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Event proceedings and a participant list will be available (approximately July 3) on the UN-HABITAT website: www.unhabitat.org/wuf.

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The World Urban Forum is a United Nations meeting organized by UN-HABITAT. The third session is hosted by the Government of Canada with the support of the GLOBE Foundation.
Fourth session of the World Urban Forum

Situated in the lower reaches of the Yangtze River, the ancient Chinese city of Nanjing dates back more than 2,000 years and is known as the ancient capital of the Six Dynasties of China. Today, home to 6 million people, it is a rapidly growing modern city that is one of the most dynamic in eastern China. Nanjing and UN-HABITAT welcome you to the Fourth Session of the World Urban Forum in 2008.

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MAP OF DOWNTOWN VANCOUVER

LEGEND

Hotels
1) Pan Pacific Hotel
2) Fairmont Waterfront
3) Renaissance Hotel
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6) Empire Landmark Hotel
7) Hampton Inn
8) Sandeman Hotel
9) Delta Vancouver Suites
10) Metropole Hotel
11) Crowne Plaza Hotel
12) Quality Hotel – The Inn at False Creek
13) Landis Hotel & Suites
14) Century Plaza Hotel
15) Fairmont Hotel Vancouver
16) Hyatt Regency
17) Days Inn Vancouver Downtown

Off-site Venues
1) Morris J. Wisk Centre for Dialogue
2) Vancouver Art Gallery
3) Earth: The World Urban Festival

Services
1) Doctor and Dentist
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TRANSPORTATION

All WUFI participants will be granted a free public transit pass by TransLink that is valid on all city buses, the Skytrain and SeaBus. Transit maps and instructions for transit pass use will be available at the Information and Tourism desks in the lobby. Starting June 16, complimentary shuttles will be available to you to get to the Convention Centre, the downtown core, your hotel, the University of British Columbia (UBC), the Earth Village Festival and Vancouver International Airport. Please refer to the Shuttle Schedule brochure for details.

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The holding of this Third Session of the World Urban Forum in Vancouver has historic resonance for the United Nations. It was in this great city that the agency we now know as UN-HABITAT was born. It was here, 30 years ago, that the idea of creating a body to deal with where we live and how we live was first brought into the international limelight.

Over the past three decades, our world has become more urbanized, congested and polluted, and less equitable. Satellite images reveal the huge and growing “footprints” of cities: their sprawl into plains, forests and wetlands; their fouling of rivers, lakes and coastlines with waste; their filling the air with smoke and smog. Cities, which are now home to half of humankind, are among the greatest users of natural resources and major emitters of greenhouse gases.

Another picture of cities, less visible from space but no less real, is that of poverty and deprivation. More than half the urban population of the developing world lives in slums, with little or no access to decent housing, clean water, basic sanitation, regular jobs or steady income. The despair is such that families are forced to choose between sending their children to school or using them to fetch water, and between feeding their children or saving their meagre funds to buy much-needed medicines.

In our interdependent world, opportunity and deprivation are interlinked. The consequences of over-consumption and pollution, hunger and deprivation, crime and insecurity know no borders. If not handled well, they can generate intolerance, migration, and even instability and extremism. On the other hand, cities are also leading incubators of knowledge, birthplaces of technological innovation, and repositories of cultural riches. Their density can make them efficient places for living, consuming and producing.

This forum is well placed to address the challenges facing cities and to advance the cause of sustainable urban development. We have ideas and best practices to guide us, including participatory planning, “green” architecture, cooperative housing finance and successful instances of inner city revival. Together, we must scale up our efforts, and make our urban planet more just, equitable and sustainable for all its inhabitants. In that hopeful spirit, please accept my best wishes for the success of your important deliberations.

Kofi Annan
Secretary General
United Nations
On behalf of all Canadians and the Government of Canada, I would like to welcome all participants to the third session of the World Urban Forum. We are delighted and proud to host this important event on the 30th anniversary of the first United Nations Conference on Human Settlements which also took place in Vancouver.

Canadians know that our cities have a major impact on our economy, our health and our well-being. This is what the World Urban Forum is all about: generating practical ideas and actions in support of sustainable cities and communities around the world.

The theme of this forum - Our Future: Sustainable Cities – Turning Ideas into Action – challenges you to learn and engage each other so that when you return home, you can use the ideas generated here and adopt them to the needs of your own cities and communities. With many thousands of participants from more than 100 countries, the days ahead will offer a unique opportunity to expand understanding and inspire action that will result in a better quality of life in cities and communities around the world.

I hope that your participation in the Forum will be productive and rewarding. I wish you success now and in the future. Enjoy your stay in beautiful Canada.

The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, P.C., MP
Prime Minister of Canada
It has been 30 years since Vancouver, British Columbia, played host to the first United Nations Conference on Human Settlements. Our city and the entire province of British Columbia, like the rest of the world, have seen dramatic changes in those three decades. But in many ways the principles discussed at that conference had a profound influence in Vancouver as they were applied to the development of the growing urban environment that makes the city one of the most liveable in the world.

It is an honour for us to once again invite the world to look to the future with the World Urban Forum June 19-23. Reflecting all the diversity and strong commitment to sustainability shared by all British Columbians as we prepare to host the world for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, Vancouver is the perfect venue for such an important conference. This is an opportunity for all of us to highlight the challenges of making progress on health, education, economic development, social support systems and environmental quality in a rapidly urbanizing world and, just as important, to discuss solutions to those challenges that we all must face together.

On behalf of the people and the government of British Columbia, I welcome the delegates and presenters to the conference and invite all of you to share your knowledge and enthusiasm with the goal of creating successful and sustainable communities all over the world.

Gordon Campbell
Premier of British Columbia

On behalf of my colleagues on City Council, I want to extend our greetings and welcome all delegates of the 2006 World Urban Forum to Vancouver. It is an honour for our city to host this prestigious event, and I look forward to participating in the forum and learning from world-leading experts in urban sustainable development.

As one of the world’s most livable cities, Vancouver has much to be proud of. We are a city committed to sustainability, inclusivity, and a high quality of life for our citizens. Therefore, it is very exciting for me, as Mayor of Vancouver, to welcome leading thinkers from around the world to discuss the future of cities and how we can make our urban centres better places to live, work and play.

I hope you enjoy your stay in Vancouver, and take an opportunity to enjoy all that our city has to offer.

Sam Sullivan
Mayor of Vancouver
This session is of special significance because it coincides with the 30th anniversary of the first United Nations Conference on Human Settlements in Vancouver in 1976, which led to the founding of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme. Much has been done since to place sustainable human settlements and the plight of the urban poor on the international agenda. The ideals that emerged in Vancouver were reconfirmed by world leaders in the Habitat Agenda – the global plan of action for adequate shelter for all and sustainable human settlements development in an urbanizing world – at the Habitat II Conference in Istanbul, in 1996.

Over the course of the next 30 years, people living in cities around the world will largely outnumber those living in rural areas. If current trends continue, extreme urban poverty is also set to double in that period to two billion people. The world thus urgently needs actions leading to innovative urban economic development, better urban governance, safer and cleaner cities – and cities without slums in which all have access to shelter, water, sanitation and other basic needs. This also entails alternative energy sources, better nature conservation for a cleaner urban environment and above all, action to make cities of the future more sustainable and less reliant on the world’s dwindling natural resources. Here, the Millennium Development Goals provide us with a roadmap into a better future.

Canada is pleased to partner with UN-HABITAT to hold the third session of the World Urban Forum (WUF III) in Vancouver, one of Canada's most beautiful and sustainable cities. It was in Vancouver, 30 years ago, that the first United Nations Conference on Human Settlements took place. That historic meeting led to a new understanding about cities and communities, the urgent need to make them sustainable and to preserve a mutually supportive urban-rural balance.

Thirty years later, urbanization around the world is occurring at an ever more rapid pace, and we face important challenges to ensure that this happens in a sustainable way. I believe that government can play an important role in building strong communities, working closely with local organizations and individual citizens. The Government of Canada warmly welcomes you to WUF III to share your ideas for action to make the world’s cities and communities better places to live, work and visit.

We are honoured to welcome you to Vancouver for the Third Session of the World Urban Forum (WUF III).

During the five days of the Forum, you will have a unique opportunity to share your ideas with the over 6,000 people from more than 150 nations who will be joining you in Vancouver. You will hear urban experts and city leaders from around the world outline new approaches and solutions to some of the most critical problems facing cities such as access to clean air and water; traffic congestion; unsafe streets; lack of adequate housing; urban poverty.

You will also see firsthand why Vancouver, one of Canada’s most beautiful cities, is consistently rated as one of the best places in the world in which to live. I encourage you to take part in every aspect of World Urban Forum III.

