



Caserta, Italy, 17 October 2014 – UN-Habitat recently convened the first Urban Thinkers Campus: an innovative, inclusive, and intimate gathering of a diverse array of urban thinkers convened as the next step in *The City We Need* process toward building partner consensus at Habitat III.

Held in Caserta, Italy from 15 to 18 October 2014, the Campus made space for the voices of any and all participants, opening avenues for debate, learning, consensus building, and drafting. It was a step towards calling for wider participation and contributions in *The City We Need* process. Through this Campus, *The City We Need* process has undergone the first step in gaining a representative and inclusive review process.

Throughout the Urban thinkers Campus, key representatives gathered every morning in their constituent groups in order to develop consensus on the issues, concerns, inputs, and position of their constituent group to *The City We Need*. On the final day, constituent groups were asked to draft the next version of detailed text of *The City We Need*, from the perspective of the constituent group. This was then brought to the Closing Ceremony, where all positions were announced. These are available (in preliminary, draft form) online here. The participants will further elaborate on their positions, and send the finalized text by 15 November. The updated version will also be added to the UN-Habitat website at that time.

In addition, the co-chairs and rapporteurs from each constituent group came together in a joint drafting session, where they agreed on the key principles of The City We Need. It was agreed that they will later proceed to elaborate on the fine details and text of the document.

The following are the key principles agreed upon in the meeting of all constituent groups:

- The city we need is inclusive
- The city we need has a human scale and is well planned, walkable, and has adequate, accessible, and affordable mobility
- The city we need is a resilient city
- The city we need is economically vibrant
- The city we need has a unique identity and sense of place
- The city we need is a safe city
- The city we need is a healthy city
- The city we need is affordable and promotes **the right to the city for all**
- The city we need is well planned, financed and governed at all levels

The following were not yet agreed, but were proposed and tabled for further discussion by the constituent representatives:

- The city we need provides education and economic opportunities for all
- The city we need has open and accessible public spaces
- The city we need is innovative and efficient city. The city we need is the site of knowledge production and dissemination
- The city we need is made for and by people
- The city we need respects, protects and promotes international human right principles
- The city we need promotes rural urban linkages

All of the key outcomes and recommendations that emerged from the Campus will feed directly into the Habitat III Secretariat. In the closing session, Ms. Moreno and Ms. Christine Auclair, Project Leader of the World Urban Campaign – the partners’ platform toward Habitat III – expressed the sincere wish of the Habitat III Secretariat and of UN-Habitat to give partners space in the Habitat III process to shape a meaningful and inclusive new urban agenda.

After all constituents had presented their positions, the representatives of each group officially handed the documents to Ms. Ana Moreno, the Coordinator of the Habitat III Secretariat, who accepted them on behalf of the Secretary General of the Habitat III Conference, Dr. Joan Clos. The handover ceremony encompassed the spirit of inclusivity, friendship and cooperation that defined the Campus.

Find out more on the Urban Thinkers Campus [here](#)