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Side Event 10

How to develop a multi-stakeholder social contract for effective delivery of the New Urban Agenda and the SDGs



Monday, 5 June 2023, 18:15 – 19:15



Conference Room 7

SUMMARY

The need for inclusive, effective, and meaningful multi-stakeholder engagement as integral to successful outcomes is agreed in principle. However, very little work has been done in developing a concrete framework of identifying principles, priorities, processes, partners, and platforms for operationalising authentic multilateralism, the overarching theme of the second UN Habitat Assembly. While there have been several practices and innovations within UN Habitat and among partners, there is a need to bring together key players to arrive at a workable consensus on moving forward towards deliverable and measurable impact. The event will draw on key UN Habitat documents and practices, the Declaration of the First Global Stakeholder Forum on "A New Social Compact for the New Urban Agenda", a successful side event at the last UNHA on SDGs and New Urban Agenda, and the draft UN Habitat Stakeholder policy and UN system wide innovations following the UN Secretary General's call for a new social contract. In addition to an appraisal of significant new thinking, there has been greater development of strategic partnerships in the implementation of Sustainable Urban Agenda (especially SDG 11). This Side Event is intended to complement the wider discussions at the Second Global Stakeholder forum, and to feed into the UN Habitat Assembly proceedings and serve as preparation for upcoming events such as HLPF and WUF 12.

The meeting is organised by the University of East London, a long-standing UN Habitat partner that has carried out recent NIHR funded research and application on creating a new social contract in tandem with the local authorities in Newham, London. The event is co-organised by Huairou commission, grassroots women's organisation; Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST) a leading Africa urban partner; Habitat International Coalition, (HIC) and Housing Rights Land Network (HRLN); and the Global Land Tool Network (GLTN).

Thus, the event will hear the expertise and authentic perspectives of diverse stakeholders towards common objectives:

1. To bring together all relevant and diverse stakeholders to deliberate and dialogue on inclusive and effective multi-stakeholder participation in fulfilling SDGs and NUA targets.
2. To provide a better understanding of how the UN Habitat Stakeholder Engagement Policy and Mechanism could be put into practice in a manner that captures the potential and perspectives of stakeholders.
3. To consider best practices that inform the framework of a new social contract for sustainable urban development.



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