Good luck and welcome to Vancouver.
# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## REGISTRATION
- **Wednesday, June 14** 12:00 – 20:00
- **Thursday, June 15** 10:00 – 20:00
- **Friday, June 16** 10:00 – 18:00
- **Saturday, June 17** 10:00 – 18:00

## SUNDAY, JUNE 18
- **08:00 – 19:00** Registration Open
- **18:00 – 20:00** Canada Reception (Exposition Hall)

## MONDAY, JUNE 19
- **07:30 – 17:00** Registration Open
- **08:00 – 09:00** Caucus Meetings
- **10:00 – 13:00** Opening Ceremony & Plenary Session
- **13:00 – 19:00** Exposition Open
- **14:00 – 16:00** Networking Events
- **14:30 – 17:30** Roundtables
- **15:00 – 18:00** Ministers’ Roundtable
- **16:30 – 18:30** Networking Events

## TUESDAY, JUNE 20
- **07:30 – 17:00** Registration Open
- **07:30 – 08:15** Caucus Meetings
- **08:30 – 09:30** Plenary Session
- **09:00 – 12:00** Training Events
- **09:30 – 19:00** Exposition Open
- **10:00 – 12:00** Dialogue Sessions
- **10:00 – 12:00** Special UNH Lecture: The Wealth of Cities: Towards an Assets-Based Development of Urbanizing Regions
- **10:00 – 12:00** Special Session: Water, Sanitation and Human Settlements
- **13:30 – 15:30** Networking Events
- **16:30 – 18:30** Networking Events

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21
- **07:00 – 08:30** Inaugural HABITAT Alumni Breakfast
- **07:30 – 08:15** Caucus Meetings
- **07:30 – 17:00** Registration Open
- **08:30 – 09:30** Plenary Session
- **09:00 – 12:00** Training Events
- **09:30 – 19:00** Exposition Open
- **10:00 – 12:00** Dialogue Sessions
- **10:00 – 12:00** Special Session: The Role of Local Governments
- **13:30 – 15:30** Networking Events
- **14:30 – 17:30** Roundtables
- **16:30 – 18:30** Networking Events

## THURSDAY, JUNE 22
- **07:30 – 17:00** Registration Open
- **07:30 – 08:15** Caucus Meetings
- **08:30 – 09:30** Plenary Session
- **09:00 – 12:00** Training Events
- **09:30 – 19:00** Exposition Open
- **10:00 – 12:00** Dialogue Sessions
- **13:30 – 15:30** Networking Events
- **16:30 – 18:30** Networking Events

## FRIDAY, JUNE 23
- **07:30 – 12:00** Registration Open
- **07:30 – 08:15** Caucus Meetings
- **08:30 – 10:30** Special Session: From Vancouver to Nanjing
- **08:30 – 10:30** Special Session: Future of Cities
- **08:30 – 10:30** Networking Events
- **09:30 – 16:00** Exposition Open
- **11:00 – 13:00** Closing Session and Ceremony
ELEMENTS OF THE PROGRAM

FORUM THEMES

The theme of WUF III is supported by three sub-themes. These sub-themes will be featured in a series of six facilitated dialogues that bring together a wide range of people to exchange views on issues related to sustainable urbanization.

Sub-theme 1: Social Inclusion and Cohesion
- Achieving the Millennium Development Goals: Slum Upgrading and Affordable Housing
- Public Engagement – The Inclusive Approach

Sub-theme 2: Partnership and Finance
- Municipal Finance: Innovation and Collaboration
- Urban Safety and Security: Taking Responsibility

Sub-theme 3: Urban Growth and the Environment
- The Shape of Cities: Urban Planning and Management
- Energy: Local Action, Global Impact

Plenary Sessions
These sessions will feature speakers who will offer context and thought-provoking views on urbanization.

Dialogues
The main focus of discussion during the five-day Forum will be a series of dialogues that bring together experts who will offer views on topics related to the sub-themes. Facilitators will engage participants from the audience to join in the discussion. A number of embedded speakers will be called upon during the session.

Exposition
The exposition will showcase leading-edge projects, ideas, case studies, experiences and best practices from around the world that address the challenges of urban sustainability. The exposition will also provide facilities for informal meetings, lectures, discussions, debates and award ceremonies, as well as multimedia services including computer and Internet facilities.

Networking Events
A series of over 160 networking events will provide participants with an informal atmosphere to build knowledge, strengthen partnerships and share ideas and best practices. Refer to supplement for additional information.

Caucus Meetings
Caucus meetings are informal meetings held between peers every morning. They will focus mainly on the topics of that day. Attendance is by invitation only.

Special Sessions
These panel presentations will share topical information on specific subjects relevant to the Forum.

Roundtables
Roundtables will bring governments, Mayors, NGOs, the private sector, parliamentarians, youth, women and other peer groups into smaller sessions to share experiences and views on the topics of the Forum. Observers welcome except where noted.

Training Events
These three-hour workshops are designed to impart professional skills to urban practitioners. Sign-up for these nine training events will take place onsite on a first-come, first-serve basis. Each session is limited to 40 participants. Refer to supplement for additional information.

Side Events & Satellite Events
Before, during and after the World Urban Forum, several related activities; conferences and cultural events will take place in Vancouver.
GENERAL INFORMATION

Airport Arrivals
A dedicated WUF III desk will be located at the Vancouver International Airport (YVR) in the Arrivals terminal just outside the Customs area, as well as a kiosk inside the Domestic Baggage Claim area. Here you can pick up your delegate badge, and get information on free transportation services available to you to get to the downtown core, your hotel, the University of British Columbia (UBC), or the Convention Centre (home of WUF III). From Friday, June 16 to Sunday, June 18, complimentary buses for WUF III participants will run every 30 minutes from YVR to the host hotels between the hours of 10:00 and 20:00. Should you choose to take a taxi, a typical fare downtown will be approximately $30.00 one way. Cash and credit cards are accepted by most taxi companies.

Registration, Badging and Security
If you did not pick up your badge at the airport, upon arrival at the Convention Centre, you will be able to get it by showing photo identification at Registration. Please wear your badge at all times onsite and each time you enter the building or you will not be granted access to the site. A security screening area will be located in the lobby of the Convention Centre where you must display your badge and pass through security (x-ray) equipment to enter the event areas of the building (please allow additional time for this).

Business Service Centre
A staffed Business Service Centre providing photocopying, fax and other related services on a fee basis is located on the Restaurant ("R") Level of the Pan Pacific Hotel. Take the elevator up from the Ground Level of the Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre (VCEC) to the "R-Level" of the Pan Pacific.

Internet Access
A number of complimentary computer terminals will be available on the exposition floor for WUF participants to access the Internet and check email. See the Exhibit Area diagram on page 34 for Internet Café and personal computer terminal locations.

Information and Message Centre
The WUF III Information and Message Centre is located in the concourse of the Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre between the general registration area and the entrance to the Exposition Hall. Here you may leave messages for pick up by other WUF III participants.

Interfaith Prayer Room
The Prayer Room, located just off the escalators on the Meeting Room level of the VCEC, provides a respite and place of solitude. Open from 06:00 - 22:00 daily, the Prayer Room is designed to accommodate all faiths, and with this in mind, the room does not contain religious symbols.

Distributing Marketing Materials at WUF III
Literature racks and tables are available for participants to display literature, reports, brochures, information sheets and other promotional materials about their projects, organizations and events. There are two areas designated for "Resources" (publications, reports, CDs, information sheets etc.). One is located in the Delegate Concourse on the ground level leading to the entrance of the exposition. The other can be found along the walls immediately inside the entrance to the exposition. Participants are welcome to place this type of material in these areas. There is also an area designated for "Events" information distribution. This area is available for organizers of networking and side events during the World Urban Forum to display and make available brochures, flyers, invitations etc. about their events and is located immediately outside of the Media Centre in the exposition.

Currency Exchange
There are several foreign exchange offices within one block of the Convention Centre which offer a wide variety of services, including foreign exchange, traveler’s cheques, drafts and wire transfers, and prepaid telephone cards.

Travelex Foreign Exchange
Located: Lobby of the Convention Centre on the Ground Level at the bottom of the escalator.

E Trans Finance
Located: Granville Square, across the street from the Convention Centre at 200 Granville Street next to Aqua Riva Restaurant & Bar.

Vancouver Bullion and Currency Exchange Ltd.
Located: 120 – 800 West Pender Street (corner of Pender and Howe Street).

Smoking Policy
Smoking inside any public building in British Columbia is against the law. Consequently, there is no smoking permitted within the Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre or any restaurants or bars.

Tipping
Gratuities are at the customer’s discretion. However, a 15% gratuity for exceptional service is considered customary at restaurants and lounges, and is not typically included in the bill.
**Food Services**
For your convenience while on site, light snacks can be purchased from kiosks throughout the VCEC, as well as from The Longest Bar and Grill on the east wall within the exposition hall. A food court in the Waterfront Centre is accessible via the underground walkway from the south end of the Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre Lobby.

