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Carmen Sánchez-Miranda, Head of the UN-Habitat Office for Spain



Carmen is a specialist in Development, with work areas oriented to democratic governance and sustainable cities. She has a degree in Economics from the University of Salamanca, in Spain, a Master's Degree in Political Science from FLACSO in Ecuador and is Gender Studies Graduate from the University Rafael Landívar in Guatemala. She has over twenty years of experience in the fields of Development and International Cooperation, of which ten have been dedicated to programmes management in Latin America. She has worked in multilateral organizations such as the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), bilateral cooperation agencies such as the Spanish Agency of International Cooperation for Development (AECID), private foundations such as the Club of Madrid, and various international consulting institutions. She currently works for the United Nations Human Settlements Program (UN-HABITAT) as Head of the UN Habitat Office in Spain.

Miguel de los Toyos, Deputy Councillor of Territorial Planning and Urban Agenda of the Basque Government



He studied Law at the University of the Basque Country and began working in 1991 in a leading law firm in Eibar. In 1995 he became a councillor in Eibar, combining his work with municipal politics until 1999, when he began to focus exclusively on municipal politics, progressively taking on responsibilities in Services, Finance, Building Works and Town Planning, and from 2003 onwards he was spokesperson for the government team. In 2008 he was appointed Mayor of Eibar, a position he has held until his current appointment as Deputy Councillor of Territorial Planning and Urban Agenda of the Basque Government in 2021.

OPENING SESSION

Shipra Narang Suri, Chief Urban Practices Branch UN-Habitat



Shipra Narang Suri is an urban planner with a PhD in Post-War Recovery Studies from the University of York, UK. Since 2017, she coordinates UN-Habitat's Urban practices Branch. Shipra has extensive experience in advising national and local governments, as well as private sector organisations and networks, on issues of urban planning and management, good urban governance and indicators, liveability and sustainability

of cities, urban safety, women and cities, as well as post-conflict/ post-disaster recovery. She is the former co-Chair of the World Urban Campaign, a platform that brings together a large array of global organisations to advocate for sustainable urbanisation, and the former Vice-President of the General Assembly of Partners, a platform established to bring stakeholder voices to Habitat III and in the drafting of the New Urban Agenda. She is also a former Vice-President of ISOCARP, the International Society of City and Regional Planners.

SESSION 1 | RETHINKING URBAN REGENERATION: CURRENT CHALLENGES

Moderator

Katja Schäfer, Inter-Regional Advisor, UN-Habitat



As an Architect and Urban Development Practitioner, Katja Schäfer has more than 20 years of professional experience in teaching, research, analytical and advisory services and programme administration in the fields of housing, urban development and management, institutional development and capacity building. Her wide expertise is in innovative, participatory and responsive solutions to urbanization challenges through socially and culturally acceptable, economic viable and environmentally sustainable interventions that take into consideration physical, legislative and financial aspects. She has been working with UN-Habitat for more than 15 years, in field, regional and headquarter functions. Katja has been leading Subprogramme 1 of UN-Habitat's Strategic Plan 2020 - 2023 focusing on reduced poverty and spatial inequality in urban and rural communities as well as two of UN-Habitat's global flagship programmes focusing on inclusive and vibrant neighborhoods and communities as well as people-centred smart cities. In this context since January 2021, Katja Schäfer has been leading the United Nations Innovation Technology Accelerator for Cities (UNITAC Hamburg) ad interim.

Speakers

Climate Change Adaptation

Oscar Carracedo, Director Designing Resilience Global Network and Director of Resilient and Sustainable Cities Design and Planning, Research and Development Lead, SOG



Oscar Carracedo García-Villalba is an Architect, Urbanist, Educator and expert in digital transformation and business development. He is currently director of the Designing Resilience Global Network, where he develops his research and consultancy work on regenerative urban design, climate resilience, sustainability, integrated urban planning, and informal urbanism practices and processes. He is the author of numerous books and articles, and he has been invited to present as a keynote speaker in 14 countries worldwide. Oscar was also the

CEO of CSArchitects, an urban planning, urban design and architecture firm based in Barcelona, Spain. Spanning over 20 years of international professional experience, he has been responsible for more than 60 masterplans and urban-scale commissions, an extensive number of projects and consultancies in urban design, site, physical and spatial planning, over a dozen architecture and public space projects, as well as many projects with underprivileged communities.

