

United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)
First Session of the Preparatory Committee
New York, 17 and 18 September 2014

Side Event Application Form

To be sent to: habitat3secretariat@un.org (no later than 15 August 2014)

1. **Title:** Civil society and local government's expectations for Habitat III.
2. **Outline (max 100 words):** Cross-sector dialogue of civil society and local government networks with national authorities and UN agency representatives. Objectives/moments will be: (a) Present civil society and local government's expectations and proposals for the New Habitat Agenda and Habitat III; (b) Discuss a shared vision and methodology to guarantee substantive civil society and local governments involvement and participation in the Habitat III process, at local, national, regional and international levels; (c) Share current work and upcoming activities on the Global Platform for the Right to the City with a focus on Habitat III, inviting interested institutions to join and contribute.
3. **To what extent the event will be relevant to Habitat III and Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (max 60 words):** Participants have long housing/urban policy and problem-solving experience with our worldwide constituents. They have been fundamental to the Habitat I and Habitat II processes, defining related normative frameworks, informing public policies at all levels, as well as analyzing, training, multi-actor awareness raising and mobilizing around habitat-related human rights and the right to the city. This event ensures that contribution's continuity.
4. **Number and names of other organizations/institutions involved in organizing and/or hosting the proposed event:**
 - a. Habitat International Coalition-Housing and Land Rights Network (HIC-HLRN)
 - b. Polis Institute, National Forum for Urban Reform, National Front of Mayors, Brazilian Association of Municipalities (Brazil)
 - c. United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), Commission on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights
 - d. Habitat for Humanity
 - e. Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Network (ESCR-Net)
 - f. Women in Informal Employment Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO)
 - g. Huairou Commission
 - h. Hunter College for Community Planning & Development
 - i. Ford Foundation
 - j. Action Aid
5. **Preferred date and time slot for the proposed event:** 18 September, 13:30–14:30 h.
6. **Organizer information: Habitat International Coalition (HIC)**

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