**Mobile Phone Rentals**
Not sure if your mobile phone will work while in Vancouver? A wide range of mobile phones will be available for rent to WUF III participants. The cost is $4.99 per day, plus $.99/minute for local calls. An additional $.49/minute surcharge will be added on international and long distance call rates. For a fee, your rental phone will be couriered directly to your hotel. For more information or to reserve a phone, visit the Cita Mobile Communications website at www.cita-info.com. Reservations will also be accepted by fax at 604-204-0172. Group rates are available; please enter event code GLO19VR in the “Comments” box when reserving online to activate the WUF III group rate.

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**Lost and Found**
All lost and found articles are catalogued and stored at the Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre for 90 days from the close of the event. After that period, all articles are disposed of at the sole discretion of the Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre. Any inquiries regarding lost and found items should be directed to 604-647-7299.

**Taxes**
A non-refundable Provincial Sales Tax (PST) of 7% is charged on the purchase of most goods. In addition, under the Goods and Services Tax (GST), most goods and services sold or provided in Canada are taxed at the rate of 7%. Non-resident visitors may apply for a 7% GST rebate on most goods and services, once $100 worth of goods or services has been purchased. Rebat claims are available at the Information Desk on site and in most stores and hotels in and around Vancouver. If you are visiting from outside Canada, please contact the Canada Revenue Agency for information on GST rebates at 1-800-668-4747, 604-669-2990 or 604-689-8671.

**Visitor/Tourism Information**
An Information Centre near the Registration area of WUF III can provide visitor information and city maps, as well as restaurant, rental car and tour reservations. Alternatively, Tourism Vancouver is located at 200 Burrard Street, just across the street from the Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre.
Cantrov Leisure Services will also be on site near the Registration area to offer a number of tours and excursions for WUF III participants. Options are available for short day tours and activities to enjoy during the conference (available from June 17 – 23), as well as overnight packages of various durations that are available both before and after the conference. Advance sign-up is recommended. A complete list of tours is available online at www.cantravleisure.com/wuf-3.

**Weather**
Vancouver weather can be unpredictable and the last two weeks of June tend to be unsettled with mixed sun and rain. Average daytime temperatures reach 21°C (69°F) and cool off in the evenings to approximately 12°C (54°F). Dress in layers and make sure you have a light jacket for evening.

Also, please keep in mind that temperatures can vary between meeting rooms, so you may want to bring along a sweater or jacket when you attend conference sessions.

**Medical and Dental Clinics**
Should you require medical or dental assistance during WUF III, there is a medical office in the Sinclair Centre, a very short walk from the Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre. Participants are responsible for any costs of these services.

Medical Doctor: Dr. Mike Mamocos
228 - 757 West Hastings Street
Tel: 604-663-2551

Dentist: Dr. Rudy Salo
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**Notes:**
- "HIC @ CWCA - On Forced Evictions" 13:00 - 16:00 has
PROGRAM

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

18:00 – 20:00

CANADA RECEPTION
Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Exposition Floor (Exhibit Halls B & C)

The Government of Canada invites all conference participants to kick off their WUF III experience at the Canada Reception. Enjoy a selection of hors d'oeuvres while taking in the exhibits on the exposition floor. The reception is open to all registered participants.

MONDAY, JUNE 19

10:00 – 13:00

OPENING CEREMONY AND PLENARY
Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Exhibit Hall A

The World Urban Forum III opens with a welcoming ceremony followed by statements by dignitaries and key partners.

Traditional Aboriginal Welcome

Master of Ceremonies:
Eric Falt, Director of the Division of Communications & Public Information, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Kenya

Welcoming Remarks:
Charles Kelly, Commissioner General, World Urban Forum III, Government of Canada
Sam Sullivan, Mayor, City of Vancouver, Canada
Gordon Campbell, Premier, Province of British Columbia, Canada

Message from Secretary General of the United Nations, Kofi Annan

Opening Address:
Anna Tibaijuka, Under Secretary-General, United Nations; Executive Director, UN-HABITAT, Kenya
Noli de Castro, Vice President, Government of the Philippines
Ali Mohamed Shein, Vice President, Government of Tanzania

Keynote Address:
The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister, Government of Canada

Opening Plenary Chairs:
Maria Antonia Trujillo, Minister of Housing, Government of Spain; Chair, WUF II
Diane Finley, Minister, Human Resources and Social Development, Government of Canada; Chair, WUF III

Adoption of agenda and organization of work for WUF III

Plenary Speakers:
Alphonso Jackson, Secretary of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Government of the United States of America
Naokazu Takemoto, Secretary-General of the Japan Parliamentarians on HABITAT (Senior Vice-Minister of Finance), Japan
Smangaliso Mkhathwa, Co-President, United Cities and Local Governments, South Africa
Enrique Ortiz, Secretary General, Habitat International Coalition
13:00 - 13:30  OFFICIAL EXPOSITION OPENING

13:00 - 19:00  EXPOSITION OPEN

14:00 - 16:00  NETWORKING EVENTS
Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre and Pan Pacific Hotel

There are 18 concurrent networking events taking place at this time. Please refer to the Training & Networking Events supplement for a complete listing of events.

ROUNDTABLES

14:30 - 17:30  PARLIAMENTARIAN ROUNDTABLE
Human Settlement Legislation Developments + 30: Good Laws for a Better Habitat
Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Ballroom B
Organized in cooperation with the Global Parliamentarians on Habitat and the Government of Canada

Almost 20 years after the formal inauguration of the Global Parliamentarians on Habitat in 1987, this session provides parliamentarians an opportunity to take stock of key milestones, successes and challenges in their contribution to human settlements, urban development and affordable housing around the world. Looking to the future, new priorities for supporting urban sustainability will be identified at both global and domestic levels and opportunities for collaboration on legislative initiatives explored.

Co-chairs:
Ernesto Gil Elorduy, Chairman, Global Parliamentarians on Habitat;
Senator of Mexico
Lee Richardson, Member of Parliament, Conservative Party of Canada

Moderator:
John Reynolds P.C., Former Member of Parliament and Leader of the Opposition, Conservative Party of Canada
14:30 – 17:30 PRIVATE SECTOR ROUNDTABLE
Business Roundtable on Corporate Leadership for Sustainable Urbanization
Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Crystal Pavilion C
Organized in cooperation with UN-HABITAT and the GLOBE Foundation of Canada

The Business Roundtable is an invitation-only event which shall bring together a select group of leading corporations, public policy thinkers and leading commentators committed to the private sector being a part of the solution for a sustainable urban future. The roundtable shall delve into how private companies can play a leading role in providing solutions, products, technology/infrastructure, employment and innovative ideas to meet the urban challenge as reflected in the Millennium Development Goals. The Business roundtable will profile the leadership of corporations worldwide with respect to urban challenges such as: dwellings, urban infrastructure, transport, communications and other issues. A particularly prominent feature of the roundtable will be to examine the role of the private sector in creating economic activity and employment through sustainable urban development approaches.

Chair:
John Wiebe, President and Chief Executive Officer, GLOBE Foundation of Canada

Moderator:
Christopher Henderson, Chief Executive Officer, The Delphi Group, Canada

[Limited to 30 participants]

14:30 – 17:30 WOMEN’S ROUNDTABLE
Empowering the Millennium Development Goals: Grassroots Women Meet the Challenge – Women’s Lives, Women’s Decisions
Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Ballroom C
Organized in cooperation with the Huairou Commission

In the interest of supporting efforts to speed up the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) the roundtable will discuss how to build and foster grassroots women’s contribution and their role in the overall development process. It will identify the support that is needed to create the conditions and environment for realizing women’s full potential to contribute to national, political, economic, social and cultural development, and to benefit from the results. The session will give recognition to grassroots women who have made a difference in contributing to the achievement of the MDGs, and draw from their practices and specific strategies for turning ideas into action. Participants will be invited to react and share their experiences in supporting grassroots women’s initiatives.

Chair:
Erna Widiarini, UN Special Ambassador on MDGs for Asia and the Pacific, Indonesia
14:30 – 17:30 NGOs ROUNDTABLE
Assets and Struggles: 30 Years After Vancouver Habitat Forum
- Realizing the Right to Adequate Housing, Sustainable Habitat
  and Inclusive Cities
Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Crystal Pavilion A
Organized in cooperation with Habitat International Coalition

Prior to the roundtable, an online debate will be held to review the efforts
towards “building a community with the people” and its current meaning in
the context of liberal policies. The debate will undertake a critical review
of international commitments and plans of action following UN conferences,
councils and forums aimed at the progressive realization of the Right to
Adequate Housing. It will also assess gender approaches in defending the
right to the city, land and housing. The results of this online discussion will be
presented at the roundtable.

The roundtable will discuss case studies on people’s efforts in defending
their right to live in peace and dignity (such as the Harare evictions, Katrina
and the post-tsunami rehabilitation). Also, the MDG 7 – Target 11 on
“Cities Without Slums” initiatives will be reviewed in the light of Vancouver
1976 and further international commitments and plans of actions.