Digital transformation

Bas Boorsma, Chief Digital Officer City of Rotterdam



Bas is a leading urban innovation and digitalization specialist & executive with 20 years of experience in the 'smart city' space. Bas serves as the CDO to the City of Rotterdam. In this capacity Bas is lead orchestrator, facilitator and ambassador to the city and its innovation ecosystem. He also serves as Professor of Practice at the Thunderbird School of Global Management at Arizona State University and is also Vice President EMEA of the Cities Today Institute and serves as Chief Innovation Officer at Change= (change-is.com), a fast-growing Living as a Service company. He also serves as Member of the Board, at the Smart City Association Italy (TSCAI). Bas is the author of the well acclaimed book "A New Digital Deal". (September 2017/February 2020 (revised 2020 edition) - www.anewdigitaldeal.com). Bas served in various global and regional leadership positions at Cisco (2007-2018). From 2015 to 2018, Bas served as Cisco's Digitization lead for the Northern European region at Cisco. In this capacity he managed a series of city engagements, leading the way on Internet of Things related innovations for, with and in cities.

Urban Health and Urban Regeneration

Carolyn Daher, Coordinator of the Urban Planning, Environment and Health Initiative, ISGlobal and Acting Director of the International Society for Urban Health



Carolyn Daher, public health specialist, has over 15 years of experience connecting research with implementation to build healthier communities. Carolyn has a B.A. in Environmental Studies (Brown University), Master in Public Health (Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School) and a Master in Psychosocial Intervention (University of Barcelona). She currently coordinates ISGlobal's Urban Planning, Health and Environment Initiative.

Culture and innovation as key pillars of sustainable development

Gabriella Gómez-Mont, Experimentalista



Gabriella Gómez-Mont is the former Chief Creative Officer of Mexico City, and the founder of Laboratorio para la Ciudad (2013 - 2018), the award-winning experimental arm of the Mexico City government. She now directs Experimentalista, a new type of nomadic and creative office specialized in cities – and that constantly shifts shape to accommodate high-level, transdisciplinary collaborations across the world. Besides her fascination with all things city, Gabriella is a journalist, visual artist, and director of documentary films, as well as a creative advisor to several cities, universities and companies. She has received several international recognitions for her work in different fields, such as the first prize in the Audi Urban Future Award, the Best Art Practice Award given by the Italian government, The Creative Bureaucrats Award by the German government, and the TED City 2.0 Prize, among others. She is a TED Senior Fellow, Yale World Fellow, MIT Director's Fellow, a FabricaAlumni and a World Cities Summit Young Leader. Gabriella is also part of the international advisory committee for the Mayor of Seoul on Social Innovation, as well as NACTO's Streets for Kids, The XXII Triennale of Milan, C40's Knowledge Hub, Harvard's Mexican Cities Initiative, Canada's MaRS Lab, NYU's Gov Lab and Nesta's research on the Future of Public Imagination.

Mobility

Liana Strydom, Assistant-Director of the Development Planning and Facilitation of the City of Johannesburg Municipality



Liana Strydom is an urban planner with 20 years' experience in local government spatial planning and implementation of programmes related to affordable housing, urban regeneration and transit-oriented development in the City of Johannesburg, South Africa. Her current focus is on developing guidelines for low emissions precincts in the local context.

Special guests respondents

Cerin Kizhakkethottam, Programme Development Branch at UN-Habitat



Cerin is an environmental lawyer specialised in integrating climate change adaptation, urban resilience and sustainable development into policies, strategies, and plans. Over the past 10 years, she serviced her expertise to various clients including the United Nations, international foundations, universities, and national and local governments across Europe, Sub-Saharan Africa, Asia and the Pacific. Through her previous role in UN ESCAP and UN-Habitat, Cerin organized and co-facilitated multiple workshops and regional training events building key urban stakeholder's capacity towards sustainable urban development, climate adaptation, disaster risk reduction, infrastructure resilience, systemic thinking, and evidence-based decision making. As a Sustainable and Resilient Cities Consultant in AECOM's Climate Change, Resilience and Sustainability Practice, Cerin works with major urban programs such as the World Bank City Resilience Program and the Green Cities Framework for the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. Additionally, she has developed knowledge products on financing disaster risk for prominent bodies such as the Asian Development Bank.

