1. Dialogues

Themes

Dialogues will be held in rooms featuring circular seating, with a facilitator in the center. There will be embedded speakers in the audience to give short (max. 3 minute) inputs and help the flow of the Dialogue. Each Dialogue Focal Point will submit a report of their session, approved by the session Chair. Potential speakers for each Dialogue are being identified and will be contacted shortly.

Tuesday, 20 June 2006, A.M.

Sub-Theme; Sustainable Cities: Social Inclusion and Cohesion

- Achieving the MDGs: Slum Upgrading and Affordable Housing
- Public Engagement: The Inclusive Approach

Wednesday, 21 June 2006, A.M.

Sub-Theme; Sustainable Cities: Partnership and Finance

- Municipal Finance: Innovation and Collaboration
- Urban Safety and Security: Taking Responsibility

Thursday, 22 June 2006, A.M.

Sub-Theme; Sustainable Cities: Urban Growth and Environment

- The Shape of Cities: Urban Planning and Management
- Energy: Local Action, Global Impact

2. Trialogues

The Third Session of the World Urban Forum will introduce a novel type of events: the Trialogues. These Trialogues have been devised as a venue for showcasing a tri-dimensional approach to issues and linkages between partners.

Tuesday, 20 June 2006, A.M.

Trialogue on Water, Sanitation and Human Settlements
This event will seek to address the interrelation between water, sanitation and human settlements in an inclusive and comprehensive manner that brings together a range of actors concerned with these issues. This triple articulation of water, sanitation and human settlements echoes the principles behind the CSD and highlights the fact that these three components are essential entry points to the overall attainment of the MDGs. The Trialogue will primarily argue that there is a clear need to put recipients of water and sanitation services at the heart of new investments and decision-making processes through pro-poor governance frameworks. Likewise, the Trialogue will promote the idea that new partnerships must be forged and novel delivery mechanisms devised for water and sanitation initiatives to be sustainable and resonate with the actual needs and aspirations of those most affected by the lack of these essential provisions.

**Thursday, 22 June 2006, A.M.**

**Trialogue: From Vancouver to Nanjing**

In an effort to highlight the linkages between the Third and Fourth Sessions of the World Urban Forum, the Government of China has generously offered to hold a special Trialogue session on the road from Vancouver to Nanjing. This special presentation will showcase environment, infrastructure and cultural fabric as means of introducing participants to the urban landscape of Nanjing. This presentation will also underscore the collaborative efforts of the Canadian and Chinese Governments, and of UN-HABITAT, in making the World Urban Forum a prime event on the world calendar.

3. Networking Events

Networking Events are geared towards a smaller and more specialized audience than Dialogues, and are primarily hosted by HABITAT Agenda Partners, including governmental and non-governmental organizations. Networking Events provide an opportunity to discuss and debate local experiences and practices as well as normative issues. Networking Events unite people with a common interest and allow participants to liaise and interact with one another. The ultimate aim of Networking Events is to build knowledge, strengthen partnerships, create new ones, and provide platforms for actionable ideas and practices.

So far, UN-HABITAT has received around three hundred proposals to host Networking Events from organizations as diverse as Habitat for Humanity International, Women in Cities International, FLACMA, Enda Tiers-Monde, the Commonwealth Association of Planners and the World Bank, among others.

There will be around 130 Networking Events held at WUF III in Vancouver. Priority is given to Networking Events with close relevance to the themes and sub-themes of WUF III. A preliminary selection of Events has been made and the final selection is currently under way. The final selection will be completed by mid-March.
4. Round Tables

Roundtables will be peers’ and partners' meetings allowing stakeholders to share experiences and views on main topics of the Forum. They can be organized by the stakeholders themselves, facilitated by UN-HABITAT and the Government of Canada. Roundtables are currently in the being for the following groups: Ministers, Mayors, Parliamentarians, the private sector, Youth, Women's groups and civil society organizations.

Roundtables will normally be upon invitation only and the list of invitees is decided on by the main partners initiating the roundtable. Roundtables can also be located outside the conference area and will be held on Monday 19 June (afternoon) and/or Wednesday 21 June (afternoon).

1. Ministers roundtable
   Monday 19 June - 3 to 5 pm
   Lead Partners: Government of Canada - UN-HABITAT
   Title: to be confirmed

2. Parliamentarians roundtable
   Wednesday 21 June - 3 to 5 pm (to be confirmed)
   Lead Partner: Global Parliamentarians for Habitat
   Title: Vancouver +30 - Parliamentarians guiding changes for sustainable urbanization (to be confirmed)

3. Private Sector roundtable
   Wednesday 21 June - 3 to 5 pm (to be confirmed)
   Lead Partners: UN-HABITAT and Lead (Canada) (to be confirmed)
   Title: Roundtable on Business Leadership for sustainable urbanization

4. Local Authorities roundtable
   Monday 19 June - 3 to 5 pm
   Lead Partner: Federation of Canadian Municipalities
   Other partners: Metropolis/ UNACLA/ UCLG
   Title: Local Governance and Guidelines for Decentralization (to be confirmed)