Co-chairs:
Michael Shapcott, Senior Fellow in Residence, Wellesley Institute, Canada
Evanita Rodrigues, Regional Representative of SERVIP, União Nacional de Moradia, Brazil

14:30 – 17:30 RESEARCHERS’ ROUNDTABLE
Planning and Managing Sustainable Cities: From Research to Practice
Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Crystal Pavilion B
Organized in cooperation with the Global Research Network on Human
Settlements (HS-Net); University of Toronto Urban International (UTUI); the European
Commission Directorate-General for Research (EC DG-Research); the International
Human Dimensions Programme (IHDP); Urbanization and Global Environmental
Change Project; the International Development Research Centre (IDRC); Center for
Demographic, Urban and Environmental Studies (CEDUA), El Colegio de Mexico.

Participants will discuss ways and means of strengthening links between
research and action in the area of sustainable urban development through
the presentation of illustrative experiences/case studies from both developing
and developed countries. Experiences to be presented will focus on the
ways in which research has contributed to the planning and management
of environmentally, economically and socially sustainable cities. A major
component of the roundtable will be the launching/presentation of the
recommendations of the "Nanning International Conference on Sustainable
Urban Development: From Research to Action".

Chair:
Paula Jiron, Professor, Housing Institute, University of Chile

Moderator:
Patrick Wakely, Professor, Development Planning Unit, University College
of London, United Kingdom
15:00 – 18:00
MINISTERS’ ROUNDTABLE
Vancouver + 30: The Changing Role of Cities and Global Sustainable Development
Organized in cooperation with the Government of Canada

Ministers will address key issues relating to the changing role of cities in a globalised world. Sustainable urbanization will be discussed in the context of experiences and lessons learned from national, international and other jurisdictional perspectives: How can national governments support sustainable cities? What is the potential for partnerships between national governments and other jurisdictions in support of urban sustainability? How can national governments link their international agendas to the local level - e.g. working with cities to address the Millennium Development Goals?

Co-chairs:
Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, Government of Canada
John Pombe Magufuli, Minister for Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development, Government of Tanzania; Co-chair, WUF III

Moderator:
Huguette Labelle, Chair, Transparency International; Chancellor, University of Ottawa, Canada

Remarks:
Anna Tibaijuka, Under Secretary-General, United Nations; Executive Director, UN-HABITAT, Kenya

16:30 – 18:30
NETWORKING EVENTS
Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre and Pan Pacific Hotel

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TUESDAY, JUNE 20

08:30 – 09:30 PLENARY SESSION
Social Inclusion and Cohesion
Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Exhibit Hall A

Marginalisation, social exclusion and urban poverty are becoming key challenges facing cities in the urban millennium. Unprecedented urbanization and inadequate urban policies (including insecurity of tenure) are the main causes of the formation of slums. Pro-poor, gender sensitive urban policies and enabling legislation at the national and international levels are necessary to help overcome this challenge, while good urban governance and consistent leadership are required to implement effective strategies at the local level.

Moderator:
Margaret Catley-Carlson, Chair, Global Water Partnership, Canada

Speakers:
Alphonso Jackson, Secretary of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Government of the United States of America
Jockin Arputham, National Slum Dwellers Federation of India
Lindiwe Sisulu, Minister of Housing, Government of South Africa

09:00 – 12:00 TRAINING EVENTS

There are three concurrent training events taking place at this time. Please refer to the Training & Networking Events supplement for a complete list and description of these events.

Training event sign up will be available in the Lobby of the Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre on a first-come, first-serve basis. Room capacity is limited to 40 participants, so please sign up early.

09:30 – 19:00 EXPOSITION OPEN
DIALOGUE SESSIONS

10:00 - 12:00  
**Dialogue 1 – Achieving the Millennium Development Goals, Slum Upgrading and Affordable Housing**  
**Location:** Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Ballroom C

Following on the conclusions of the World Urban Forum II and the recent MDGs Millennium Summit, this dialogue will address the challenges and opportunities for the achievement of the MDGs target on slums. In light of the scale and severity of the slum challenge, participants will explore practical solutions such as the provision of security of tenure and affordable land, the need for inclusive slum upgrading processes that empower the urban poor, as well as adequate mechanisms for financing slum upgrading, affordable housing, and proactive programmes to avoid the formation of new slums. Participants represent the whole spectrum of stakeholders and come with concrete experiences. They have all actively contributed to a wide range of slum upgrading programmes, delivery of affordable housing and promotion of security of tenure.

**Facilitator:**
Jacques Bensimon, Government Film Commissioner and Chairperson, National Film Board of Canada

**Commentators to include:**
Rose Molokoane, South African Homeless People’s Federation, South Africa
Luz Maria Sanchez Hurtado, Executive Director, Estrategia, Peru
Arif Hassan, Chairman, Urban Resource Centre (URC), Pakistan
Miloon Kothari, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right of Adequate Housing
10:00 – 12:00  
**Dialogue 2 – Public Engagement: The Inclusive Approach**  
Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Ballroom B

Recent experience in both developed and developing countries shows that not all participatory systems work when it comes to urban sustainability. It has become evident that sustainable development is jeopardized when structures of engagement do not provide for mechanisms that eliminate barriers which deny effective and full involvement of every member of society. This dialogue session will examine the essence of inclusiveness and empowerment in civil society involvement in local governance. It will address the operational aspects of fostering inclusion and cohesion for promoting sustainable cities by examining concrete experiences in ensuring the engagement of long-term residents, international migrants, the poor, marginalised groups, national minorities, and indigenous peoples. It will showcase ongoing strategies and practices that provide useful lessons in civic engagement and citizenship, with a particular focus on the integration of migrants and empowerment of women and youth.

**Facilitator:**  
Zain Verjee, Anchor, CNN, USA

**Commentators to include:**  
Peter Oberlander, Professor Emeritus, Inaugural Director, UBC Centre for Human Settlements, Canada  
Kay Andrews, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, Government of the United Kingdom  
Jean-Pierre Mbassi, Secretary General, United Cities & Local Governments Africa  
Marcello Balbo, Professor, University of Venice, Italy  
Mary Balikungeri, Rwanda Women’s Network, Rwanda

10:00 – 12:00  
**SPECIAL UN-HABITAT LECTURE**  
The Wealth of Cities: Towards an Assets-Based Development of Urbanizing Regions  
Location: Fairmont Waterfront Hotel – Ballroom C

Organized in cooperation with United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT) through Global Research Network on Human Settlements (HR-Net)

This address marks the first annual United Nations Human Settlements Lecture series. The UN-HABITAT Lecture award seeks to recognize outstanding and sustained contribution to research, thinking and practice in the human settlements field. A key component of the award is the delivery, by the award winner, of a lecture before a live audience. The delivery of the lecture is intended to stimulate global debate and provoke new thinking in the field of human settlements.

**Award-Winning Presenter:**  
John Friedmann, Honorary Professor, School of Community and Regional Planning, University of British Columbia, Canada
10:00 – 12:00  SPECIAL SESSION
Water, Sanitation and Human Settlements
Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Ballroom A

This special session will bring together governments at national, state and local levels as important partners responsible for financing as well as governance and regulatory policies to meet the challenge of providing water and sanitation for human settlements. The event will also provide a platform for unheard voices of women from slums, expressing their needs and priorities on Water and Sanitation. In addition, the private sector, like development banks and NGOs, have a major role to contribute in building a new consensus for addressing the issue of water and sanitation for sustainable human settlements.

Facilitator:
Margaret Cutley-Carlson, Chair, Global Water Partnership, Canada

Commentators to include:
Maria Mutagamba, Minister of Water and Environment, Government of Uganda
Andre Juneau, Deputy Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, Government of Canada
Arco Ramachandran, Chairman, The Energy Resources Institute (TERI), India
Ana Teresa Aranda Orozco, Minister of Social Development, Government of Mexico

13:30 – 15:30  NETWORKING EVENTS
Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre and Pan Pacific Hotel

16:30 – 18:30

There are 40 concurrent networking events taking place at these times. Please refer to the Training & Networking Events supplement for a complete listing of activities.
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

07:00 – 08:30  INAUGURAL HABITAT ALUMNI BREAKFAST  
Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Crystal Pavilion

All HABITAT Alumni (UN Conference on the Human Environment in Stockholm in 1972, Habitat I in Vancouver (1976), Habitat II in Istanbul 1996) are invited to an Inaugural Alumni Breakfast to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the UN Conference on Human Settlements (UN-HABITAT I). The breakfast will bring together old friends to celebrate the lives and efforts that made the HABITAT events successful, while continuing to look towards the future.

