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Communitas at the 7th World Urban Forum

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World Urban Forum: Background

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 Forum gathers a wide range of experts from every walk of life. Participants at the Forum include, but are not limited to, national, regional and local governments, non-governmental organizations, community-based organizations, professionals, research institutions and academies, professionals, private sector, development finance institutions, foundations, media and United Nations organizations and other international agencies.

The WUF promotes the strong participation of Habitat Agenda partners and relevant international programmes, funds and agencies, thus ensuring their inclusion in the identification of new issues, the sharing of lessons learned and the exchange of best practices and good policies.

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Communitas at the 7th World Urban Forum (WUF7)

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WHY WUF7?

Communitas' role at the Forum was twofold:

1. To bridge discussions within the multi-stakeholder urban community at WUF7 to the UN Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs OWG) in New York City;
2. To carry out consultations on the Coalition's first draft targets on sustainable cities & human settlements in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This would ultimately lead to the second draft Communitas targets:
http://communitascoalition.org/pdf/second_draft_targets_3Jun2014.pdf



Throughout the week, the Communitas Secretariat hosted, facilitated and presented at a number of events in Medellín. The Coalition succeeded in its vital role as capaciator on the SDGs and by consulting with a wide range of UN agencies, local & subnational governments and civil society organisations on its first draft urban targets.

The WUF experience was extremely positive and memorable for the Communitas Secretariat. In addition to boasting 22,000 attendees - an all-time record - logistics at the Forum were nothing short of brilliant throughout. In addition to core partners *ICLEI- Local Governments for Sustainability* and *UN-Habitat*, the following members of the Communitas Advisory Committee directly engaged the World Urban Forum:



Designed primarily to serve slum dwellers, Medellín's MetroCable has on average reduced travel times to the city center from over an hour to less than ten minutes.

- * *EMBARQ, World Resources Institute*
- * *Habitat for Humanity International*
- * *Habitat International Coalition*
- * *The Huairou Commission*
- * *Institute for Transportation & Development Policy*
- * *International Fund for Agricultural Development*
- * *International Housing Coalition*
- * *Natural Resources Defense Council*
- * *Oxfam Great Britain*
- * *Resource Centres on Urban Agriculture and Food Security*
- * *Shack / Slum Dwellers International*

SUNDAY, 6 APRIL 2014

9:00am **Mainstreaming city region food systems: Towards the post-2015 agenda & Habitat III**
Organized by HRH The Prince of Wales' International Sustainability Unit and the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation
Presentation by: Matthew Boms

6:00pm **Funders' Forum on Sustainable Cities: Building Inclusive and Resilient Cities**
Organized by the Ford Foundation, Fundación Avina, Proantioquia, Promigas, Fundación Corona, Realdania, and the European Foundation Centre
Attended by: Maruxa Cardama



6 April- WUF7 participants discuss city region food systems
Organized by the Ford Foundation, Fundación Avina, Proantioquia, Promigas, Fundación Corona, Realdania, and the European Foundation Centre

MONDAY, 7 APRIL 2014

8:30am **Unpacking Targets for the Urban SDG**

*Organized by the Communitas Coalition
and the UN Sustainable Development
Solutions Network*

Moderated by: Matthew Boms



*7 April- from left to right, Mr Andrew Rudd,
Ms Mary Rowe, Mr Matthew Boms and Ms
Emily Mattheisen addressing the Urban SDG*



7 April- Mr Yunus Arikhan addresses the audience

Presentations by:

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

Ms Emily Mattheisen, Program Assistant, Habitat International Coalition

*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*

10:00am **Funders' Forum on Sustainable
Cities: Building Inclusive & Resilient Cities**

Organized by the European Foundation Centre

Presentation by: Maruxa Cardama

11:00am **General Assembly, Habitat International Coalition**

Organized by the Habitat International Coalition

Presentation by:

Matthew Boms

TUESDAY, 8 APRIL 2014

8:30am **Civil Society Roundtable**

*Organized by Habitat for
Humanity International*

Attended by: Matthew
Boms, providing sub-
stantive support during
pre-WUF preparations



8 April- Civil Society Organisations gather for the Civil Society Roundtable

10:00am **Eliminating Constraints to Urban Land and Property Ownership by Women**

Organized by the International Housing Coalition

Attended by: Matthew Boms

11:00am **Gender, Asset Building, and Just Cities**

Organized by the Ford Foundation

Attended by: Maruxa Cardama

4:00pm **Urban Opportunity and Transition from MDG to SDG**

Organized by the Government of Brazil

Attended by: Maruxa Cardama

4:30pm **Women's security of tenure within the context of Post 2015 and Habitat III - Where do we go from here?**

Organized by the Huairou Commission

Attended by: Matthew Boms



8 April- Enjoying the outdoor fun at WUF's drum circle

WEDNESDAY, 9 APRIL 2014

8:30am **Conference on City-Region
Food Systems & Sustainable
Urban Development**
Organized by ISU/FAO
Moderated by: Maruxa Cardama

8:30am **Dialogue 2: Urban Planning and
Design for Social Cohesion**
Organized by the WUF Secretariat
Attended by: Matthew Boms

9:45am **Speed Dating for City Builders:
Making cities livable & resilient**
Organized by City Builders Network
Attended by: Matthew Boms

2:00pm **Special Session: The Post- 2015 Development Agenda and the SDGs**
Organized by UN-Habitat
Presentation by:
Maruxa Cardama (panellist)



9 April- Ms Maruxa Cardama addresses the Special Session on the Post-2015 Development Agenda and the SDGs



9 April- Ms Maruxa Cardama reports back to the WUF Plenary Session

4:00pm **WUF7 Plenary Session**

Organized by UN-Habitat

Presentation by: Maruxa Cardama
(rapporteur)

THURSDAY, 10 APRIL 2014

8:30am **Forging a new global
partnership for cities**

*Organized by the National Resources
Defense Council*

Presentation by: Matthew Boms

FRIDAY, 11 APRIL 2014

2:00pm **Expectations for Habitat III**

Organized by the Habitat International Coalition

Presentation by: Matthew Boms