



From Declaration to Action: A Paradigm Shift for a Post-Quito World

Habitat III provides a pivotal opportunity to create cities that work – that allow everyone to live, move, and thrive. The implementation of the New Urban Agenda, the Habitat III outcome declaration, should also be seen as a critical component to achieving climate action and sustainable development, while firmly integrating equity into the development agenda. In order to build successful cities and obtain the financial and political support needed to create transformative change, Habitat III must link itself to processes, people, governments and businesses that already are invested in creating a better world.

Recent successes around climate and sustainable development have given people a renewed faith in the potential of global agreements, as demonstrated by last year's Paris Agreement on Climate Change and the Sustainable Development Goals. Habitat III needs to build upon those successful agreements to maintain momentum. The vision of Paris and the SDGs cannot be realized without an equally ambitious actions for sustainable cities.

WRI has contributed to the agenda of Habitat III by leading informative working sessions for key negotiators, providing background and suggested text to negotiators for every draft of the New Urban Agenda and Issue Papers, and working with partners and other stakeholder groups to shift the discourse around the requirements for successful Post-Quito implementation. Going forward, we will focus our efforts on mobilizing implementation of the New Urban Agenda and launching our flagship World Resources Report as a resource for guiding action on high priority areas and case studies of transformative change in cities.

WRI wants to work with partners to ensure that the progress made through the Habitat III process does not fade from public memory after Quito. The New Urban Agenda declaration is not the ultimate objective. Implementation is.

OUR VISION FOR A POST-QUITO PARADIGM SHIFT:

1. Countries should consider implementing National Urban Policies to spur economic transformation by **establishing a clear vision and directing adequate funding** for sustainable, equitable urban development while still allowing cities to find **context-appropriate solutions**.
2. Making sustained progress on the New Urban Agenda will require a **well-structured, regular reporting framework** at the country, regional, and global level for tracking progress towards well-established and **agreed-upon goals, targets, and indicators**. These need to be linked to countries' **climate goals and the SDGs, specifically SDG 11, the Urban SDG**. The reporting process recommended in the New Urban Agenda should align closely with the reporting countries have already committed to through the NDCs, SDGs, and others.
3. A stronger implementation agenda and improvements to the **Quito Implementation Plan** are needed for launching commitments and initiatives, convening partners, and enabling progress reporting for non-state actors. Architects of this platform can look to the examples of the Lima-Paris Action Agenda and the Non-State Actor Zone for Climate Action. The Quito Implementation Plan should **connect all new and existing initiatives in ways that facilitate progress** in cities and avoid duplication or inaction.
4. Financial institutions, including the international development community, national banks, governments, and others will need to not only **develop new, innovative financing mechanisms**, but will also **shift current funding away from “brown” towards “green” development** in order to best leverage existing resources for progress.
5. Countries and other stakeholders should recognize that **climate action, economic growth, and improved quality of life for all are interconnected** and should be considered together when planning for the future if we are to achieve progress on all fronts. Only by delivering core services to all urban residents can cities experience transformative change that enables all residents to **live, move, and thrive**.





Visit WRI's exhibition booth or come meet us at these selected events:

Towards a More Equal City: Mobilizing for Post-Quito Implementation

OCTOBER 16, 2016, 13:00 – 20:00

Centro de Arte Contemporáneo de Quito

This half-day flagship event will launch WRI's new report, the World Resources Report, and will bring together mayors, thought leaders, and decision-makers to discuss how we can build a more equal city. The forthcoming WRR will focus on creating more sustainable, more equal cities that enable all residents to live, move, and thrive through implementation of the New Urban Agenda.

Transformative Actions for Post-Quito Implementation

OCTOBER 17, 2016, 9:30 – 10:30

Casa de la Cultura Ecuatoriana "Benjamín Carrión", Room R21

At this side event, co-hosted by WRI and ICLEI and featuring a discussion of the forthcoming World Resources Report, city decision-makers and thought leaders will connect the dots between identifying good practice solutions for creating more equal cities for all and the pathways to implementation.

City Innovations in Open Government

OCTOBER 17, 2016, 12:30 – 13:30

Casa de la Cultura Ecuatoriana "Benjamín Carrión", Room MR19

This side event, featuring a panel of open government leaders in cities, will focus on the importance of innovation in open government and transparency for addressing urbanization challenges. City and CSO pioneers will share specific examples, such as participatory budgeting at the neighborhood level or opening up municipal transport data to improve the quality of service.

Cities of Tomorrow: Livable, Mobile and Connected

OCTOBER 17, 2016, 12:30 – 13:30

Casa de la Cultura Ecuatoriana "Benjamín Carrión", Room R13

To put words into action, this event will see the official launch of the "Transformative Urban Mobility Initiative" (TUMI)—a joint effort by Germany and its partners to contribute to the implementation of the New Urban Agenda by enhancing urban mobility worldwide through scaling up financial cooperation and capacity building.

Innovative Business Models to Unlock Sustainable Investment in Cities

OCTOBER 18, 2016, 16:30 – 18:30

Casa de la Cultura Ecuatoriana "Benjamín Carrión", Room MR19

Bringing together influential mayors, leading sustainable solution providers, and financiers, these conversations will aim to refine a common language and shared understanding of the challenges and opportunities for unlocking sustainable investment in cities, drawing on the work of the Financing Sustainable Cities Initiative, a joint project by WRI, the Citi Foundation, and C40 Cities.

Transport Day

OCTOBER 19, 2016, 9:00 – 19:30

Centro de Convenciones Eugenio Espejo

Transport Day, co-hosted by SLoCaT, WRI, and others partner organizations, will bring together leaders from across the sustainable transport community towards the goals of ensuring that the action orientation of the NUA is being emphasized and that the scaled-up implementation of mobility- and transport-related recommendations of the NUA is actively promoted.

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To see the full list of events where WRI experts will be speaking, visit wri.org/events/2016/10/wri-habitat-iii