mr. Lynch has a Masters Degree in Environmental Technology majoring in Environmental Economics and Policy from Imperial College, London and a Postgraduate Certificate in Sustainable Business from the University of Cambridge Programme for Sustainability Leadership.

Gary Lawrence is Vice President and Chief Sustainability Officer for AECOM Technology Corporation, an $8-billion global provider of professional technical and management support services. AECOM’s 45,000 employees — including architects, engineers, designers, planners, scientists, and management professionals — serve clients in more than 130 countries around the world. In this role, Mr. Lawrence leads AECOM’s sustainability efforts by managing AECOM’s extensive resources and skills in sustainability for projects across the enterprise. He is also an AECOM spokesperson and thought leader on sustainability issues. During his 30-year-plus career in public and private policy and management, his leadership skills have contributed to various global initiatives engaging in research and practice to mitigate climate change and adaptation strategies.

Bert Smolders is Senior Consultant, Urban Development, Program Manager, Shelter program, and is, specialized in climate change adaptation and urban flood protection. As program manager of the Shelter program, the partnership of UN-Habitat with ARCADIS consultants, he organized over 50 projects, seminars, and workshops in cooperation with UN-Habitat in Asia, Africa, and Middle America. Many of these projects for UN-Habitat are part of the Cities and Climate Change Program. Graduated from Delft Technical University in urban planning, Bert Smolders has been a consultant for urban development projects in Europe, the Middle East, Thailand, and Indonesia. In China he is advisor to the municipality of Wuhan, and was awarded the Yellow Crane Tower Friendship Award.

Dr. David Post is an Executive Manager on IBM's Global Smarter Cities team, with responsibility for helping define IBM's strategy, selecting investment priorities, and collaborating with clients around the world to develop innovative solutions to business and public policy challenges. Before joining the Smarter Cities team, David served as IBM’s Global Offering Lead for Sustainability Strategy and Deputy Lead for IBM’s Economic Development Strategy Practice in North America. In the context of these roles, David worked with leaders from the public sector and a variety of industries—including social media, travel and transportation, telecommunications, and healthcare—on engagements focused on economic competitiveness, sustainability, innovation, and strategic performance improvement. A recognized subject matter expert, David has presented on these topics at a wide range of venues including the World Bank, United Nations, and high level conferences. Prior to joining IBM, Dr. Post provided advisory services to a variety of World Bank business units on topics ranging from climate change to economic development, anti-corruption approaches, corporate social responsibility, and post-conflict reconstruction. David also worked for Lehman Brother's Business Intelligence Group, where he assessed the impact of geo-political threats on financial markets. Possessing deep international expertise, David has experience in over 60 countries on six continents. David holds a PhD in International Relations and an MA in Economics and Security from Georgetown University.
Jeff is the Co-Director of the Mayor’s Office of New Urban Mechanics, an in-house civic idea incubator that pilots experimental projects in the civic space. Previously, Jeff was the Manager of Civic Innovation & Participation in the Mayor’s Office. Jeff has led various initiatives to make City government (and urban governance generally) more open, participatory, transparent, entrepreneurial and innovative. He co-founded the OpenAccessPhilly, a government-initiated movement of people working at the intersection of civic participation, technology, entrepreneurialism and innovation. Previously, Jeff was Chief of Staff to the Chief Technology Officer in the Division of Technology, and Deputy Director of Performance Management and Engagement Manager for Philly311 implementation for the Managing Director’s Office. Prior to joining City government, Jeff consulted to state, local and county governments across the nation. Jeff earned his undergraduate and law degrees from Temple University.

Diana Castro Benetti is Regional Manager, AVINA Foundation Sustainable Cities for Latin America. Her professional experience is related to the design and evaluation of development projects. She has been a consultant for the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and has experience designing radio series for the World Bank and documentaries for the Bogota Mayor’s Office (1997-98). In 2002 she was a consultant for Transparency International on the Latin American global report. She has worked with USAID in citizen control programs and she has developed communication projects in crisis management and public and community affairs. Since February 2006, she has joined Avina Foundation. Avina partners with civil society and business leaders in their sustainable development initiatives. In Avina she is part of the Latin-American Team. Diana Castro Benetti is an economist from the Universidad de los Andes at Bogotá, Colombia with History Studies from the Universidad Javeriana.

