Future of Places

URBAN THINKERS CAMPUS

PUBLIC SPACE IN THE NEW URBAN AGENDA

STOCKHOLM  29 JUNE – 1 JULY 2015
DESIGN AND PRODUCTION:
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Public Space in the New Urban Agenda

The Future of Places is a forum for public space, providing a platform for an international conference series and a movement for policy advocacy. The objective of the Future of Places is to discuss the importance of public space and the impact it can have on the New Urban Agenda, in particular the discussions leading up to the Third United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) in 2016.

The Future of Places is a multi-stakeholder initiative established by UN-Habitat, Ax:son Johnson Foundation and Project for Public Spaces. The forum is an alliance of over 500 organisations and more than 1500 individuals from over 100 countries. In a multidisciplinary approach, it convenes the leading global thinkers, decision makers, practitioners, civil society and private sector representatives that understand the transformative impact that public space can have in a city and are striving to ensure that public space is at the forefront of the urban agenda.

The Urban Thinkers Campus “Public Space in the New Urban Agenda” is hosted by the Future of Places with the support of UN-Habitat, PPS, SDI, Citynet and INU in Stockholm 29 June – 1 July 2015. The campus will draw on the earlier experience and knowledge of the Future of Places forum for public space. In joining efforts with other World Urban Campaign partners, we hope the campus will provide a platform for discussing public space in the New Urban Agenda that will be decided at Habitat III in 2016, but also in other important global processes such as the Post 2015 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP21/CMP11). The programme this year will therefore focus on debating and drafting recommendations for these processes.
Habitat III

Habitat III is the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development to take place in Quito, Ecuador, from 17 – 20 October 2016. In line with the bi-decennial cycle, the United Nations General Assembly decided to convene, the Habitat III Conference to reinvigorate the global commitment to sustainable urbanization, to focus on the implementation of a “New Urban Agenda”, building on the Habitat Agenda of Istanbul in 1996.

UN MEMBER STATES DECIDED that the objective of the Conference are to secure renewed political commitment for sustainable urban development, assess accomplishments to date, address poverty and identify and address new and emerging challenges. The conference will result in a concise, focused, forward-looking and action-oriented outcome document.

THE CONFERENCE WELCOMES the participation and contributions of all Member States and relevant stakeholders, including parliamentarians, civil society organizations, regional and local government and municipality representatives, professionals and researchers, academia, foundations, women and youth groups, trade unions, and the private sector, as well as organizations of the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations.

HABITAT III WILL BE ONE OF the first United Nations global summits after the adoption of the Post-2015 Development Agenda and, hopefully, a new climate change agreement. It offers a unique opportunity to discuss the important challenge of how cities, towns and villages are planned and managed, in order to fulfill their role as drivers of sustainable development, and hence shape the implementation of new global development and climate change goals.
The World Urban Campaign partners agreed to contribute to the Habitat III Conference by engaging the international community, public, private, and civil society partners to contribute to the new Global Urban Agenda through a consensus document that describes «The City We Need.»

This document is a collective contribution of committed partners united by shared goals and a common vision of the city for the 21st century. It sets key principles and establishes essential paths for building a New Urban Agenda towards the Habitat III Conference.

The Campaign partners are questioning what direction global urban development will take in the coming 20 years, and what shall guide governments, their partners, and the international community to prepare for the urban future.

They need to provide pertinent answers as the 20-year anniversary of the Habitat Agenda looms, and while critical urban trends lead to increased segregation, inequality, and environmental degradation, making the urban agenda a global priority.
Together Towards Habitat III
The Urban Thinkers Campus is an initiative of UN-Habitat conceived as an open space for critical exchange between urban actors who believe that urbanization is an opportunity and can lead to positive urban transformations. It is also intended as a platform to build consensus between partners engaged in addressing urbanization challenges and proposing solutions to urban futures.

