Towards Habitat III
Inspirating – Strengthening - Empowering

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Challenges for cities include: Action needed

- Fast growing urbanisation
- Lack of appropriate governance frameworks, legal mandates, competencies, capacities, finances
- Impacts of climate change, incl. water problems
- Urban risks
- Growing inequality and segregation in society (poor/rich; old/young..)
- Lack of natural resources, air pollution, waste, water, sanitation.
- Migration
- Digitalization, smartization and virtualization
Habitat Conferences every 20 years

“To set a new global strategy around urbanization for the next two decades.”

1976 Vancouver
1996 Istanbul
17-20 Oct. 2016 Quito

United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development
2015:
A year of UN events with high relevance for cities

March: UN Conf on Disaster Risk Reduct.

July: Int. Conf on Financing for Dev. $$

Sept: SDGs & 2030 Agenda

Dec: UN Climate Conf. (COP)

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Habitat III shall translate these policies and processes towards implementation on the local and regional level, with focus on required (national) framework conditions.
Relevant

A New Urban Agenda shall (also) help to implement the SDGs as quickly as possible.
Universal Sustainable Development Goals call all local & regional governments to action
Mapping of SDG 11 Targets

**GOAL**
Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

**CORE TARGETS (OUTCOME-ORIENTED)**
- 11.1 Housing, Slums, Services
- 11.2 Transport (incl Public T)
- 11.3 Urban Planning
- 11.4 Cultural & Natural Heritage
- 11.5 Disaster Risk Reduction
- 11.6 Impact on Environment
- 11.7 Safe Public Space

**MOI TARGETS (PROCESS-ORIENTED)**
- 11.a Rural-Urban Linkages
- 11.b Policies, Plans, Resilience
- 11.c Financial, Tech Assistance
Expected outcomes of Habitat III

- Political Declaration of UN Member States?
- The New Urban Agenda (NUA)
- Monitoring & reporting framework
- New „UN architecture“ for the sub-national level
- Countless (bilateral) initiatives, projects, agreements
- More ??

Oct. 2016 Quito
Key outcomes of Habitat III (?)

- Political Declaration of UN Member States

- The New Urban Agenda (NUA)
  - Intensive preparations
  - Regional and thematic prep-events
  - 10 Policy units
  - We wait for the „Zero draft“

- New „UN architecture“
  - Behind closed doors

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Quito
1. **(New) Sustainable Urban Agenda:**
   - NUA as universal driving frame to achieve a rapid implementation of SDG 11 and other SDGs
   - Visions for integrated, cross-sectoral policies and instruments
   - Aalborg Charta, Leipzig Charta, Basque Declaration.... = European input

2. **Outline for engagement of all levels of government**
   - Strengthening, empowering, capacitating local & regional level
   - Fiscal strength and (direct) access to finances
   - Embedding sub-national level in global governance
   - inter-municipal & trans-regional city cooperation

3. **Commitments for national sustainable urban planning**
   - Subsidiarity principle
   - Democratic multi-level government cooperation
   - Enabling conditions (policies, instruments, incentives....) for local action
   - Secured participation and stakeholder involvement, civil society
Key items for the New Urban Agenda II

4. **Transformative power of the NUA**
   - rapid and radical action (ICLEI World Congress 2009)
   - ambitions for transforming systems
   - ICLEI’s Transformative Action Program
   - mandatory sustainability management
   - ICLEI calls for “10,000 New Urban Agendas till 2030”

**TAP**
Transformative Actions Program

*TAP the potential of local and subnational climate action*

= One of ICLEI’s contributions
Key items for the New Urban Agenda III

5. Monitoring and reporting framework
   - SDG and Habitat III monitoring need joint framework
   - Which indicators help local and global performance tracking?

“The New Urban Agenda must be a universally applicable political, implementation-oriented document that motivates and mobilises member states and other relevant players to push for sustainable development at the local level. (German position)”
ICLEI’s 10 Urban Agendas help to implement the New Urban Agenda

- Sustainable Cities
  - Low Carbon Cities
  - Resource efficient & productive Cities
  - BiodiverCities
  - Smart Cities
- Sustainable Cities & Regions
- Sustainable Economy & SPP
- Resilient Cities
- EcoMobile Cities
- Happy&Healthy Cities
New “UN architecture”

1. How will UN agencies coordinate among themselves „about cities“? („UN Cities“ ??)

2. Future role of UN-Habitat?
   - New mandate?
   - Extended scope (also relevant for Europe?)
   - Reduction to technical support body on urban planning?
   - more frequent Habitat Conferences?

3. UN-System and local & regional governments
   - Mandate? Composition? Role of networks?
   - Anchored within UN-Habitat? To UN SG? To UN High Level Forum?
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Positions on UN-local dialogue mechanism

- Needs strengthened mandate
- No contin. of „UNACLA“
- For dialogue & consultations
- Linked to SDG implementation
- Bottom up and not top down
- Supporting cooperation of global networks
- Model: Committee of Regions
Further ideas

1. **UN Decade of Sustainable Urbanization**  
   (ICLEI 2012)

2. **International Panel on Sustainable Urbanization**  
   - model of IPCC  
   - (recent success: IPCC will make special report on local climate action)

3. **Local Government Global Task Force (GTF)**  
   - cooperation UCLG, ICLEI, other networks
Towards Quito (2016)

Consultations & negotiations in NY

German Habitat Forum, 1-2 June, Berlin

Last Prep Com in Surabaya

UN General Assembly Cities Day

Governmental negotiations

May
June
July
August
Sept

17-22 Oct. 2016 Quito
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Inter-governmental negotiations

Partners negotiations

THE CITY WE NEED

Urban Thinkers Campuses

Thematic Statements

Constituent Groups Statements

Country Partners Statements

National Urban Campaigns

Policy Units

Issue Papers

National reports

Regional reports

Zero Draft (April 2016)

CWN 1.0 (March 2014)

CWN 2.0 (March 2016)
ICLEI in Quito (16 – 20 October)

- **UCLG World Congress in Bogota**
- **2nd World Assembly of Local and Regional Governments**
- **Resilient Cities Day**
- **100% RE Cities Day**
- **EcoMobility Alliance**
- **ICLEI Council meeting**
- **Governmental negotiations**

**Timeline:**
- **12-15**
- Sunday, 16 Oct
- Monday, 17 Oct
- Tuesday, 18 Oct
- Wednesday, 19 Oct
- Thursday, 20 Oct
Local Action is key

Whatever will happen towards and in Quito, we - local and regional governments - will continue to drive transformation and local renewal processes as outlined in the Basque Declaration.
More information

Series of Briefing Sheets
- Available for translation

Background information for delegation

(ICLEI) Position documents

Updates in ICLEI Inews

Information on COP 21
ICLEI Strategic Plan 2015-2021
6 – 8 July 2016, Bonn
Global Forum for tracking „Resilience“ in SDG 11

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