Edward Cameron leads Business for Social Responsibility (BSR) efforts to engage with stakeholder partners including philanthropic organizations, governments, multilateral agencies, and civil society actors. He works to ensure analytical rigor and a strong evidence base for BSR outputs, and provides support in designing effective influence strategies for BSR teams. He is also responsible for BSR’s organizational focus on “business in a climate constrained world,” which aims to catalyze private sector leadership in developing a low carbon, climate resilient future. Mr. Cameron has worked on climate change, human rights, and urban sustainability for 16 years. Prior to joining BSR, he served as Director of the International Climate Initiative at the World Resources Institute. During two years at the World Bank, Edward designed a training course on the social dimensions of climate change for Bank staff and development practitioners across the globe. As Senior Advisor at the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Maldives, he launched the first state-led initiative linking climate change and human rights and also led a research and innovation think tank as part of eight years working with the European Union in Brussels.

He is finalizing a Ph.D. at Abo Akademi University and has an M.A. in European Studies from Katholieke Universiteit Leuven and a B.A. in Political Science from University College Dublin.

Ana Marie Argilagos is the Deputy Assistant Secretary (DAS) of the Office for International and Philanthropic Innovation (IPI) at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). She previously served as Deputy Chief of Staff for Programs and Partnerships at HUD. Prior to her position at HUD, Ana Marie lead efforts to build better futures for disadvantaged children and families in the U.S.-Mexico Border region and in Native American communities as Senior Program Officer at the Annie E. Casey Foundation. She served as a Special Assistant at HUD for the President’s Interagency Task Force for the Economic Development of the Southwest Border, as well as hurricane reconstruction efforts in Central America and the Caribbean. She was Special Assistant to the President of the National Council of La Raza, Educational Programs Manager at the National Association of Hispanic Journalists and Deputy Director at AYUDA, a community-based legal clinic serving immigrants. She currently serves as a lecturer on international development and urban planning at NYU Wagner School of Public Service. Ana Marie holds a BA in International Relations from American University and a Masters in Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.
Eduardo Martinez is President of the UPS Foundation. As President, Ed Martinez is responsible for the operations and management of its global philanthropic, employee engagement and corporate relations programs. He joined UPS in 1976 as a package handler in UPS’s South Florida operation. He later held senior management positions in the areas of Corporate Accounting and Finance, Risk Management, and Acquisitions. He also served UPS’s subsidiaries and International Region. Martinez served as corporate counsel in the UPS Legal Department until 2007. Before that, he served as Director of Philanthropy and Corporate Relations for the UPS Foundation. He is Vice-Chairperson and represents UPS on the World Economic Forum’s Global Agenda Council on Catastrophic Risk and serves as Chairperson of its Logistics Emergency Team. He is also a member of the Corporate Advisory Board for The National Council of La Raza organization as well as corporate liaison to the Points of Light Institutes’ Service Council.

Ed Martinez holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Accounting from the University of Miami, Florida and a Juris Doctor degree from the Nova Southeastern University Law School.

Nick Shufro is Director, Advisory, Sustainable Business Solutions, PricewaterhouseCoopers. He has more than 20 years of energy, financial and Environment, Health & Safety (EH&S) management and performance reporting experience including working and consulting for industry, government, utilities, trade associations and non-governmental agencies. Prior to joining PwC, Nick worked for Merrill Lynch Capital Markets, United Technologies Corporation, and the US-Asia Environmental Partnership. Recently, Nick has worked on PricewaterhouseCoopers’ Sustainability, Washington Federal and Governance, Risk, and Compliance practices. Nick’s technical and management consulting experience includes work on EH&S management systems and audits, calculating greenhouse gas emissions, review of sustainability performance data tracking and reporting systems, project and program development, tracking and implementation, EH&S regulatory tracking, assessment of financial controls, and new business development.

Stéphane Quéré is Senior Vice President, Urban Development at GDF SUEZ and the Co-Chair of the Urban Infrastructure Initiative of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development. He started his career as Auditor with PriceWaterhouseCoopers. He then joined Lyonnaise des Eaux as a Financial Controller at the Financial Department. In 1992, he was hired as Head of Financial Controls at Lyonnaise Communication. He joined Paris Première in 1999 as Financial Director then Deputy General Manager 1999. He became SUEZ Senior Vice President Sustainable Development in 2005.