The first Urban Thinkers in Campus was organized on the theme ‘The City We Need’, and brought together urban thinkers and established UN-Habitat partner organizations and constituencies to reflect on current urban challenges and trends and to propose a new paradigm. The new paradigm will be a contribution to the New Urban Agenda, which will be delivered at the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) in 2016.

The Urban Thinkers Campus “Public Space in the New Urban Agenda” organized by the Future of Places is meant to contribute to the ‘The City We Need’ through the outcome document ‘Public Space for the City We Need’.
Campus structure

**URBAN THINKERS SESSIONS**  In the spirit of sharing, the Urban Thinkers Sessions will allow a high level of exchange through thematic discussions. Urban Thinkers Sessions are open to all participants and will feed the debate on key issues in order to contribute to a new urban paradigm. Leading scholars and practitioners will share their expertise during these sessions.

**URBAN LABS**  In the spirit of learning, the Urban Labs explore new practices and models that can inspire participants in their thinking. While the labs focus on new thinking and innovation, emphasis is often put on implementation of new models. This underscores the importance of bringing possible implementing partners around the table. For example, in the Academic sessions, thematic debates (Children, Economy, Environment, Gender, Health, Heritage, Security, Urban Form) focus on the link between research, policy and practice.

**CONSTITUENT GROUP DRAFTING SESSIONS**  Constituent Group Drafting Sessions is organized along partners’ constituent groups (Government, Professionals, Academia & Researchers, Civil Society & Grassroots organizations, Private Sector & Foundations), in which urban thinkers will debate and brainstorm with their peers on the theme of the Campus. These constituent groups meet every day, in the style of a caucus, in order to reflect on inputs, debate and decide on the key messages of that constituency. The Constituent Group Drafting Sessions provide a space for members of the constituencies to be on the same page in terms of policy and advocacy. These sessions should ultimately produce detailed and comprehensive position documents, which can inform the New Urban Agenda (see annexes 1–4).

**THE CITY WE NEED DEBATE**  The Urban Thinkers Campus is an outcome driven event that are related to the global partners’ process for Habitat III. As such, it is important that participants are prepared for this process before the starting of the Campus (see annexes 1–4). In addition to the written work in the Constituent Group Drafting Sessions, participants should be ready to produce a detailed joint “Public Space for the City We Need” document, as a collective position of the constituencies represented at the Campus. The framework for the outcome document will be addressed in a series of panels (High level, UN agencies, Academic chairs and Constituent Group chairs) and the drafting process will be facilitated by a Drafting Committee representing all constituencies.
Campus Venue

The Urban Thinkers Campus “Public Space in the New Urban Agenda” will be hosted by the Future of Places at Elite Hotel Marina Tower. The venue is located in the Stockholm urban area in the neighbouring municipality of Nacka. The area, known as “Saltsjöqvarn” is located where the city meets the archipelago with stunning views over the inlet “Saltsjön”, the green islands of the inner archipelago and the most central new and old parts of Stockholm. The activity at the mill of Saltsjöqvarn was set up in 1861 and the current building was finalised in 1890 by architect A W Bergström. The mill was closed down in 1988 and was developed in 2010 to fit a hotel and conference venue along with 450 new apartments.
Events and venue details

Rooms parallel sessions

1) Manngrynskvarnen  
2) Saltsjökvarn  
3) Waldemarsudde  
4) Prins Eugens salong  
5) Saltsjön  
6) Danviken  
7) Stadshuset  
8) Solliden  
9) Seglora  
10) Skansen

Plenaries: Gyllene salen
Networking events

**Sunday 28 June, 19:00:**
Reception hosted by the city of Stockholm at the City Hall.

**Monday 29 June, 18.00:**
Drinks and dinner at conference venue.

**Tuesday 30 June, 18:00:**
Boat trip and conference dinner at Artipelag.

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**Location**

**Address:**
Elite Marina Tower
Saltsjöqvarns Kaj 25
SE-131 71 Nacka
+46 8 555 702 00
info.marinatower@elite.se

**Transport:**

*Bus 53 – From T-Centralen to Saltsjöqvarn every 10 minutes*
www.sl.se

*Boats – From Nybroplan to Saltsjöqvarn every 30 minutes*
www.sl.se

*Taxi – Telephone: +468 300 000, +468 850 400 or +468 150 000*
# Campus programme

