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Session 3 - Parallel Session

The New Urban Agenda: strengthening contribution of Local Authorities and Civil Society Organisations in its implementation

Background

The New Urban Agenda was adopted in Quito in 2016. This same year, the European Union established the Urban Agenda for the EU. Both documents call for realising the full potential of cities and territories by working towards enhanced urban governance, and inclusive and sustainable growth for human development.

Two years after its adoption, the New Urban Agenda is now being implemented on the ground, along with the SDGs and other global development agendas. Because of the growing links between global and local challenges, local governments and civil society organisations play a key role in the achievement of the New Urban Agenda's overarching goals. Its implementation requires full ownership at the local level, both by a dynamic civil society and city governments.

However, the achievement of the New Urban Agenda will not be possible without empowered local and regional governments with adequate political, administrative and fiscal decentralisation. It will also require a robust multi-stakeholder governance allowing reinforced CSOs having a seat at the table.

Therefore, the partnerships between the EU, Associations of Local Authorities and CSOs are essential to strengthen the capacities of all stakeholders involved, empowering them and catalysing our impact towards more effective development outcomes

Objectives of the session

This parallel session will explore how Local Authorities (LAs) and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) contribute to the implementation of the New Urban Agenda building on their Partnership with the EU.

Expected Results

Recommendations are made to strengthen the role and responsibility of CSOs and LAs in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and its overarching goal. These recommendations will build on the guiding questions that will be addressed during the session, both by representatives of the EC and the FPAs. These proposals will be designed to ensure future follow up.

Moderator

- Jean-Baptiste Buffet, Senior Policy Adviser, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)

Panellists

- Paolo Ciccarelli, Head of Unit, Local Authorities, Cities, Infrastructure, Digitalisation, Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission
- William Cobbett, Director, Cities Alliance
- Mpho Moruakgomo, President, Botswana Association of Local Authorities (BALA)

Rapporteur:**Background documents**

- New Urban Agenda
<http://habitat3.org/wp-content/uploads/NUA-English.pdf>
- The New Urban Agenda: World City Report 2016-2017
http://nua.unhabitat.org/uploads/WCRFullReport2016_EN.pdf
- European Urban Agenda - Pact of Amsterdam
https://ec.europa.eu/futurium/en/system/files/ged/pact-of-amsterdam_en.pdf