Nick Bailey, Emeritus Professor of Urban Regeneration at the University of Westminster



Nick Bailey has a Diploma in Urban and Regional Planning by the Oxford Brookes University and is a Master of Social Sciences by the University of Birmingham and is a member of the Royal Town Planning Institute. He has carried out several consultancy projects for local authorities, such as Brighton & Hove Council, and ran a customized training program on economic development and regeneration for SEEDA. From 2006 - 2008 he ran a major research project on creating and sustaining mixed tenure communities for the Joseph Rowntree that led to the publication of good practice guides for England and Scotland and other reports. In 2011 he developed an action plan for setting up a trust to manage the Wandle Valley Regional Park in South London. In 2015 I worked on an evaluating resident involvement in the Amicus Horizon Housing Association funded by the Department for Communities and Local Government.

SESSION 2 | ADDRESSING SPATIAL INEQUALITY: NEIGHBOURHOOD-BASED REGENERATION AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Moderator

Cecilia Andersson, Acting Chief, Planning Finance and Economy Section UN-Habitat



She is an urban and regional planner trained at the University of Stockholm, Sweden. Cecilia joined UN-Habitat in 2001 as a Human Settlements Officer with the Safer Cities Programme focusing on women and girls' safety in cities and covering Asia, Africa and Eastern Europe. In 2014, she moved to the Urban Planning and Design Branch of UN-Habitat as the Manager of the Global Public Space Programme, where she was closely involved with Block by Block, a project which integrated the computer game Minecraft into public space planning to get community members more involved.

Speakers

Local challenges and best practices

Ignacio de la Puerta, Territorial Planning and Urban Agenda of the Basque Country



Ignacio is an architect. He has combined his activity as an independent professional with the development of positions of responsibility in the public administration as Director of the Urban Planning Area and Office of the General Plan of Eibar City Council (1994-2007) and Director of Housing, Innovation and Control of the Basque Government (2009-2013). Subsequently, he was Director of Territorial Planning, Urban Planning and Urban Regeneration, until January 2021, when he became Director of Territorial Planning and Urban Agenda. This Directorate is responsible for processing land use planning instruments, promoting landscape planning and protection within the scope of land use planning instruments, processing urban planning instruments of its own competence, as well as those that develop land use planning determinations. It is also responsible for drawing up the basic official cartography of the Basque Government and coordinating the production of geographic information in the Administration of the Autonomous Community of the Basque Country.

Participatory mechanisms

Elanor Warwick, Head of Strategic Policy and Research, Clarion Housing Group



Elanor Warwick's career has spanned architecture, urban design, academic and operational research, aiming to shape national policy and embed good design practice. She is Head of Strategic Policy and Research for Clarion Housing Group, one of England's largest Housing Associations. Previously Head of Research at CABE, managing a diverse research programme across all sectors of the built environment and design process. Her research interests and publications cover estate regeneration, housing quality, new towns, Lifetime Neighbourhoods and measuring intangibles such as design, wellbeing and social value. She is a postgrad supervisor at UCL, Reading and Cambridge Universities, currently teaching housing to planners. Elanor is a member of the Edge, the Academy of Urbanism, an UDL Wise Friend and on the Cambridge Quality Panel. Her books and articles on defensible space and housing adaptability re-examine barriers to familiar concepts, as does investigation of POE/BPE addressing the design-performance gap.

Measuring neighbourhood change

Seema D. Iyer, Baltimore Neighborhood Indicators Alliance—Jacob France Institute



Seema D. Iyer is associate director and research assistant professor for the Jacob France Institute (JFI) in the University of Baltimore's Merrick School of Business. She is a recognized expert on strategic planning in community development; recent projects include the Equity Analysis of Baltimore City's Capital Improvement Plan, the McElderry Park Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Plan, and an evaluation of Baltimore City's Vacants to Value program. Seema oversees the Baltimore Neighborhood Indicators Alliance at JFI, which is also part of the Urban Institute's National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership of sites that provide longitudinal, community-based data on demographics, housing, crime, education and sustainability. From 2016-2017, she served as a consultant to the Baltimore Mayor's Office of Information Technology on the city's Open Data program.