Ike Leggett is County Executive of Montgomery County, Maryland. Raised in poverty in segregated Louisiana, Leggett attended Southern University in Baton Rouge, working through school as a groundskeeper in a work-study program and graduating in 1967. In 1974, he received Master of Arts and Juris Doctor degrees from Howard University in Washington, D.C., graduating first in his law school class, followed soon after by a Master of Laws degree from George Washington University. He returned to Howard as a professor in their law school in 1976, and continued teaching at the law school.

In 1986, Leggett was the first African American to be elected to the Montgomery County Council. He was reelected three times, serving until 2002. He chaired the Maryland Democratic Party from 2002 to 2004. In November 2006, Isiah Leggett was elected to a four-year term as Montgomery County Executive, the first African American to be elected to this public office. He was reelected in November 2010.

Leggett has been a champion for Smart Growth, affordable housing, mass transit, and environmental sustainability. He has worked to strengthen job creation and investment in the County’s biotechnology and life sciences sectors and has touted the County’s diversity as a strength and delivered on his promise to make sure everyone had “a seat at the table” and “a voice in the decisions that affect their lives.”
Partnering with UN-Habitat

Bert Diphoorn is currently the Director of the Donor Relations and Resource Mobilization Service at UN-Habitat (United Nations Human Settlements Programme) in Nairobi, Kenya. He is also the Vice-Chair of UN Water. He has a long-lasting experience in managing and advising on water and sanitation issues at the UN, Dutch government (foreign affairs), and regional development banks. Prior to his work at UN-Habitat, Mr. Diphoorn was seconded in 2003 by the Dutch Government to the African Development Bank (AfDB) as Senior Adviser to the Vice President, Policy, Planning and Research. He joined UN-Habitat in 2006.

Bert Diphoorn
UN-Habitat

Christine Auclair is the Private Sector Focal Point at UN-Habitat, and also coordinates the World Urban Campaign, a global coalition and advocacy platform to raise the urban agenda and promote sustainable urbanization. She holds a PhD. in Urban Studies (Institut Français d’Urbanisme, Paris, 1993) and a Degree in Architecture-Planning (DPLG, France, 1989). She is a housing policy specialist and practiced architecture and planning in France up to 1993. She joined UN-Habitat in the Urban Indicators Programme (1994) to develop city data and to prepare national governments for the Habitat II Conference (Istanbul, 1996). In 1997, she joined the Global Urban Observatory, a global urban monitoring programme, later involved in monitoring the Millennium Development Goals. She also contributed to the State of the World Cities Report and other key publications. She joined UN-Habitat Partners Branch in 2006 to become Chief of the Private Sector Unit, where she profiled the private sector as a key partner of UN-Habitat.

Christine Auclair
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Ana B. Moreno is UN-Habitat Spokesperson, Coordinator of the Advocacy, Outreach and Communications Branch, as well as World Urban Forum Coordinator. She graduated in Social and Cultural Anthropology and Journalism (both by Autonomous University of Barcelona) and holds a Postgraduate Diploma on Olympic Studies (International Olympic Academy). She has more than 20 years’ experience with media, corporate communications, research, and public information, including working with the Centre for Olympic Studies; Associate Professor in the Department of Journalism, Faculty of Communications Sciences, Autonomous University of Barcelona (2000-04); Project Manager, Department of Culture, Education and Sports, United Nations Mission in Kosovo (2001-02); Director of the Media Center, FINA World Swimming Championships (2003), and Director of the Media Center for the 2004 Universal Forum of Cultures. Director of Press Office for the City of Barcelona (2004-06) and Director of Communications of the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism as well as Communication Advisor of the First Vice-President and Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Government of Spain (2008-11).

Ana B. Moreno
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Conclusion

Susan M. Wachter is the Richard B. Worley Professor of Financial Management at The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, the Director for the Wharton GeoSpatial Initiative and Lab, and the co-director of the Penn Institute for Urban Research. She also co-directs the Spatial Integration Laboratory for Urban Systems at the University of Pennsylvania. As an economist, she is frequently sought for comment on real estate market trends in well known media outlets. Wachter was appointed the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (1998-2001). She was Celia Moh Visiting Professor at Singapore Management University (2004). Wachter serves on the Board of Editors for various publications including the Journal of Housing Economics, the Housing Policy Debate, the Journal of Real Estate and Finance, and the Journal of Real Estate Research. She is the co-editor, with Eugenie L. Birch, of the Social Science Research Network Urban Research eJournal.

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