08:30 – 09:30  PLENARY SESSION  
Partnership and Finance  
Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Exhibit Hall A

Economically vibrant cities are now committed to partnerships with a range of stakeholders at local, national and international levels; enabling the leveraging of resources for investment, learning from each other’s best practices, and enhancing productivity. In addition, this plenary will address the links between urban safety and security, economic growth and poverty reduction.

Moderator:  
Katherine Sierra, Vice President and Network Head, Infrastructure, World Bank, USA

Speakers:  
Mohammad Yousaf Pashtun, Minister of Urban Development, Government of Afghanistan  
Pat Jacobsen, Chief Executive Officer, TransLink, Canada  
Pape Diop, Mayor of Dakar; President, National Assembly, Senegal (TBC)

09:00 – 12:00  TRAINING EVENTS

There are three concurrent training events taking place at this time. Please refer to the Training & Networking Events supplement for a complete list and description of these events.

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09:30 – 19:00  EXPOSITION OPEN
DIALOGUE SESSIONS

10:00 - 12:00  
**Dialogue 1 – Urban Safety & Security: Taking Responsibility**  
**Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Ballroom B**

Disasters and crime represent an enormous risk factor for investment and wealth creation in cities and a major hindrance to economically vibrant, socially equitable and environmentally sustainable urban development. The Dialogue will seek to highlight why prevention is better than cure: its cost effectiveness and results, either for reducing the incidence and the impact of disasters, or to limit the occurrence of crime. The key message of the forum is that unless action is taken to assess and prevent causes of crime and disaster, and reduce vulnerability, sustainable urban development is in jeopardy.

**Facilitator:**  
Anna Maria Tremonti, Host, The Current, CBC, Canada

**Commentators to Include:**  
Juan Manuel Ospina Restrepo, Secretario de Gobierno de Bogotá, Colombia  
Carole Kidu, Minister of Community Development, Papua New Guinea  
Michel Marcus, Executive Director, European Forum for Urban Safety, France  
Ghulam Sakhi Noorzad, Mayor of Kabul, Afghanistan  
Ian Davies, Visiting Professor, Cranfield University, United Kingdom

10:00 - 12:00  
**Dialogue 2 – Municipal Finance: Innovation and Collaboration**  
**Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Ballroom C**

Municipalities around the world are facing the dilemma of the need for a strong fiscal base to create and maintain infrastructure and services amidst pressure to lower taxes to attract foreign and domestic investment. Financial mismanagement greatly affects the ability of local authorities to sustain the provision of municipal infrastructure and services to their constituents. Despite these constraints, there are many innovations, reforms, and partnership arrangements with the private sector and civil society to remedy this.

**Facilitator:**  
Anwar Versi, Editor, African Business, United Kingdom

**Commentators to Include:**  
Jacqueline E. Schafer, Assistant Administrator, Bureau of Economic Growth and Trade, USAID, Government of the United States of America  
Lamine Mbassa, Director of Economic and Financial Affairs, Communauté Urbaine de Douala (CUD), Cameroon  
Jawaid Akhtar, Managing Director, Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development Corporation, India  
Fernando Damata Pimentel, Mayor of Belo Horizonte, Brazil  
Katherine Sierra, Vice President and Network Head, Infrastructure, World Bank, USA
10:00 - 12:00  SPECIAL SESSION
The Role of Local Governments: Leadership in Sustainability
Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Ballroom A
Organized in cooperation with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), and their networks

Municipalities around the globe are looking for new and innovative ways to achieve sustainability. This session, open to all delegates, will focus on the local government experience and leadership in reaching sustainability. Decentralization is the starting point for local leadership and will be one of the key areas of discussion, in addition to access to basic services and local finance and authority. The panelists will participate in an exchange on the key themes of the session, followed by a period of questions and commentary from the floor.

Co-chairs:
Wim Deetman, Mayor of The Hague, the Netherlands; President, Association of Netherlands Municipalities
Enrique Riera Escudero, Mayor of Asunción, Paraguay

Moderator:
Elisabeth Gateau, UCLG General Secretary, Spain

Remarks:
Anna Tibajjuka, Under Secretary-General, United Nations; Executive Director, UN-HABITAT, Kenya

Panelists:
Kadir Topbas, Vice President, UCLG; Mayor of Istanbul, Turkey
Simon Compaore, President of the Association des Maires du Burkina Faso; Mayor of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
Abbès Mothsen, President of the Fédération Nationale des Villages Tunisiennes; Mayor of Tunis, Tunisia
Lu Bing, Deputy Mayor, City of Nanjing, China
João Avamileno, Executive Secretary of Mercociudades; Mayor of Santo André, Brazil
David Bronconnier, Mayor of Calgary, Canada

13:30 - 15:30  NETWORKING EVENTS
Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre and Pan Pacific Hotel

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ROUND TABLES

14:30 – 17:30  
**GENDERING LAND TOOLS ROUNDTABLE**  
*Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Ballroom C*  
*Organized in cooperation with the UN-HABITAT*  

Over the past decade, women’s access to land and property and their security of tenure have actually declined in most parts of the world in the last decade. To achieve the Millennium Development Goals, gender responsive and effective land tools which are lacking need to be developed. Hence, the Gender Land Tool Network initiative to develop land tools which are pro-poor, innovative, affordable, scalable and gendered. The roundtable will bring together leading grassroots women, land professionals, policy makers, researchers, lawyers, analysts and experts through a women-led process to develop strategies towards systematically genderising land tools.

*Chair:*  
Anna Tibaijuka, Under Secretary-General, United Nations; Executive Director, UN-HABITAT, Kenya

14:30 – 17:30  
**YOUTH ROUNDTABLE**  
*Youth, Leaders of Today and Tomorrow*  
*Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Ballroom A*  
*Organized as a UN-HABITAT Global Partnership Initiative, in partnership with the Youth Organizing Committee, Environmental Youth Alliance, City of Vancouver Youth Outreach Team, and One Stop Youth Resource Centre*  

This roundtable will focus on profiling the leadership role youth take in solving the most pressing urban issues facing our planet. Researchers, policy makers and youth leaders from around the world will share stories, and uncover the underlying and systemic barriers youth face in tackling urban issues such as HIV/AIDS, environmental degradation, and economic marginalization. The outcome of this roundtable will inform the final youth statement to be formally presented to the World Urban Forum III.

*Co-chairs:*  
Avi Lewis, Award-Winning Documentary Filmmaker and Television Journalist, Canada  
Doug Ragan, Senior Manager, Environmental Youth Alliance and Manager, World Urban Forum and Youth Organizing Committee, Canada
14:30 – 17:30  UNIVERSITIES ROUNDTABLE
Universities and Urban Sustainability: The Millennium City University
Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Oceanview Suite 1
Organized in cooperation with the Centre for Human Settlements and School of Community and Regional Planning, The University of British Columbia; Faculty of Architecture, University of São Paulo; and Centro Studi Urbanistici per i Paesi in via di Sviluppo di DIPTU, Universita’ degli Studi di Roma “La Sapienza”

Universities engaged in innovative research and capacity-building programs, in partnership with governments, the private sector and civil society in the North and South, will share lessons and future plans. The focus will be on how ideas for urban sustainability and achieving Millennium Development Goals in the city can be turned into action. The agenda for the three-hour session will concentrate on future goals and activities through 2008: the diffusion and implementation of promising initiatives; ongoing information exchange; attracting new universities; and identifying milestones on the road to Nanjing. Invited participants are senior academics involved in innovative research and capacity development in urban sustainability in all five continents, with extensive experience with North-South partnerships.

Co-chairs:
Anthony (Tony) Dorsey, Professor and Director, Centre for Human Settlements and School of Community and Regional Planning, University of British Columbia, Canada
Erminia Maricato, Professor, Faculty of Architecture, University of São Paulo, Brazil
Pietro Garau, Professor and Director, Centro Studi Urbanistici per i Paesi in via di Sviluppo di DIPTU, Universita’ degli Studi di Roma “La Sapienza”, Italy

14:30 – 17:30  ENVIRONMENT ROUNDTABLE
Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Exhibit Hall A
Organized in cooperation with the Canadian Environmental Network (RCEN)

This session aims to foster strategic alliances within the environment sector, including Canadian and international NGOs, health professionals, labour unions, indigenous and youth groups, universities, the private sector and government. Drawing from participants’ experiences and particular areas of expertise, the three-hour roundtable will serve as a forum to identify, through an environment and health lens, the challenges and opportunities to achieving sustainable cities. Examples of eco-innovation in the form of successful strategic alliances will be presented and analyzed. Lastly, pilot projects will be identified, partnerships encouraged and preliminary action plans developed.