Indicators for urban inequality

Alice Siragusa, Project Coordinator at the Joint Research Centre, European Commission



Alice holds a PhD in Regional and Urban Planning from Sapienza University of Rome, and a Master cum laude in Architecture and Urban Design from the University of Roma Tre. She is a researcher and coordinates the project "Localising SDGs". She works at the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission since 2015. In the Territorial Development Unit, she focuses on the knowledge support to urban policies and she has been co-editing and co-authoring "the Future of Cities" report (2019) and the "European Handbook for SDGs Voluntary Local Reviews" (2020). At the JRC, she had also been working on the Global Human Settlement Layer project contributing to the Human Planet 2016 and 2017 Atlases (2015-2017). She co-led the Habitat III Policy Unit 6 on Urban Spatial Strategies: Land Market and Segregation.

Preventing gentrification, promoting spatial justice

Ernesto López-Morales, Associate professor at the Department of Urban Planning, University of Chile



He has a PhD in Urban Planning from the University College London. He is a professor at the Department of Urbanism, University of Chile, in addition to being Principal Investigator in the project "Spatial capital, social complexity of the rent gap formation, and social stratification: a comparative analysis of gentrification in Santiago, Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro and Mexico City, 2005-2017" and Associate Researcher of the COES Project - Center for Conflict and Social Cohesion Studies (2015-2019). His line of research is the historical, morphological, and political configuration of the Latin American inner city, the political economy of the processes of spatial restructuring in Chilean and Latin American cities, the emergence and trajectories of urban-based social movements, and the various forms of urban gentrification in Latin American metropolitan centres.

Community interventions and bottom-up strategies

Daniela Patti, Managing Director at Eutropian



Daniela Patti is an Italian-British architect and urban planner. She has studied in Rome, London, Porto and holds a Ph.D. in urbanism from the Technical University of Vienna. Specialised in urban regeneration and environmental planning with a particular focus on metropolitan governance and collaborative planning, her recent research and projects' interest has been on the governance of peri-urban

landscape, the revitalisation of local food markets and new economic models for community-based urban development. She is co-founder and director of Eutropian Research & Action (eutropian.org) both in Rome and Vienna, an organisation supporting collaborative planning processes between public administrations and civic groups. She worked for the Rome Municipality in 2014-15, coordinating European projects such as the URBACT “Temporary Use as a Tool for Urban Regeneration” and since 2012 she is board member of the Wonderland Platform for European Architecture (wonderland.cx), running its collaborative planning series. She was a researcher at the Central European Institute of Technology in 2010-14, managing European projects related to urban regeneration and smart development. She has been guest lecturer in the University of Roma Tre, Tor Vergata and Universidad de Buenos Aires.

Special Guests respondents:

Jon Aguirre Such, URBACT



Jon is an architect-urban planner by the Higher Technical School of Architecture of Madrid (ETSAM-UPM) with a specialty in Urbanism, Planning and the Environment. He is the co-founder of the Integral Urban Planning Office ‘Paisaje Transversal’ and has experience in some of the most prestigious offices in Spain. His fields of expertise are digital tools, urban projects, participatory processes, and urban sociology.

Laura Petrella, Senior Programme Officer UN-Habitat



Laura trained in Italy as architect and specialized in urban and territorial planning in developing countries. She has 25 years of experience initially in research and then at UN-Habitat, where she has worked on slum upgrading, has been in charge of a major programme on Safer Cities (2002-2010) and has established the City Planning Extension and Design Unit (2012). She has several publications in her name or coordinated by her, including global guidelines of UN-Habitat on urban planning, public space and slum upgrading. She has worked in project implementation and advised national and local governments on urban development South Africa, Morocco, Senegal), Latin America (particularly Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, Haiti), Asia (Papua New Guinea, Cambodia, China, Philippines, India) and Europe (Italy, Serbia and planning issues in Africa (including Kenya, Tanzania, Burundi, Rwanda, Cameroon, Russia) as well as at global level.