5. Expert Roundtable on Women in Human Settlements
   Monday 19 June - 3 to 5 pm
   Lead Partner: Huairou Commission
   Other partners: Metropolis/ UNACLA/ UCLG
   Title: Women’s Lives, Women’s Decisions

6. Roundtable on Gendered Land Tools
   Wednesday 21 June - 3 to 5 pm to be confirmed
   Lead Partner: UN-HABITAT
Title: Gendered Land Tools

7 Youth roundtable
Wednesday 19 June - 3 to 5 pm
Lead Partner: World Urban Forum and Youth Organizing Committee
Other partners: City of Vancouver, One Stop Youth Resource Centre, Environmental Youth Alliance, Growing-up in Cities (Unesco)
Title: Youth: Leaders of Today and Tomorrow

8 NGOs roundtable
Monday 19 June - 3 to 5 pm  to be confirmed
Lead Partners: Habitat International Coalition (HIC)
Title: to be confirmed

9 Researchers roundtable
Wednesday 19 June - 3 to 5 pm  to be confirmed
Lead Partners: to be confirmed
Title: Research and Practice in Sustainable Urban Development

10 Educators roundtable
Wednesday 21 June - 3 to 5 pm  to be confirmed
Lead Partners: to be confirmed
Title: to be confirmed

11 Funders roundtable
Wednesday 21 June - 3 to 5 pm  to be confirmed
Lead Partners: to be confirmed
Title: to be confirmed

12 Indigenous people roundtable
Wednesday 21 June - 3 to 5 pm  to be confirmed
Lead Partners: to be confirmed
Title: to be confirmed

5. Youth events at WUF III

In order to involve young people in the WUF process, the World Urban Forum & Youth Organizing Committee (WUFY) is working closely with partner organizations like the KAYA (Knowledgeable Aboriginal Youth Association), One Stop Youth Centre in Nairobi, Kenya, and with Forum organizers to integrate young people’s experiences and ideas into the agenda and events during the conference.

On the weekend preceding the WUF (June 16th-18th), the WUFY is holding a three-day youth conference called the World Youth Forum, which will bring together 150 international youth delegates with 150 North-American youth to discuss youth-led projects, to prepare for their participation in the WUF and write a youth declaration to be
officially presented at WUF. WUFY will also be hosting several Events during the World Urban Forum itself, amongst them several World Urban Café sessions at youth oriented venues around downtown Vancouver to encourage interaction between delegates and the Vancouver youth community.

6. Registration & Exposition

By the end of February, over 3,700 people had registered for WUF III. The Exhibition floor is now fully booked and the first list of registrants has been developed in coordination with Globe Foundation. The criteria for selection have taken into consideration relevance to WUF III themes and the Habitat Agenda, geographic representation and the applicant’s status as UN-HABITAT partner. Invoices have been sent to the preliminary list of approved exhibitors, excluding LDC exhibitors. Depending on the response of exhibitors, more space might be made available. Registration for the exhibition is still open, however applicants are being informed of the shortage of space and that they are waiting-listed.

7. Host Country Agreement

UN-HABITAT has received the Host Country Agreement Between the United Nations and the Government of Canada Relating to the Holding of the Third Session of the World Urban Forum from the Office of Legal Affairs, with amendments. The amendments of the OLA were incorporated into the draft by UN-HABITAT on 22 February 2006 and forwarded to Canada on the same day. UN-HABITAT is awaiting the feedback from our Canadian counterparts.

8. Background paper

A 25-page background paper based on the approved outline will be produced for WUF III. A consultant, Professor Patricia L. McCarney, University of Toronto, has been contracted for this. The initial draft will be circulated by the end of March 2006.

9. Financial issues

As per information to the CPR at the December 1 meeting Canada has committed 2.5 million USD to UN-HABITAT for WUF III, and UN-HABITAT’s in-kind contributions for servicing the WUF III are estimated to be another 500,000 USD. A letter requesting additional voluntary contributions from Member States has been circulated.

10. Communications and Marketing

A marketing plan has been put in place to promote the Forum via the media, urban networks and other channels. The brochure is now being produced and will be displayed at key events leading up to WUF III and sent to all partners to give them more details
about Themes, Dialogues, Networking Events, Roundtables, the Exhibition and other WUF III events. The brochure will also provide practical information, on registration, travel and accommodation and contact details for specific aspects of the preparations. The WUF III website, www.unhabitat.org/wuf continues to be updated with information on the Forum.

Media accreditation

The media accreditation process is ongoing and UN-HABITAT has released a media advisory. There are discussions on-going with different media (National Film Board of Canada, BBC, CNN, Reuters etc) on WUF III-coverage. A national Canadian media company has expressed interest in covering WUF III on a daily basis and the Government of Canada is currently pursuing that arrangement. Canada is also working on an e-newsletter, in consultation with UN-HABITAT, to be distributed regularly to all interested parties, which will provide regular updates on WUF III preparations.