

# CITIES IN GLOBAL AGENDAS

Promoting the role of cities in the 2030 Agenda for  
Sustainable Development and the New Urban Agenda  
**17 October, Bern, Switzerland**

**Date:** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017

**Location:** Federal Palace of Switzerland, Bundesplatz 3, 3005 Bern, Switzerland

**Objective:** On the one-year anniversary of the New Urban Agenda of Habitat III, which took place in Quito Ecuador from 17-20 October 2016, the event will provide an opportunity to discuss the role of cities in realizing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other global agendas. The event will serve participants as a platform to share experience, learn from strategic approaches and expand their network of relevant partners. In light of SDC's recent membership of the Cities Alliance, the event particularly provides an opportunity for Cities Alliance and SDC to foster synergies between their respective endeavours to promote the role of cities for sustainable development. Through its Joint Work Programme on Habitat III, Cities Alliance has facilitated strategic advocacy in the lead-up to Habitat III, which took place in Quito Ecuador from 17-20 October 2016. One year after the adoption, the Cities Alliance JWP on Habitat III seeks to support members and partners in sharing approaches, exchanging tools and collaborating towards the integrated implementation, follow-up and review of the New Urban Agenda and the SDGs in and within cities. Within a wider process on the future position of SDC in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, a number of SDC thematic networks are currently leading a "Learning Journey on Urban and Peri-urban Development Dynamics" with view to identifying potential avenues for SDC in the area of sustainable urban development.

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	Time	Session	Details	Presenters
	13:30 – 14:00	<b>Registration</b>		
<b>1</b>	14:00 – 14:25	<b>Welcome and introductory remarks</b>	<p><b>Objective:</b> Present Agenda of the day and a sequential introduction of SDC SC and GC, and introduction by Cities Alliance strategic approaches to cities and presentation of the event objectives.</p>	<p>Jean-François Cuénod, Deputy Head South Cooperation, SDC</p> <p>William Cobbett, Director, Cities Alliance</p>
<b>2</b>	14:25 – 14:55	<b>Setting the Scene: planetary Urbanization</b>	<p><b>Objective</b></p> <p>Set the scene on the state of the world's urbanization</p> <p><b>Details:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation on “Planetary Urbanization” (20’)</li> <li>• Q&amp;A (10’)</li> </ul>	<p>Prof. Christian Schmid, ETH Zurich</p>
<b>3</b>	14:55 – 15:50	<b>Panel Discussion:</b> “Cities in Global Agendas” - the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development & the New Urban Agenda	<p><b>Objective:</b> Develop an interactive debate around the “how” of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the New Urban Agenda focusing on the achievement of the targets and progress monitoring at the local/city level.</p> <p><b>Details:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of session format and objectives (2’)</li> <li>• Overview of cities in global agendas (2030 Agenda &amp; NUA) (William Cobbett, 5’)</li> <li>• Panel: (32’ total). Framing questions for the panel: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How can the 2030 Agenda be achieved in Cities?</li> <li>2. How do we support cities in translating the global agendas into local action?</li> <li>3. How will progress be monitored and reviewed?</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Q&amp;A and debate closure (16’)</li> </ul> <p>*Background documents available at <a href="http://bit.ly/SDC-CA-Oct2017-Meetings">http://bit.ly/SDC-CA-Oct2017-Meetings</a></p>	<p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <p>Clare Short, Chair of the Management Board, Cities Alliance</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <p>Honorable Majid Batambuze, Mayor of Jinja, Uganda</p> <p>Dagmar Vogel, Head Infrastructure Financing Division, SECO</p> <p>Rose Molokoane, Deputy President, SDI</p> <p>Lars Groenvald, Team Leader, Cities, DEVCO</p>

	15:50 – 16:10	<b>Coffee break</b>		
4	16:10 – 16:30	<b>Thematic inputs on inclusive governance, equitable economic growth and environmental sustainability in cities</b>	<p><b>Objective:</b> Introduction of the three topics for discussion and link these topics to SDC Issue Paper and Cities Alliance Global Windows. Stimulus for the session and discussion</p> <p><b>Details:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction (2'): Topics presentation and introduction of input speakers</li> <li>• Three thematic inputs (3' per participant). Questions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How do we promote equitable economic growth, environmental sustainability and inclusive governance systems in developing cities?</li> <li>2. What partnerships are required to facilitate an enabling environment for cities to be more effective and responsive in these areas?</li> </ol> </li> </ul> <p>Each thematic input will be complemented with an input of SDC network representatives (3') on SDC's activities in cities / on local level and main open questions / challenges.</p>	<p><b>Inclusive Governance:</b> Patricia Horn, International Coordinator, StreetNet International</p> <p>Corinne Huser, <a href="#">DLGN Network</a> Focal Point, SDC</p> <p><b>Equitable Economic Growth:</b> Steve Weir, VP Global Program Development, Habitat for Humanity International</p> <p>Peter Beez; <a href="#">e+i Network</a> Focal Point, SDC</p> <p><b>Environmental Sustainability:</b> Cecilia Tacoli; Team Leader; IIED</p> <p>Daniel Maselli, <a href="#">CC&amp;E Network</a> Focal Point, SDC</p>
	16:30 – 17:15	<p><b>Gallery Walk with Thematic Stations on:</b></p> <p>Inclusive Governance</p> <p>Equitable Economic Growth</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability</p>	<p><b>Objective and description:</b> The goal of the Gallery Walk is to unpacking the themes and stimulate a discussion on the way forward for cities focusing on the three dimensions: The Gallery Walk divided in three Stations where participants can add in their comments to flip charts and discuss with the thematic lead for each station (45' walk, in 3 rounds of 15')</p> <p><b>Main focus on:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the role of cities to achieve the respective dimension of sustainable development?</li> <li>• How can international cooperation, through the global agendas, support the local implementation of the three dimensions of sustainable development?</li> <li>• How can the Swiss development community and Cities Alliance support the local implementation of the three dimensions of sustainable development?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Station “Inclusive Governance”</b> <b>Anchor:</b> Patricia Horn, International Coordinator, StreetNet International <b>Co-Anchor:</b> Corinne Huser, <a href="#">DLGN Network</a> Focal Point, SDC</p> <p><b>Station “Equitable Economic Growth”</b> <b>Anchor:</b> Steve Weir, VP Global Program Development, Habitat for Humanity International <b>Co-Anchor:</b> Peter Beez; <a href="#">e+i Network</a> Focal Point, SDC</p> <p><b>Station “Environmental Sustainability”</b> <b>Anchor:</b> Cecilia Tacoli; Team Leader; IIED <b>Co-Anchor:</b> Daniel Maselli, <a href="#">CC&amp;E Network</a> Focal Point, SDC</p>

	17:15 – 17:45	<b>Restitution in plenary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anchor / Co-Anchors of each Station will report back in plenary on the discussion for each Station (5' each).</li> <li>• Q&amp;A (15')</li> </ul>	
<b>5</b>	17:45 – 18:00	<b>Closing Remarks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conclusions for SDC's future approach to cities</li> <li>• Take away for Cities Alliance Global Window</li> </ul>	Markus Reisle, Head Global Programme on Migration and Development, SDC  William Cobbett, Director, Cities Alliance
<b>6</b>	1830	<b>Networking reception</b> Hosted by Mayor of Bern, Alec von Graffenried, <b>and group photo.</b> Details of venue to be provided at the event.		

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