Ines Sanchez de Madariaga, UNESCO Chair of Gender and Equality Policies in Science, Technology and Innovation and AGGI Advisory Group for Gender Inclusion for UN-Habitat (Spain)



Ines has over 30 years of professional experience, 20 of them in the field of gender equality in STEAM fields. She provides expert and strategic advice to governments at local, regional, and national levels, as well as to NGOs, intergovernmental and multilateral organizations, and private corporations, on how to promote gender equality and integrate gender dimensions in science, technology, education, city planning, service provision, and transportation. As Director of the Women and Science Unit during the Spanish Presidency of the European Union and Advisor to the European Commission, Ines was a leader in the process of integrating gender equality in European research and innovation, including negotiating the regulation of the framework program Horizon 2020. She is an advisor on gender issues to the Executive Director of UN-Habitat and her research and consultancy work on gender in city planning, transport, and architecture, has been pioneering in Europe.

SESSION 3 | INNOVATIVE FINANCE FOR URBAN REGENERATION

Moderator

Gonzalo Lacurcia Abreira, UN-Habitat Office in Spain



Architect from the Central University of Venezuela / MSc in Urbanism from the Technological University of Delft (Netherlands). Expert in strategic planning issues related to urban areas, urban and territorial planning, and housing. For more than 20 years, he has held various positions in the public sphere, and has developed projects with the private sector and with the third sector. Since 2016 he has worked as a senior consultant at the United Nations Human Settlements Program (UN-Habitat), first as part of the Urban Planning and Design LAB and later in the Division of Housing and Neighbourhood Improvement (both at headquarters Central Nairobi, Kenya), joining the UN-Habitat Office in Spain in 2018. He has collaborated in urban planning and housing projects in various countries, including Venezuela, Afghanistan, Ecuador and Spain.

Speakers

Policy frameworks

Laura Hagemann, Policy Officer for Territorial and Urban Development at European Commission



Laura Hagemann-Arellano holds a degree in Political Science from the Complutense University of Madrid and a Master in International Cooperation from the University of Antwerp.

She has worked as rapporteur for ERDF Programmes in the Spain unit of the Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy, as coordinator of territorial and urban actions. She currently holds the position of Director General for Regional and Urban Policy in DG REGIO of the European Commission.

Multi-level integration

Diane Le Roux, International cooperation officer at the National Agency of Urban Regeneration



Diane has a Master's Degree in Political Science and Government and in Urban Studies/Affairs by the Rennes Institute of Political Studies. From 2004 – 2006 she was Infrastructure and Urban Development Officer at the French Development Agency. She worked as Consultant - Management of public services, sustainable urban development at Nodalis Consulting since 2006 until she returned to the French Development Agency in 2012,

where she held various positions, as Project Manager -Urban Development, from 2016 - 2017 as Policy officer - External action of local authorities and until 2020 as responsible for the local elected representatives in the Partnerships Department, leading AFD's relations with French local authorities. She currently is International Cooperation Officer at the National Agency of Urban Regeneration.

Spanish Recovery Transformation and Resilience Plan and linkages with urban regeneration



Eduardo de Santiago, Technical Counselor for Land and Urban Policies, responsible for the Urban Vulnerability Observatory, Ministry of Transport, Mobility and Urban Agenda

Eduardo has a Degree and a PhD in Architecture by the Polytechnic University of Madrid. He has worked in the Ministries of Housing and Development and has participated in the drafting of several normative texts on urban planning, housing and rehabilitation, as well as in the

Energy Rehabilitation Strategy in the Building Sector in Spain (ERSESEE 2014, 2017 and 2020). He is the coordinator of the Observatory of Urban Vulnerability in Spain. At the European level, he has participated as an expert in various working groups with the European Commission, URBACT, Eurocities or within the framework of Horizon 2020 on urban policies, sustainable urban planning and rehabilitation: the European Reference Framework for Sustainable Cities (RFSC), the Agenda Urban Development of the European Union (AUUE), the Urban Poverty Partnership of the AUUE, the Sustainable Urban Development Strategy of the Union for the Mediterranean, the Concerted Action on Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (CA EPBD), etc. He is the representative of Spain in the European Urban Knowledge Network (EUKN).

National Operational Programme for Metropolitan and South Medium cities and other national and regional tools

Paolo Esposito, Director General of the Italian Territorial Cohesion Agency (Agenzia per la Coesione Territoriale, ACT)



Paolo is an experienced C-level Executive with more than 20 years of experience in Organization and General Management, Industrial Relations, Business Organization. He has served as Human Resources and Organization Director in manufacturing and service private companies, both national and multinational, and has 8 years of Public Administration experience. He worked for the Italian Government as reconstruction Director General after the 2009 L'Aquila Abruzzo Region earthquake and from 2016 -2017 gave support for Governance after the central Italy earthquake.

