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## “Unpacking Targets for the Urban SDG” A City Changer Room Event

Monday 7 April 2014 | 8:30-9:30am  
World Urban Forum | Medellín, Colombia

What are the aspirational targets which constitute a sustainable development goal (SDG) on sustainable cities & human settlements? In collaboration with the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network, the Communitas Coalition invites you to take a deeper look at urban SDG targets and their role in shaping the built environment in the 21st century.

Join a dynamic expert-led discussion on core urban targets for the SDGs:

- ◆ Access to affordable, quality housing and public services
- ◆ Land management at a city-region scale
- ◆ Disaster & climate resilience
- ◆ Provision of safe public space
- ◆ Safe & accessible urban mobility

**Objective:** To create a bridge between the World Urban Forum and the SDGs Open Working Group (SDGs OWG) in New York, effectively connecting leading urban innovators to the Group's final formulation of sustainable development goals. In the short-term, this will help urban advocates to better understand the SDGs process and the role of “sustainable cities & human settlements” therein. In the medium-term, the event will help city changers to shape and anticipate SDG targets in the months ahead. In the long-term, it will bolster local and subnational efforts to make a potential urban SDG a reality on the ground.

### **About Communitas**

Communitas is the Coalition for Sustainable Cities & Regions in the New UN Development Agenda. It is led by its core partners - Tellus Institute, ICLEI- Local Governments for Sustainability, nrg4SD- Network of Regional Governments for Sustainable Development and UN-Habitat - with the support of the Ford Foundation and the Charles Léopold Mayer Foundation. Our technical methodology is based on thematic work groups led by experts and practitioners producing issues papers with proposals for a stand alone urban Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) and urban targets in close consultation with a multi-stakeholder advisory committee.

### **About UN SDSN**

Launched by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in August 2012, the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) mobilizes scientific and technical expertise from academia, civil society, and the private sector in support of sustainable development problem solving at local, national, and global scales. It aims to accelerate joint learning and help to overcome the compartmentalization of technical and policy work by promoting integrated approaches to the interconnected economic, social, and environmental challenges confronting the world. The SDSN works closely with UN agencies, multilateral financing institutions, the private sector, and civil society.

### **About WUF7**

The World Urban Forum (WUF) is a non-legislative technical forum convened by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), hosted in a different city every two years, to examine the most pressing issues facing the world today in the area of human settlements, including rapid urbanization and its impact on cities, communities, economies, climate change and policies. It is the World's Premier Conference on Cities. The **City Changer Room** provides a platform for UN-Habitat partners to showcase their latest work in research and project implementation in collaboration with UN-Habitat.

## Agenda

**8:30am** | **Opening Remarks**

**Mr. Matthew Boms**, *Communications Manager, Communitas Coalition for Sustainable Cities & Regions in the new UN Development Agenda*

**8:40am** | **Panel Presentations** (6-8 min. each)

**Mr. Yunus Arikan**, Head of Global Policy & Advocacy, *ICLEI- Local Governments for Sustainability*

**Ms. Emily Mattheisen**, Program Assistant, *Habitat International Coalition (HIC)*

**Ms. Mary Rowe**, Director, Urban Resilience & Livability, *Municipal Art Society of New York City*

**Mr. Andrew Rudd**, Urban Environment Officer, *Urban Planning & Design Branch, UN-Habitat*

**9:10am** | **Interactive Q&A Session** (20 mins.)

## Communitas Presentations

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Forum</b>
Sun 6 Apr	9:00am-5:00pm	Mainstreaming city-region food systems towards post-2015 agenda and Habitat III
Mon 7 Apr	9:00am-3:00pm	General Assembly of the Habitat International Coalition (HIC)
	9:00am-4:00pm	Funders' Forum on Sustainable Cities: Building Inclusive and Resilient Cities - Bridging Global and Local Agendas
Tues 8 Apr	8:30am-11:30am	Civil Society Roundtable
Wed 9 Apr	8:30am-12:30pm	Conference on City-Region Food Systems and Sustainable Urban Development
	2:00pm-4:00pm	Post-2015 Development Agenda and the SDGs
	4:00pm-5:30pm	Rapporteur to the Plenary Conclusions
Fri 11 Apr	11:00am-4:00pm	Expectations for Habitat III
	2:00pm-4:00pm	Youth Roundtable