



May 28, 2014

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

2014 INTEGRATION SEGMENT

27-29 MAY 2014

PROGRAMME

DAY I (Tuesday, 27 May)

10:00 – 11:00

Opening of the Integration Segment

Opening remarks by the Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, His Excellency Vladimir Drobnyak (Croatia)

Address by the President of the General Assembly of the sixty-eighth session, His Excellency John W. Ashe (Antigua and Barbuda), to be delivered by Her Excellency Isabelle Picco (Monaco), Vice-President of the General Assembly

Address by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, His Excellency Ban Ki-moon

Keynote Addresses

His Excellency Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda

His Excellency Angelino Garzon, Vice-President of Colombia

His Excellency Michael Bloomberg, former Mayor of New York City and the United Nations Special Envoy for Cities and Climate Change

Mr. Joan Clos, Executive Director, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

Statements on the flooding in Bosnia Herzegovina, Croatia and Serbia

His Excellency Zlatco Lagumdžija, Deputy Chair of the Council of Ministers and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina (*video message*)

Her Excellency Vesnu Pusić, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Croatia (*video message*)

Her Excellency Kori Udovički, Deputy Prime Minister, and the Minister of Public Administration and Local Self-Government of Serbia (*statement delivered by His Excellency Milan Milanović, Permanent Representative of Serbia to the United Nations; video message on ECOSOC website*)

11:00 – 13:00

Panel discussion on “How can urbanization policies promote integration of economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development?”

Focus/questions:

How can urbanization be a tool for the integration of economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development? What are the short-term policy choices, the resulting trade-offs and longer-term gains inherent in an integrated and balanced approach to sustainable urbanization? What role can big urbanization data play in policy integration?

Keynote Address:

His Excellency Kadir Topbaş, Mayor of Istanbul, Turkey, and President of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)

Moderator:

Professor Eugenie Birch, Urban Research and Education, the University of Pennsylvania School of Design

Panelists:

1. Mr. Josep Roig, Secretary-General, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)
2. Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw, Deputy Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
3. Ms. Skye Dobson, Executive Director, ACTogether Uganda, Slum Dwellers International
4. Mr. David Post, Executive Manager, Global Smarter Cities, IBM

13:15 – 14:45

Side events

Organized by Member States, UN system and civil society

15:00 – 17:00

Panel discussion on “Cities as drivers of sustainable development”

Focus/questions:

How can cities become drivers of sustainable development? What are the perspectives from megacities of Asia? What kinds of investments are required for cities to become drivers of sustainable development? How can sustainable urbanization address the issue of integration between rural and urban sectors? What is culture’s and tourism’s contribution to achieving sustainable urbanization?

Keynote Address:

Her Excellency Anka Mrak-Taritaš, Minister of Construction and Physical Planning, Croatia

Moderator:

Mr. Andrew Reynolds (United States), Chairperson of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD)

Panelists:

1. Mr. Shri Karan Bir Singh Sidhu, Joint Secretary of Housing, Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, India
2. Mr. Hans d’Orville, Assistant Director-General for Strategic Planning, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
3. Professor Saskia Sassen, Robert S. Lynd Professor of Sociology; Co-Chair of the Committee on Global Thought, Columbia University
4. Professor Yang Kaizhong, Peking University, China
5. Mr. Peter Calthorpe, Principal, Calthorpe Associates, Urban Designers, Planners and Architects

Discussants:

Professor Günter Meinert, Programme Manager, German Development Cooperation, Germany

Ms. Lorena Zárate, Habitat International Coalition

17:00 – 18:00

General debate

DAY 2 (Wednesday, 28 May)

10:00 – 11:50

Interactive dialogue on “Urban prosperity and urban inequalities”

Focus/questions:

What are the components of an inclusive urbanization for promoting equality? How can sustainable urbanization policies address the issue of inequalities in access to basic public services in practice? What are some

practical approaches to crime prevention in urbanization?

Moderator:

Ms. Aisa Kirabo Kacyira, Deputy Executive Director, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

Speakers:

1. His Excellency Mpho Parks Tau, Mayor of Johannesburg, South Africa (*via video-link*)
2. Mr. Paul Carrasco, Prefect of Azuay, Ecuador
3. Ms. Zoubida Allaoua, Acting Vice President and Network Head, Sustainable Development, World Bank
4. Ms. Carmen Griffiths, Executive Director, Construction Resource and Development Center, Kingston, Jamaica (Representing Women Major Group)

Discussant

His Excellency Dr. Michal Mlynár, Permanent Representative of Slovakia to UN agencies in Nairobi and Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR) to UN-Habitat

11:50 – 12:00

Keynote Address: Urbanization as Opportunity

Paul Romer, Professor of Economics, Stern School of Business, New York University; Director, Urbanization Project

12:00 – 13:00

General debate

13:15 – 14:45

Side events

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15:00 – 18:00

Panel discussion on “Sustainable urbanization in Africa”

Focus/questions:

What are the specific challenges of urbanization in Africa? How can sustainable urbanization address the rural-urban divide?