Programmes for Urban and Semi-urban regeneration: regional instruments

Pere Picorelli, Coordinator of urban regeneration and housing programmes at Institut Català del Sòl



Pere Picorelli is a political scientist (Univerisitat Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona 1996-2000) and urban planner (MSc in Regional and Urban Planning Studies, London School of Economics, London, UK, 2001-2002). He works at INCASÒL - Catalan Institute for land development, where he is currently coordinator of two operative programmes, the Affordable housing programme directed to develop new social housing on the rental tenancy in areas where the rental market is unaffordable to middle-low income population, and the District remodelling programme that promotes urban regeneration of deprived areas through the rebuilding and on-site relocation of population. Pere has been working from the public and private sector on urban regeneration and public housing development, both from the policy and project perspective, for the past 15 years.

Urban Regeneration approaches at the city level

Rehana Moosajee, Research Associate at South African Cities Network



Rehana holds a Bachelor of Arts in Education from the University of the Witwatersrand. She was a Councilor in the City of Johannesburg between 2000 and 2013 and is currently the founder of The Barefoot Facilitator. Currently her assignments include wellbeing economies, food systems, eco-mobility, place-making and staying connected to nature in rapidly urbanizing contexts. Prior to founding Barefoot, she served on the Mayoral Committee in the City of Johannesburg during the period 2006 – 2013. Under her stewardship, Johannesburg introduced Africa's first Bus Rapid Transit System – Rea Vaya

Special Guests respondents

Ellen Witte, Principal and Partner at SGS Economics and Planning



Ellen has a Bachelor of Social Science (Geography), and a Master of International Economics and Economic Geography by the University of Utrecht. She is a member of Australian Institute of Company Directors and leads climate change adaptation, mitigation, and risk services at SGS. Ellen has over 19 years of experience in consultancy. She has extensive experience in social, environmental and economic impact assessments, financial feasibility studies, cost benefit analyses and strategic assessments of facilities and land use projects. Ellen has advanced skills and experience in strategic policy advice and governance, including strategic planning, business case development and funding arrangements.

Kaveh Aliakbari, Urban Renewal Organization of Tehran



Kaveh holds a Master of Architecture by the University of Tehran and a PhD in Philosophy and Urban and Regional Planning by the Shahid Beheshti University. He started his professional career 20 years ago in the Urban Renewal Organisation of Tehran (UROT). Before 2012, worked for UROT, where he set "facilitation" as the main policy of Tehran Municipality in tackling obsolescent neighbourhoods, policy that led to the establishment of 60 facilitation offices in Tehran's deteriorated neighbourhoods. In 2012 he started his PhD education in urban and regional planning at Shahid Beheshti University (SBU). His thesis was centred on urban regeneration and its interaction with social sustainability at the

neighbourhood scale. In 2018 he restarted his career in UROT as CEO and member of the board, where he has tried to introduce an integrated, holistic, and inclusive interpretation of urban regeneration in Tehran, by provision and implementation of related policies, plans, and actions.

Frédéric Saliez, Programme Officer at UN-Habitat Office for Europe and European Institutions



He is an Architect and Civil Engineer and joined UN-Habitat in 2001. His work has been notably focused on Latin American countries and the Balkans. His previous background and working experiences have enabled him to support local and national governments in policies related to urban planning, environmental protection, public spaces and cultural heritage. Throughout his career, he has been successively posted in Belgium, Portugal, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cuba, Kenya, Kosovo, and Brazil.

SESSION 4 | EU URBAN REGENERATION FRAMEWORKS FOR POST-COVID RECOVERY

Moderator

Javier Torner, Programme Manager Officer, UN-Habitat



Javier Torner works since 2014 in the Urban Planning and Design Branch of UN-Habitat as an Urban Development Specialist and Programme Management Officer at UN-Habitat's Headquarters in Nairobi. He holds a Master in Architecture, a Master in International Business Administration and a Master in Urban Development and International Cooperation. He has over 10 years of previous experience as an architect and urban developer for Banco Santander in Spain and later as market analyst and business developer in Germany and the United States, accomplishing projects and partnerships in the public and private sector for sustainable development and energy sectors in Canada, US, Mexico, Dominican Republic, Venezuela, Ecuador, Brazil, Chile and Argentina.