Co-chairs:
Arciris Garay, Coordinator, Youth for Social Justice Network, CEN Health Caucus Steering Committee, Canada
Haiyat Redi, Deputy Director, EVERYONE, Ethiopia (International co-chair)

Moderator:
Amelia Clarke, Past President, Sierra Club of Canada, Canada

VANCOUVER, CANADA
14:30 – 17:30  INDIGENOUS PEOPLE AND MEDIA ROUNDTABLE

**Picturing Ourselves: Video as a Tool for Defining Community**

**Location:** Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Ballroom B

Organized in cooperation with the National Film Board of Canada and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)

This roundtable discussion will focus on three key issues related to Indigenous urban communities: community inclusion and cohesion, social and political action, and sustainability of media as a vehicle for supporting community identity and change. The session will address the following questions: How can media reflect the social, political and economic realities of a community in a way that supports social inclusion and cohesion? How can the development, production and release of videos give voice to communities, raise awareness of decision-makers and be a catalyst for broader social and political change? And how can a "community of interest" in advancing media as a community development and change agent be sustained globally? Through case studies of Indigenous communities, participants will leave with an understanding of how media/film can affirm, define and support community identity and change.

**Co-chairs:**
- Tom Perlmutter, Director General, English Program, National Film Board of Canada
- Fred Caron, Assistant Deputy Minister, Office of the Federal Interlocutor for Metis and Non-Status Indians, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), Government of Canada

**Moderator:**
- Manika Ille, Aboriginal Peoples Television Network, Canada

14:30 – 17:30  SPIRITUALITY ROUNDTABLE

**Bridging the Gap: Spirituality and Sustainability in the Urban Context**

**Location:** Pan Pacific Hotel – Crystal Pavilion

Organized in cooperation with the InterSpiritual Centre of Vancouver Society

This roundtable is based on the conviction that meeting the challenges of urbanization requires policy approaches that are ethically and spiritually informed. It will showcase urban projects that are inspired by the principles articulated in the major Wisdom (i.e. faith, indigenous and spiritual) traditions of the world. Participants will engage the following questions: How do faith-based initiatives promote sustainability, inclusion and social cohesion in urban areas? How do sustainability-focused projects integrate spiritual perspectives? How do civic leaders articulate an integral vision of urban wellbeing that is informed by a spiritual understanding of human community?

**Moderator:**
- Angela Hryniuk, Executive Director, InterSpiritual Centre of Vancouver Society, Canada
14:30 – 17:30

MAYORS ROUNDTABLE
Local Government at the Crossroads: Approaching the Millennium Development Goals Through Practical Innovation and Local Action
Location: Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue – Asia Pacific Hall
Organized in cooperation with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), and their networks.

Local governments are crucial to local implementation of the MDGs. Local governments are responsible not only for the provision of services directly linked with MDG targets, but for strengthening governance through the engagement of civil society and partnership with the private sector. By invitation to 115 participants, the Mayors Roundtable will gather elected local government officials, UN-HABITAT Governing Council members and donor representatives. With a focus on actions and solutions required to address the challenges facing local governments in achieving the MDGs, this mix of leaders and decision-makers from the developed and developing world will ensure a lively and productive discussion.

Co-chairs:
Gérald Tremblay, Vice-President, Association Internationale des Maires Francophones (AIMF), Vice-President, UCLG; Mayor, City of Montreal, Canada
Smangaliso Mkhathwana, Co-President, UCLG; Councillor of Tshwane, South Africa

Moderator:
Dominique Dennery, President, Dennery Resources, Canada

Remarks:
Inga Bjork-Klevby, Assistant Secretary-General, United Nations; Deputy Executive Director, UN-HABITAT, Kenya

16:30 – 18:30

NETWORKING EVENTS
Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre and Pan Pacific Hotel

There are 17 concurrent networking events taking place at this time. Please refer to the Training & Networking Events supplement for a complete listing of activities.
THURSDAY, JUNE 22

08:30 – 09:30  PLENARY SESSION
Urban Growth and Environment
Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Exhibit Hall A

The urban environment, at a time of rapid growth, has become a global concern. Sound planning and management will be a major factor in ensuring sustainable urban development.

Moderator:
Chris Leach, President, Canadian Institute of Planners, Canada

Speakers:
Enrique Peñalosa, Visiting Scholar, New York University, USA; former Mayor, City of Bogotá, Columbia
Evelyn Herfkens, Executive Coordinator, Millennium Campaign, United Nations, USA

09:00 – 12:00  TRAINING EVENTS

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09:30 – 19:00  EXPOSITION OPEN
DIALOGUE SESSIONS

10:00 - 12:00  Dialogue 1 – The Shape of Cities: Urban Planning and Management
Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Ballroom C

Although there is some consensus on how cities should be run, there is still some uncertainty about the crucial ingredients — governance, management and planning. A key element in the mixture is urban planning. For long the dominant model, it has fallen into disfavour, particularly in the developing world. It is now re-emerging as a powerful tool, but which has a changed relationship with management and governance. The purpose of this dialogue will be to focus on the new role of planning vis-à-vis these other elements. The leitmotif of the dialogue will therefore be “planning in a state of flux”. The dialogue will examine the past problems of planning, and then look at current approaches and methods that overcome these obstacles. The dialogue will build upon the contributions of the World Planners’ Congress that will immediately precede the World Urban Forum.

Facilitator:
Steve Bradshaw, Producer, BBC-Panorama, United Kingdom

Commentators to include:
John Friedmann, Honorary Professor, School of Community & Regional Planning, University of British Columbia, Canada
Tasneem Essop, Minister of Environment, Planning and Economic Development, Provincial Government of the Western Cape, South Africa
Sunita Narain, Center for Science and Environment (CSE), India
Herbert Girardet, Environmental Consultant and Senior Adviser to Dongang Eco-City, China
Clif Hague, President, Commonwealth Association of Planners, United Kingdom
10:00 – 12:00  
**Dialogue 2 – Energy: Local Action, Global Impact**  
**Location:** Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Ballroom A  
Organized in cooperation with UN-HABITAT and ICLEI

Without a doubt, access to affordable, modern energy services is a prerequisite for sustainable human development. This dialogue session will feature speakers from both developing and developed countries discussing energy and transport solutions. The first part of this dialogue will seek to identify affordable and successful renewable energy options for cities and highlight the role of industry and public-private-partnerships in realizing this objective. The second part of the dialogue will consider novel approaches to sustainable urban transport. Participants will be challenged to identify how cities can lead the way in promoting more energy efficient and cleaner transport through “leapfrogging technologies” adapted to the particular needs of cities.

**Facilitator:**  
Kevin Newman, News Anchor, Global National, Canada

**Commentators to include:**  
Vijay Modi, Professor, Mechanical Engineering, Columbia University, USA  
Enrique Peñalosa, Visiting Scholar, New York University, USA; former Mayor, City of Bogotá, Colombia  
Anumita Roychowdhury, Coordinator Policy Research and Advocacy on vehicular pollution in India for the “Centre for Science and Environment” (CSE), India  
Mary Jane C. Ortega, Mayor, City of San Fernando, The Philippines  
Harriette Amissah-Arthur, Director, KITE, Ghana

13:30 – 15:30  
**NETWORKING EVENTS**  
**Location:** Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre and Pan Pacific Hotel

There are 42 concurrent networking events taking place at these times. Please refer to the Training & Networking Events supplement for a complete listing of activities.
FRIDAY, JUNE 23

08:30 – 10:30

SPECIAL SESSION
From Vancouver to Nanjing
Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Ballroom A

Cosponsored by the Government of Canada and the Ministry of Construction, Government of China

China’s approach to rapid urbanization will influence the global urban agenda for the foreseeable future. This session will explore the changes and opportunities for urbanization in China and elsewhere, and provide insight on the issues that will table at the WUF4. In recognition of the significance of China’s contribution to the international urban dialogue, the Fourth Session of the World Urban Forum in 2008 will be hosted by the Ministry of Construction of China and the City of Nanjing.

Moderator:
Brock Caitlon, Director, International Centre for Municipal Development, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Canada

Speakers:
André Juneau, Deputy Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, Government of Canada (Session Chair)
Anna Tibaijuka, Under Secretary-General, United Nations; Executive Director, UN-HABITAT, Kenya
Michael Harcourt, Co-Chair of the Canadian National Advisory Committee for WUF 3; Former Mayor of Vancouver; Former Premier of British Columbia; Current Chair, External Advisory Committee on Cities and Communities, Canada
Martin Lilja, State Secretary, Ministry of Sustainable Development, Government of Sweden
Wang Guangtao, Minister of Construction, People’s Republic of China
Wu Zhiquang, Dean, College of Architecture and Urban Planning, Tongji University, China
Wu Tinghai, Deputy Director of Institute of Architectural and Urban Studies, Qingshua University, China
Fu Ping, Assistant President, Shanghai Land Development Group, China
Gao Yufeng, General Manager of Shanghai Land Development Group, China
Lu Bing, Deputy Mayor, City of Nanjing, China
08:30 – 10:30  SPECIAL SESSION
Future of Cities
Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Ballroom B
Organized in cooperation with the World Watch Institute, UN-HABITAT and the Government of Canada

This discussion will draw upon a panel of well-known urban experts who will make short presentations on where cities are today and what they will look like in the future. The discussion will begin with highlights from the State of the World’s Cities Report 2006/7. The panelists will be asked to give their impressions on what they see as the major trends and challenges facing cities in the 21st century.

