OPENING CEREMONY

Monday 13 September
10.00 – 12.30, in the Forum Building

Opening Session

- Opening remarks by the outgoing Chair, Hon. Ms. Sankie D. Mthembi-Mabanyele, former Minister for Housing of South Africa
- Remarks by the incoming Chair, Hon. Ms. Maria Antonia Trujillo, Minister for Housing of Spain
- Mr. Joan Clos, Mayor of Barcelona and President of the United Nations Committee of Local Authorities
- Mr. Pasqual Maragall, President Generalitat Catalonia
- Mr. Pieter van Geel, State Secretary for Spatial Planning, Housing and the Environment
- Mr. Martti Ahtisaari, former President of Finland
- Mr. Mikhail Gorbachev, former President of the Russian Federation
- Presentation of the Special Citation of the Habitat Scroll of Honour to the Prime Minister of Lebanon
- Remarks by H.E. Mr. Rafic Hariri, Prime Minister of Lebanon
- Message from Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations
- Mrs. Anna Tibaijuka, Executive Director of UN-HABITAT

(15 Minutes break)

First Plenary Meeting

(i) Adoption of the agenda
(ii) Establishment of an Advisory Group for WUF/2
(iii) Organization of work of WUF/2
(iv) Key-note speakers:
- H. E. Mr. Syed Zabid Hussain, Chairman of the Group of 77 and China and Permanent Representative of Pakistan to UN-HABITAT
- Hon. Erna Solberg, Minister for Regional Development and Local Authorities of Norway
- Mr. Sören Häggroth, Co-chair of the First Session of the World Urban Forum
- Mr. Klaus Toepfer, Executive Director, UNEP
- Mr. Arputhan Jockin, President of the National Slum Dwellers Federation of India, representing the Civil Society
- Mr. Donald L. Plusquellic, President of the U.S. Conference of Mayors and Mayor of Akron, Ohio
- President of the United Cities and Local Governments
- Prof. Jeffrey D. Sachs, Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General on the Millennium Development Goals
**OPENING CEREMONY**
10.00-12.30

**Second Plenary Meeting**
14.30-17.00
Presentation on the results and conclusions of the dialogues being organized by the Universal Forum of Cultures which are relevant to the WUF/2 Dialogues.

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**WEDNESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER**

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- Partners’ Dialogue: Urban Realities
- Thematic Dialogue: Urban Sustainability

Room: 117

15.00-18.00
- Thematic Dialogue: Urban Resources
- Thematic Dialogue: Urban Services

Room: 117

**NETWORKING EVENTS**

Convention Centre
10.00-13.00
- Access to Basic Services for All
- Agenda 21 for Culture
- Civil or Civic Defense
- Planning Practice in an Urbanizing World
- Property Rights and Sustainable Urban Development
- Safer Cities Through Youth Development and Inclusiveness
- The Institute@WUF
- Urban Inequities and GIS-Putting the Poor on the Map
- Urban Policies and Practices Addressing International Migration
- Urban Structure and Sustainable Transport

Room: 123

15.00-18.00
- Affordable and Accessible GIS for Local Governance
- Committed Cities: Women’s Inclusive Practices and Good Urban Policies
- Countrywide Slum Upgrading
- Cultural Heritage: A Tool for Urban Development
- From Marginalization to Citizenship
- Local Economy and Urban Form
- Participatory Budgeting, Urban Governance and Democracy
- Rental Housing: An Essential Option for the Urban Poor
- Spanish Best Practices/Bilbao facing the new century/Forum Barcelona
- Sustainable Cities and Villages: International Training for Local Authorities
- The Challenges of City Financing: Habitat’s Professionals Forum
- Youth and Urban Environment/ Roundtable on Youth and Local Government

Room: 125

**THURSDAY 16 SEPTEMBER**

**DIALOGUES**

Convention Centre
10.00-13.00
- Partners’ Dialogue: Urban Governance
- Thematic Dialogue: Urban Disasters and Reconstruction

Room: 117

15.00-18.00
- Partners’ Dialogue: Urban Governance
- Partners’ Dialogue: Urban Renaissance

Room: 117

**NETWORKING EVENTS**

Convention Centre
09.00-13.00
- Medcities Seminar on Air Quality and Mobility/Campaigning to Reform International Institutions

Room: 113

10.00-13.00
- Challenges Facing South African Local Government and Policy Responses
- Land and Urban Poverty
- Linkages between UN-HABITAT and CSD
- Local Economic Development
- Managing Information for Local Environments (MILES)
- Micro-Credit and Financing of Urban Agriculture
- Public-Private Partnership in Urban Revitalization
- The Community-Led Urban Finance Facility
- The Role of Cities in an Information Age
- Winter Cities
- Youth and Urban Space

Room: 115

15.00-18.00
- Citizen Participation and Urban Management
- ComHabitat: City-community partnerships in the Commonwealth
- First Global Hip-Hop Summit
- Knowledge for Urban Development
- Localizing the Habitat Agenda for Urban Poverty Reduction
- Planning for Long-Term Urban Sustainability
- Rebuilding Iraq
- The Institute@WUF
- The Zero Evictions Campaign
- Tourism, Sustainable Urbanization and Poverty Alleviation
- Values-Based Water Education

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Local Governments Partners for Development

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CLOSING CEREMONY
12.30-15.00, in the Forum Building

Fourth Plenary Meeting
(i) Adoption of the report of WUF/2.
(ii) Presentation to the Chair of the painting done by the Chinese children during the WUF/2 Youth Camp.

Closing Session
- Concluding statements by Partner Groups on the results of WUF/2 and their expectations for WUF/3
- Dr. John W. Ashe, Chair-designate for CSD/13
- Concluding remarks by the Co-Chair, Hon. Olivio Dutra, Minister of Cities of the Government of Brazil.
- Statement by the Head of the Delegation of Canada (hosts for WUF/3)
- Statement by the Head of Delegation of China (hosts for WUF/4)
- Concluding remarks by the Executive Director
- Concluding remarks by the Chair

SPECIAL EVENTS
13 September:
Habitat Scroll of Honour Special Citation for the Prime Minister of Lebanon, Forum Auditorium, 10h00

14 September:
Launch of UN-HABITAT’s flagship report - the State of the World’s Cities 2004/2005
Launch of the Global Partnership Initiative for Urban Youth Development in Africa

15 September:
Launch of a joint EU-UN-HABITAT research initiative (Room 129 in the Convention Centre at 14.30)

Premier of the film Milagro de Candeal by Fernando Trueba, Spanish film director and Oscar winner, Forum Auditorium, 19h00 (by invitation)

Hip-Hop Concert in the Plaza, “The Message”

16 September:
Carlinhos Brown Concert, Marina Stage, 22h00

17 September:
Presentation of the children’s painting at the Closing Ceremony. It will be the world’s longest painting of hand-made paper depicting the theme “Our City - Our Future”.

EXHIBITIONS
12-18 September:
In the Plaza within the Forum Barcelona area
“The Fair” Exhibition and Meeting Space
“Best Practices City and Water Exhibition”
“Live Graffiti Exhibition”

13-17 September:
World Urban Forum Exhibition, Convention Centre
Children and art, Peace Camp