Speakers

New institutional financing mechanisms

Cécile Maisonneuve, Senior Fellow, Institut Montaigne, and Advisor, Climate, Energy, & Mobility, French Institute for International Relations (IFRI)



Cécile Maisonneuve is Senior Fellow at the Institut Montaigne, focusing on cities, energy and environmental issues. She is also an advisor to the Climate & Energy Centre of the French Institute for International Relations (IFRI). She teaches at Sciences Po Paris and is a columnist for French weekly L'Express on the ecological transition. A lecturer to companies and international organisations, she is a director of La Française de l'Energie and a member of the SNCF's stakeholder committee. From 2015 to 2021, she chaired La Fabrique de la Cité, a think tank for innovation and urban foresight supported by the VINCI group. From 2017 to 2021, she worked with the French Energy Market regulator (CRE). A senior civil servant at the French National Assembly (1997-2007), she was head of foresight and then deputy director in charge of international public affairs at AREVA (2007-2012), before heading IFRI's Energy Centre (2013-2014). Cécile Maisonneuve graduated from École Normale Supérieure, University of Paris IV-Sorbonne, and Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris. She writes on energy, mobility, geopolitical and urban issues, and is the author of a biography of Benjamin Franklin.

Leveraging private investment

Rogier Van den Berg, Senior Manager at the World Resources Institute



Van den Berg is an architect and urban planning and urban development specialist. Since 2000 he has led private planning practices and an academic department and he most recently led UN-Habitat's Urban Lab, which he set up in 2014. He led global teams working at the intersection of infrastructure, urban planning, urban resilience, climate change adaptation, technology, recovery and reconstruction, housing and public space. Van den Berg joined WRI Ross Center as Director for Urban Development in 2020. As part of WRI's program focused on more accessible, equitable, healthy and resilient cities, Van den Berg leads global programming on strategic urban planning, land use, urban water resilience, equitable development, housing, data and finance.

Structural Funds

Francesca Medda, Director of UCL Institute of Finance and Technology



Francesca is a Professor of Applied Economics and Finance at the University College London (UCL). She is the Director of UCL Institute of Finance and Technology. Since 2012 she serves as economic adviser to the UK Ministry of Environment and Agriculture (Defra) and in 2014 at the Ministry of Finance (HM Treasury). She is Vice-President of the Parliamentary and Scientific Committee. Her work is published in leading academic and practitioner journals. She has worked and works actively

with the private and public sector including The European Investment Bank, The World Bank, UNESCO, UN-Habitat, WILLIS Re, HALCROW, and UITP.

Real estate neighbourhood scale projects: success factors that support urban regeneration process

Rita Justesen, Planning and Architecture Chief By & Havn / Director of Planning and Sustainability at the City of Copenhagen



As Director of Planning and Sustainability in Copenhagen City & Port Development Corporation, Rita Justesen sees the necessity of being part of that huge transformation of cities, which is why she focuses on the development of new urban districts that are sustainable both in the short and long run. According to Rita, some of the most pressing challenges include the growing number of people looking for a place to live, the provision of a high-class transport system, and of course the creation of dense, diverse, but most importantly liveable neighbourhoods.

Responsible real estate Funds

Chris Brown, Executive Chair and Founder of Igloo



Chris Brown founded the world's first responsible real estate fund, the igloo Regeneration Fund, in 2001. He has been an advisor to the UK Government on urban regeneration and gives evidence to the UK Parliament. He has also advised other Governments on regeneration. He is currently executive chair of igloo Regeneration, the UK's first real estate B Corps, a purpose driven development manager working with local government, financial institutions and communities to deliver urban regeneration in deprived neighbourhoods in the UK's top 20 cities.

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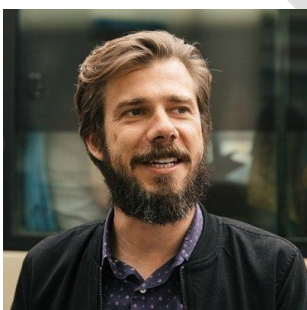
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