Facilitator:
Ben Malor, UN Radio

Speakers:
Inga Bjork-Klevby, Assistant Secretary General, United Nations; Deputy Executive Director, UN-HABITAT, Kenya
John Friedmann, Honorary Professor in Community and Regional Planning, University of British Columbia, Canada
Janice Perlman, Executive Director, Megacities Project, USA
Xuewei Bai, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, Japan
Kalpana Sharma, Mumbai Bureau Chief, The Hindu, India
David Satterthwaite, Senior Fellow, Human Settlements, International Institute for Environment and Development, United Kingdom
Clive Harridge, President, Town Planning Institute, United Kingdom

08:30 – 10:30  NETWORKING EVENTS
Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre and Pan Pacific Hotel

There are 14 concurrent networking events taking place at this time. Please refer to the Training & Networking Events supplement for a complete listing of activities.

09:30 – 19:00  EXPOSITION OPEN
11:00 – 13:00

CLOSING SESSION AND CEREMONY
Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Exhibit Hall A & Ballroom C

The WUF III closing session and ceremony will both celebrate the achievements of the conference and look to the future.

The session will open with the tabling and presentation of a Report by the WUF III Advisory Board, appointed by the UN-HABITAT Executive Director, on the key issues raised at the Forum. This will be followed by remarks from various civil society groups who will comment on their forward planning as a result of the outcomes of the Forum. The closing ceremony will also mark the introduction of Nanjing, China as the next host city for World Urban Forum IV (2008).

Presentation of the Report on WUF III

Closing Plenary Speakers:
- John Pombe Magufuli, Minister for Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development, Government of Tanzania; Co-chair, WUF III
- Pierre Sané, Assistant Director-General, UNESCO
- John Kaputin, Secretary General, African Caribbean and Pacific Group Secretariat, Belgium

Representatives of HABITAT Partners:
- Civil Society
- Woman
- Private Sector
- Youth

Welcome to Nanjing, China & WUF IV
- Wang Guangjao, Minister of Construction, China
- Lu Bing, Deputy Mayor of Nanjing, China

Film presentation of the host city and country for WUF IV

Closing Remarks:
- Anna Tibajuka, Under Secretary-General, United Nations; Executive Director, UN-HABITAT, Kenya
- James Moore, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Public Works; Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Pacific Gateway and the Vancouver-Whistler Olympics, Government of Canada (TBC)

WUF III closes with a truly unique, truly Canadian theatrical event; the Canadian Cirque. Performers will defy your imagination with their acrobatic feats, strength and elegance choreographed in a lavish performance exclusive to the World Urban Forum. Come and experience the magic of Cirque.
### EXPOSITION HOURS
- **Sunday,** June 18 ..........18:00-20:00
- **Monday,** June 19 ..........13:00-19:00
- **Tuesday,** June 20 ..........09:30-19:00
- **Wednesday,** June 21 ..........09:30-19:00
- **Thursday,** June 22 ..........09:30-19:00
- **Friday,** June 23 ..........09:30-16:00

The exposition will showcase leading-edge projects, ideas, case studies, experiences and best practices from around the world that address the challenges of urban sustainability.

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**VANCOUVER, CANADA**
SIDE EVENTS
MONDAY, JUNE 19
14:00 – 17:00

THE WEST COAST CORRIDOR COALITION
North American Gateways: Canada-US West Coast Linkages, Goods Movement and Sustainable Development
Location: Fairmont Waterfront Hotel - Ballroom C
Organized by the West Coast Corridor Coalition (WCCC)

This forum will focus on goods movement within gateway regions. Strategies to deal with the swelling volume of trade require “Smart Growth for Freight” to preserve quality of life in gateways even as they support efficient transportation and sustainable freight strategies among North America’s West Coast Gateways and also with our counterparts in Asian gateway regions.

The forum will also address the US-based Coalition’s relationship with B.C., Yukon and western Provinces. Interest in closer ties is stimulated by proposals for an ALCAN freight railway and Alaska gas pipeline, as well as mineral resource development in the Canadian Northwest sought by China and other Asian nations. WCCC connections with BC and Yukon are of interest to the Coalition as essential to the geographic continuity of joint efforts on transportation issues along the entire West Coast of North America.

For more information contact:
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Speakers:
Allen Domaas, CEO, Fraser Port, Vancouver, BC
Allan Baydala, CEO, North Fraser Port Authority, Vancouver, BC
Peter Holt, President, Surrey Chamber of Commerce, Surrey, BC
Eugene Lysys, Deputy Minister, Yukon Economic Development

MONDAY, JUNE 19
16:00 – 17:00

IMAGE-IN THE MDGs
The Millennium Development Goals – A Promise to the Youth of Mathare, Nairobi, Kenya (Photo Exhibition and Book Launch)
Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Exhibit Halls B & C
In partnership with Mathare Youth Sport Association (MYSA) and UN-HABITAT

“Image-in the MDGs” is a tale of true stories on one of Africa’s most deprived slums. With cameras in hands, ten young boys and girls have become witnesses and advocates of their own conditions. They describe their realities with an unusual acuity and an exceptional sincerity. Their collection of photos and stories around the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) constitute a real documentary, but also the key ingredients to voice real issues and start addressing problems that sometimes go beyond words.

This project is part of UN-HABITAT’s long-term commitment to empower the youth living in the slums. It is also a part of the Mathare Youth Sport Association’s goal to link development, sport, environmental activism and art to positively transform the lives of boys and girls. Behind the faces and eyes, walls and doors, lie incredible testimonies, calls and cries of despair, but also a formidable energy that cannot be ignored to build the future of African cities. The project is sponsored by the Government of Norway and Fujifilm Kenya.
MONDAY, JUNE 19
18:30 – 22:00
WUF III – YOUTH DELEGATE RECEPTION
Celebrating Youth as Leaders of Today and Tomorrow
Location: Fairmont Waterfront Hotel – Mackenzie Ballroom
Organized in partnership with World Urban Forum Youth Organizing Committee, UN-HABITAT Partners and Youth, UNESCO Growing Up in Cities, and Environmental Youth Alliance (EYA)

This reception is open to all delegates of WUF III. The focus of the reception will be to celebrate youth as our current and future leaders of our cities.

Entertainment and insight will be provided by international performers such as Gidigidi from Nairobi, Kenya, and international youth representatives.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20
07:30 – 08:45
ONE SMALL STEP FOR CITIES, ONE GIANT LEAP FOR THE PLANET:
Practical Solutions for Cities Stepping Towards a Lighter Footprint
Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Oceanview Suite 2
Organized in partnership with One Planet Institute and University of British Columbia

This event will set out practical ways that cities around the world are reducing their ecological impact. Speakers including University of British Columbia Professor William Rees (founder of the Ecological Footprint approach) will share stories of progress and approaches for working towards sustainable production and consumption patterns.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20
08:00 – PROJECT COMPLETION
HELP BUILD A HOUSE FOR “OPERATION HOME DELIVERY”
Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Exterior Entrance
Organized by Habitat for Humanity Canada

Habitat for Humanity Greater Vancouver will be building a house to demonstrate Operation Home Delivery (OHD). OHD is a three-phase response program created to provide assistance and rebuilding opportunities in New Orleans and along the Gulf Coast in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

WUF III participants are welcome to watch the house being built in a single day by volunteers in front of Canada Place from 08:00 until completion. Or, stop by the house from Wednesday to Friday to donate $2.00 and sign good wishes on a beam before the house is shipped to Louisiana.
TUESDAY, JUNE 20
SHOW TIMES
10:00 – 12:00
13:30 – 15:30
16:30 – 18:30

ENVISION-THE-FUTURE WITH METROQUEST
Location: Fairmont Waterfront Hotel – Ballroom A
Organized by Quest

Can you envision a sustainable city? Join us for a fun and unique theatre event. Collaborate with your colleagues to create a forty-year vision for a sustainable future using the award-winning MetroQuest software. Make some noise for sustainability! Using a hoop’n holler applause meter connected to MetroQuest, vote on policies and preferences to create a clean and prosperous future. What kind of city do you envision? How much will it cost? What are the environmental impacts? These and other key tradeoffs are explored using engaging images, maps and other visualizations. Choose policies in areas such as land use, housing, transportation, environmental programs and more. MetroQuest will instantly project the 40-year consequences of your decisions on the big screen. Learn about how cities on four continents have used MetroQuest to educate, engage, and empower stakeholders to be partners in the planning process. Don’t miss your opportunity to Envision-The-Future. Also offered at 13:30 – 15:30 and 16:30 – 18:30.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20
12:00 – 13:30

FOOD FOR CITIES
Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Meeting Room B
Organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization, United Nations

The side event will present a 30-minute DVD entitled, “Food for Cities”, followed by a discussion with interested participants.
FIGHTING URBAN POVERTY THROUGH PARTICIPATORY APPROACHES

Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre - Ballroom A

Organized by the United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)

As part of follow-up activities to the 2005 World Summit and its endorsement of the Millennium Development Goals, the Italian Development Cooperation is striving to increase the profile and effectiveness of its international efforts in fighting urban poverty. Guiding and accompanying this effort will be the United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs (DESA). One of the premises of this effort is that public participation is essential in any sustainable approach to urban poverty reduction. But the question is, what kind of participation? This debate will provide a better understanding of the strategic value of participation in policies, programmes and projects aimed at urban poverty reduction; an enrichment of the strategy's focus and horizon; and the strengthening of peer (donor) and partner networks.