## SUNDAY, 28 JUNE

**RECEPTION CITY HALL**
19:00

## MONDAY, 29 JUNE

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**COFFEE**

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**THE CITY WE NEED DEBATE** *The History and Future of Places*

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### URBAN LAB  *Speed Presentations*

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### DRINKS
18:00-19:00

### BARBEQUE
19:00-21:00

## TUESDAY, 30 JUNE

### REGISTRATION
08:00-08:45

### DRAFTING COMMITTEE
08:45-09:00  *Report from Day 1*  Inga Björk-Klevby  
*Moderator: Tigran Haas*<br>*Rapporteur: Kyle Farrell*  
*Room: Gyllene salen*

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### URBAN THINKERS SESSION  
**Problems in Paradise**

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**Rapporteur:** Ryan Locke

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**Academic Sessions**

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### LUNCH
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WEDNESDAY, 1 JULY

REGISTRATION
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DRAFTING COMMITTEE
08:45-09:00  Report from Day 2  Inga Björk-Klevby
Moderator: Tigran Haas
Rapporteur: Kyle Farrell
Room: Gyllene salen

URBAN THINKERS SESSIONS  Informal Settlements
09:00–09:20  Learning from squatters, smugglers and street vendors  Robert Neuwirth
Moderator: Tigran Haas
Rapporteur: Sofie Rådestad
Room: Gyllene salen
09:20–09:40  Density, Ecology and Human Settlements  Arif Hasan

COFFEE
15:40–16:00

URBAN LABS  The social life in cities  Complete streets
10:20–10:40  Social Life of Urban Form: Size, Density, Diversity  The Street at Eye Level
Speaker: Fran Tonkiss  Speaker: Hans Karssenberg
10:40–11:00  Planning with policy  Social Life and Movement in Cities
Speaker: Kate Jones  Speaker: Andres Borthagaray
11:00–11:20  Streets and Social Life in Cities  The Vision Zero
Speaker: Vikas Mehta  Speaker: John Massengale
11:20–11:30  Debate
Moderator: Tigran Haas
Rapporteur: Ryan Locke
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Moderator: Charles Bohl
Rapporteur: Elahe Karimnia
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**THE CITY WE NEED DEBATE**

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Participants

SPEAKERS

ANDRES BORTHAGARAY, IVM
Andrés Borthagaray is Director of the Strategic Planning Council in the City of Buenos Aires and Director of the Latin American program of the City on the Move Institute, IVM. His experience is mainly focused on the link between mobility systems and the daily life of the inhabitants.

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Project Leader, World Urban Campaign at UN-Habitat. 20 years at the international and national levels in urban issues: urban policy analysis, partnership building, private sector partnerships, urban monitoring, capacity-building etc. She graduated 1993 from the Institute Francais d’Urbanisme.
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PANELISTS

ANGELIQUE NIREBERAHO, Vice Mayor of Kibeho City
Angelique Nireberaho is the Vice Mayor of Kibeho City in Rwanda.

CINDY J. SMITH, UNICRI Research Institute
Recently appointed Director of UNICRI, Cindy J. Smith, brings a wealth of experience in the field of criminology and justice issues, policy making, strategic planning and education. Prior to this she was the Senior Coordinator for International Programs in the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons at the United States Department of State. She holds a PhD from UC Irvine.

CARLOS DORA, WHO
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Jean-Luc Lemahieu serves as UNODC’s Director of Policy Analysis and Public Affairs. He has worked with the agency for
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