



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

24 August 2017

Excellency,

Pursuant to my letter dated 18 July regarding the High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly to discuss the effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the positioning of UN-Habitat in this regard, which will take place on 5 and 6 September in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, I have the honor to share herewith the updated program of the meeting.

The meeting will consist of an opening segment, four panel discussions, one plenary debate and a closing session.

Please note that the plenary debate will be held over the afternoons of both days. It will address one theme: 'Best practices, success stories and recommendations contained in the report of the Independent Panel to Assess, Enhance Effectiveness of UN-Habitat'. Member States wishing to speak in the plenary debate are encouraged to inscribe in the list of speakers by contacting the General Assembly Affairs Branch (Mr. Carlos Galindo (e-mail [galindo@un.org](mailto:galindo@un.org), with copy to e-mail [gaspeakerslist@un.org](mailto:gaspeakerslist@un.org)). Additional information can be found in the UN Journal.

In order to provide more details regarding the logistical arrangements of this meeting, Mr. Tomas Anker Christensen, Chef de Cabinet of my office, will provide a briefing to Member States on Wednesday, 30 August at 2:00 p.m in Conference Room 5.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Peter Thomson

All Permanent Representatives  
and Permanent Observers to the United Nations  
New York

**High Level Meeting on the New Urban Agenda and UN-Habitat  
Trusteeship Council Chamber, 5-6 September 2017**

**Provisional Program**

**September 5, Tuesday**

**10:00-10:20**

**Opening Segment**

- **H.E. Mr. Peter Thomson**  
President of 71<sup>st</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly
- **H.E. António Guterres (TBC)**  
Secretary-General of the United Nations
- **Dr. Joan Clos**  
Executive Director of UN-Habitat

**10:20-10:30**

**Introduction of the evidence-based and independent assessment of UN-Habitat by the Independent Panel to Assess and Enhance Effectiveness of UN-Habitat**

- **H.E. Rosario Robles**  
Secretary of Agrarian, Territorial and Urban Development of Mexico, Co-Chair of the Independent Assessment Panel of UN-Habitat
- **Hon. Mpho Parks Tau**  
President of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) and South African Local Governments Association, Co-Chair of the Independent Assessment Panel of UN-Habitat

**10:30-11:45**

**Interactive Panel 1: the positioning of UN-Habitat in the effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda**

- **The normative and operational mandate of UN-Habitat**
- **The work of UN-Habitat with governments and stakeholders**

*Format: Moderated discussion between members of the Independent Assessment Panel of UN-Habitat and meeting participants*

**Moderator:**

- **Mr. Manish Bapna**  
Executive Vice President and Managing Director, World Resources Institute

**Panellists:**

- **H.E. Rosario Robles**  
Secretary of Agrarian, Territorial and Urban Development of Mexico, Co-Chair of the Independent Assessment Panel of UN-Habitat
- **H.E. František Ružička**  
Former Permanent Representative of the Slovak Republic to the United Nations

- **Hon. Anne Hidalgo**  
Mayor of Paris, France
- **H.E. Ponsto S.M. Sekatle**  
Member of Parliament for Qacha's Nek Constituency, Lesotho

**11:45-13:00**

**Interactive Panel 2: the positioning of UN-Habitat in the effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda**

- **The governance structure of UN-Habitat**
- **The financial capability of UN-Habitat**

*Format: Moderated discussion between members of the Independent Assessment Panel of UN-Habitat and meeting participants*

**Moderator:**

- **Mr. Manish Babna**  
Executive Vice President and Managing Director, World Resource Institute

**Panellists:**

- **Hon. Mpho Parks Tau**  
President of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) and South African Local Governments Association, Co-Chair of the Independent Assessment Panel of UN-Habitat
- **H.E. Dian Triansyah Djani**  
Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations
- **Hon. Peter Calthorpe**  
Architect, urban designer, urban planner, and founding member of the Congress for New Urbanism
- **Hon. Sheela Patel**  
Founder and Director of the Society for Promotion of Area Resource Centres (SPARC)

**15:00-18:00**

**High Level Segment and Plenary debate:**

**Best practices, success stories and recommendations contained in the report of the Independent Panel to Assess, Enhance Effectiveness of UN-Habitat**

*Statements by member states and other meeting participants*

## September 6, Wednesday

10:00-11:30

### **Interactive Panel 3: Implementing the New Urban Agenda and the SDGs – the role of the United Nations System**

*Format: Moderated discussion between high level representatives of UN agencies and meeting participants*

**Moderator:**

- **Ms. Min Thu Pham**  
Executive Director of Policy, UN Foundation

**Panellists:**

- **Ms. Grete Faremo**  
Executive Director, UNOPS
- **Mr. Thomas Gass**  
Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs in UN DESA
- **Ms. Aisa Dacyira**  
Deputy Executive Director, UN-Habitat
- **Mr. Magdy Martínez-Solimán**  
Assistant Administrator and Director of the Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, UNDP
- **Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin**  
Senior Vice President for the 2030 Development Agenda, United Nations Relations, and Partnerships, World Bank Group
- **Ms. Grainne O'Hara**  
Deputy Director, UNHCR New York Office

*Contributions from pre-selected respondents*

11.30-13:00

### **Interactive Panel 4: Implementing the New Urban Agenda and the SDGs – the role of the multi-stakeholder collaboration**

*Format: Moderated discussion between representatives of stakeholders and meeting participants*

**Moderator:**

**Mr Tomas Anker Christensen**  
Chef de Cabinet of Office of the PGA, 71<sup>st</sup> session

**Panellists:**

- **Mr. Aromar Revi**  
Director, Indian Institute for Human Settlements
- **Ms. Eugenie Birch**  
President, General Assembly of Partners
- **Ms. Maria Jose Lubertino**  
Executive Director, Citizen Association for Human Rights of Argentina
- **Mr. Hazem Galal**  
Cities Sector Global Leader, PwC; Member of WEF Global Future Council on Cities

*Contributions from pre-selected respondents*

**15:00-17:50**

**Plenary debate continued:**

**Best practices, success stories and recommendations contained in the report of the Independent Panel to Assess, Enhance Effectiveness of UN-Habitat**

*Statements by member states and other meeting participants*

**17:50-18:00**

**Closing segment**

**- H.E. Mr. Peter Thomson**

President of 71st Session of the UN General Assembly