Moderator:

Mr. Maged Abdelaziz, Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa

Panelists:

1. His Excellency Akwasi Opong-Fosu, Minister for Local Government and Rural Development, Ghana
2. Her Excellency Jacqueline Moustache-Belle, Mayor of Victoria, Seychelles, and Co-President of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)
3. His Excellency Amiri Nondo, Mayor of Morogoro, United Republic of Tanzania
4. His Excellency Ambassador Lazarous Kapambwe, Special Advisor on Economic Affairs to the Chairperson of the African Union Commission
5. Mr. Abouhani Moulay Abdelghani, Director General of Urbanization, Architecture and Planning, Morocco

Discussant

Dr. Susan Parnell, Professor of Environmental and Geographical Sciences at the University of Cape Town

DAY 3 (Thursday, 29 May)

10:00 – 11:30

Thematic discussion on “Effective governance, policy-making and planning for sustainable urbanization”

Focus/questions:

What are various models of urban management that fit different national and regional contexts? How other levels of government can support cities in being ‘real’ integrators? What kind of institutional structures are

necessary for effective governance, policy-making and planning for sustainable urbanization?

Introduction of the report of the Secretary-General on the Thematic Debate

Moderator:

Mr. Berry Vrbanovic, Vice-President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities; Councilor of Kitchener, Canada; Deputy Treasurer of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)

Speakers:

1. Her Excellency Angela Brown-Burke, Mayor of Kingston, Jamaica
2. Professor Hassan Radoine, Central Director of Architecture and Urban Planning, Ministry of Urban and Territorial Planning, Morocco
3. Ms. Clara Irazabal Zurita, Director of Latin Lab; Assistant Professor of Urban Planning, Columbia University

11:30 – 13:00

Imagining the cities of the future- Solutions, innovations and partnerships for sustainable urbanization

In this session, speakers will present their visions and/or solutions for the cities of the future. If time permits, questions will be taken from the audience.

Focus/questions:

What would future cities look like? With the fast pace of urbanization in Asia, what is the vision for future cities? What are some innovations and partnerships for sustainable urbanization?

Moderator:

Professor Urs P. Gauchat, Dean of College of Architecture and Design, New Jersey Institute of Technology, and Founding Director, Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization

Speakers:

1. Mr. Holger Dalkmann, Director, Embarq, World Resources Institute
2. Mr. Lance J. Brown, President of American Institute of Architects (AIA) New York Chapter, and Founding Director, Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization
3. Dr. Janice Perlman, Founder & President of the Mega-Cities Project
4. Dr. Kalpana Viswanath, Founder, Safetipin
5. Ms. Rose Molokoane, Coordinator, Slum Dwellers International

13:15 – 14:45

Side events

Organized by Member States, UN system and civil society

15:00 – 16:15

A conversation on sustainable urbanization

Keynote Address:

Her Excellency Anne Hidalgo, Mayor of Paris and Co-President of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)

Moderator:

Ms. Afaf Konja, Spokesperson for the President of 68th session of the United Nations General Assembly

Participants:

1. His Excellency Akwasi Opong-Fosu, Minister for Local Government and Rural Development, Ghana
2. Her Excellency Anne Hidalgo, Mayor of Paris, France, and Co-President of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)
3. Dr. Patrick Ho Chi Ping, Secretary-General, China Energy Fund Committee
4. Mr. Don Chen, Just Cities, Ford Foundation
5. Mr. Gary Lawrence, Corporate Vice President and Chief Sustainability Officer, AECOM
6. Mr. Richard Florida, Professor, University of Toronto and New York University; Senior Editor, The Atlantic

16:15 - 17:45

The Way Forward

Keynote address by Mr. Joan Clos on HABITAT III: The way forward towards a 2016 urban agenda

Richard Florida, Professor, University of Toronto and New York University; Senior Editor, The Atlantic , to moderate a discussion on the way forward in sustainable urbanization, including a live video connection with the following participants of the Mayors Adaptation Forum at the Resilient Cities Congress hosted by ICLEI in Bonn, Germany:

His Excellency, Mr. Paul Lindvall, Mayor of Linköping, Sweden

Mr. David Cadman, President of ICLEI

Mr. Tikender Singh Panwar, Deputy Mayor, Shimla, India

Mr. Mussa Natty, Municipal Director, Kinondoni Municipal Council, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania

17:45 - 18:00

Closing Remarks by

H.E. Mr. Vladimir Drobnjak, Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council