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ORGANIZATION OF WORK

MONDAY, 21 JANUARY 2008

9:00 – 9:30   Registration

Morning session (9:30 – 13:00)

9:30 – 9:45   I. Opening session

Opening statement (Hania Zlotnik, Director, Population Division, United Nations)

9:45 – 11:00   II. Urbanization: a global perspective

Gerhard Heilig (Population Division, United Nations). New urbanization estimates and
trends: the World Urbanization Prospects, Revision 2007

Jorge Bravo (Population Division, United Nations). An overview of urbanization, internal
migration, population distribution and development in the world

11:00 – 11:30   Break

11:30 – 13:00   II. Urbanization: a global perspective (continued)

George Martine (Núcleo de Estudos Urbanos/Universidade de Brasilia, Brazil). Preparing for sustainable urban growth in developing areas

Axumite Gebre-Egziabher (UN-Habitat, New York). Urban growth, slums and policy

13:00 – 14:30   Lunch break
Afternoon session (14:30–18:00)

14:30–16:00 III. Urban growth and internal migration: policy dimensions

J. Vernon Henderson (Brown University, USA). *The effects of exclusionary housing policies on urban development: evidence from Brazil*

Aprodicio A. Laquian (University of British Columbia, Canada). *The planning and governance of Asia's mega-urban regions*

16:00–16:30 Break

16:30–18:00 III. Urban growth and internal migration: policy dimensions (continued)

Kam Wing Chan (University of Washington, USA). *Internal labour migration in China: trends, geographical distribution and policies*

Jorge Rodriguez (Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean/CELADE, Chile). *Spatial distribution of the population, internal migration and development in Latin America and the Caribbean*

TUESDAY, 22 JANUARY 2008

Morning session (9:30–13:00)

9:30–11:00 IV. Rural and urban development: linkages and disparities

Anthony Champion (Newcastle University, UK). *The changing nature of urban and rural areas in the UK and other European countries*

Roopa Purushothaman (Future Capital Research, India). *Is urban growth good for rural India?*

11:00–11:30 Break

11:30–13:00 IV. Rural and urban development: linkages and disparities (continued)

Cecilia Tacoli (International Institute for Environment and Development, UK). *Links between rural and urban development in Africa and Asia*

Haroldo da Gama Torres (Centro Brasileiro de Análise e Planejamento, Brazil). *Social and environmental aspects of peri-urban growth in Latin American megacities*

13:00–14:30 Lunch break
Afternoon session (14:30–18:00)

14:30–16:00  V. Urban infrastructure, health and poverty

Mark R. Montgomery (Population Council and State University of New York at Stony Brook, USA). *The health of urban populations in developing countries*

Nyovani Madise (University of Southampton, UK). *Progress towards the child mortality millennium development goal in urban sub-Saharan Africa*

16:00–16:15  Break

16:15–18:00 VI. Urban planning and economic growth

Eduardo López-Moreno (UN-Habitat, Kenya). *Urban growth patterns and socioeconomic inequalities in the world*

Peter J. Marcotullio (UN University, USA). *Globalisation and urban development in the Asia Pacific region*

Mee Kam Ng (University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong). *Urban system planning in China: the case of the Pearl River Delta*

WEDNESDAY, 23 JANUARY 2008

Morning session (9:30–13:00)

9:30–11:15 VII. Spatial distribution of the population and climate change

David Satterthwaite (International Institute for Environment and Development, UK). *Climate change and urbanization: effects and implications for urban governance*

Deborah L. Balk (Baruch College/City University of New York and CIESIN, USA). *Urban population distribution and the rising risks of climate change*

Henrik Urdal (International Peace Research Institute, Norway). *Demographic aspects of climate change, environmental degradation and armed conflict*

11:15–11:30  Break

11:30–12:00 VIII. Summary and conclusions

Chair: Hania Zlotnik (Population Division, United Nations)
Rapporteur: Richard Bilsborrow (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA)

12:00–12:15 Closing