Panelists:

Opening remarks
Anna Tibaijuka, Under Secretary-General, United Nations; Executive Director, UN-HABITAT, Kenya (Chair)
Sam Sullivan, Mayor of Vancouver (Co-chair)
Patrizio Civilli, UN Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs
Antonio Bernardini, Multilateral Coordinator, Italian Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Italy

Discussants:
Lindiwe Sisulu, Minister of Housing, Government of South Africa
Senior Representative, World Bank
Ana Sugranyes, General Secretary, Habitat International Coalition
Jesse Mawalastas-Robredo, Mayor, City Government of Naga, Philippines
William Cobbett, Programme Manager, Cities Alliance
Susana Jovanovic, City Counsellor, Pancevo Municipality, Serbia
Erminia Marcato, Professor, Faculty of Architecture, University of Sao Paulo

WOMEN’S RECEPTION

Celebrating Grassroots Women Leaders & Partners’ 30 Years of Building Sustainable Communities

Location: Fairmont Waterfront Hotel - Ballroom C & Foyer

Organized by the HUIAROU Commission/GROOTS Canada

The Huiarou Commission aims to foster relationship building and lasting partnerships. This reception will provide an opportunity to relate one on one, establish personal connections and have frank exchanges of information and opinions. Opening remarks will begin with a celebration of the contribution grassroots women’s groups have made to improving the quality of life in urban settlements, followed by appreciations for women allies in local governments, policy programming and donor agencies, research, and NGOs who have increased the decision-making and resource base of grassroots women’s groups. A brief summary of the Women and World Urban Forum III and the Huiarou Commission’s strategic objectives and program at WUF III will be given. Entertainment will consist of local women celebrities, singers and dancers including youth and traditional and ‘non-traditional’ performers.
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21
09:30-12:00
PREVIEW OF STATE OF THE WORLD 2007: AN URBAN PLANET
Location: SFU Harbour Centre, Room 1600 (515 W. Hastings St. @ Seymour St.)
In partnership with Worldwatch Institute.

The Worldwatch Institute invites you to preview State of the World 2007: An Urban Planet at the World Urban Forum in Vancouver. In this book, we ask: On a planet where cities house a growing share of the human population, including some of the very poorest, what is needed to foster a socially equitable, environmentally sustainable, and economically vibrant urban future? Please join our authors in discussing early versions of their chapters.

Speakers:
David Satterthwaite, Janice Perlman, Peter Newman, Rasna Warah, Kalpana Sharma, Mark Roseland, Kai Lee, Molly O'Meara Sheehan, Zoe Chaife

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21
12:30 - 13:30
INNOVATIVE URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING
Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre - Meeting Room 15
Organized by the US Agency for International Development (USAID)

There will never be enough donor money available to meet the growing infrastructure needs of cities in developing countries. Therefore, cities in developing countries must be able to borrow capital from the private sector. This event will feature practitioners who will describe how this was accomplished in some select developing country cities and how it could be replicated elsewhere.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21
18:00 - 20:00
REGIONAL VANCOUVER URBAN OBSERVATORY REPORT LAUNCH
Location: Simon Fraser University, Harbour Centre - Segal Room (515 West Hastings St. at Seymour St.)
Organized by Regional Vancouver Urban Observatory (Simon Fraser University and UN-Habitat Global Urban Observatory)

Our View of the Region is the inaugural report of the Regional Vancouver Urban Observatory (RVu), the first local member of the UN-HABITAT Global Urban Observatory network to be established in the developed world. The report connects the most pressing local urban trends to global sustainable development issues, and to the challenge of localizing the Millennium Development Goals. Regional RVu participants, regional decision-makers, and researchers and practitioners working to improve urban conditions through better monitoring and information worldwide will find this report of interest.
AFRICITIES 4 SUMMIT IN NAIROBI
Location: Fairmont Waterfront Hotel - Mackenzie Ballroom
Organized by Africities 4 Summit Secretariat in Nairobi

The main purpose of the event will be to present the Africities Summit with its theme, “Building Local Coalitions for the Implementation of the Millennium Development Goals in African Local Governments”, and use the occasion to sensitize delegates attending WUF III to participate in the summit. The main speakers at the event are expected to be the Kenya Minister for Local Government, the Mayor for the City of Nairobi, and the Chairman of the Association of Local Governments in Kenya.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22
12:00 – 13:30
INNOVATIVE POLICIES FOR THE URBAN INFORMAL ECONOMY / LAUNCH REPORT
Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre - Meeting Room 16
Organized by UN-HABITAT/ WIEGO (Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing & Organizing)

Policy-makers and stakeholders are invited to celebrate the official launch of the report, “Innovative Policies for the Urban Informal Economy”.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22
14:30 – 15:30
LAUNCH OF THE NEPAD CITIES REPORT
Location: Fairmont Waterfront Hotel - Waterfront Ballroom B
Organized by UN-HABITAT, UCLG & Partners

NEPAD Cities Programme is a major component of UN-HABITAT’s efforts to address directly the NEPAD objectives. It was formulated as a means of achieving a quick-win for the NEPAD and ground its ideals to the community level through the municipalities and urban centres. Within the interagency consultations coordinated by the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), NCP was adopted as a product of cluster 4 with UN-HABITAT as the lead agency. As UN-HABITAT has now engaged in Phase II of this Programme, the Report of Phase I will be launched by the Executive Director and the NEPAD Cities Partners.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22
18:30 – 20:30
THE CULTURAL AND COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION OF HISTORIC MAILLARDVILLE
Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre - Meeting Room 1
Organized by City of Coquitlam and Société Maillardville-Uni

Maillardville is the first and only Francophone settlement in B.C. The legacy of the pioneers can still be found on the streets of Maillardville, with approximately 13% of its residents speaking French as their mother tongue. The event will be a showcase and dialogue on revitalization efforts and how an urban neighbourhood in the initial stages of decline, can realize a collective vision for the neighbourhood. A unique community engagement model is being piloted in this neighbourhood which includes all levels of government, businesses, Francophone and cultural groups and residents to revitalize Maillardville through grass roots community efforts. This presentation will be multimedia and include discussion in both English and French.
SATellite EVENTS

THRU FRIDAY, JUNE 30
SUSTAINABLE BUILDING CENTRE OPEN HOUSE – "IDEAS THAT LAST"
Location: 1575 Johnston Street (East of the Public Market, Granville Island)
Web site: www.sustainablebuildingcentre.com

Ideas That Last will run until June 30th and will showcase the breadth of sustainable building expertise in our region. Visit the Sustainable Building Centre's inaugural exhibition of completed sustainable building projects, large and small, at the SBC's new location on Granville Island.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15 – MONDAY, JULY 3
GLOBAL STUDIO VANCOUVER
Location: University of British Columbia Downtown Campus (425 Carrall Street)
Web site: www.theglobalsstudio.com

This interdisciplinary forum brings together city building students, academics and professionals from across the globe with the aim of continuing education and research.

MONDAY, JUNE 12 – FRIDAY, JUNE 16
GRASSROOTS WOMEN’S INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY
Women Building Communities Amid Rapid Urbanization and Decentralization
Location: The Liu Institute for Global Issues, University of British Columbia (6475 NW Marine Drive)
Web site: www.huairou.org/events/WUF3

Providing an opportunity for grassroots women to share knowledge, strengthen ties and craft policy, this academy will identify innovative strategies for and obstacles to upscaling its members work. It also offers and opportunity for “just-in-time” democracy. Participants will prepare policies and strategies to take to the World Urban Forum III.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15 – FRIDAY, JUNE 30
EARTH BLOG
Web site: www.EarthBlog.ca

Join thousands of citizens, dozens of community organizations and four provocative bloggers as we explore the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the Greater Vancouver region and our place in the world. Help us connect the local and the globe.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16 – SUNDAY, JUNE 18
THE WORLD YOUTH FORUM
Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Ballrooms A & B
Web site: www.eya.ca/wuf

The World Youth Forum: Leaders of TODAY and TOMORROW is the largest ever UN-HABITAT youth event, bringing together over 500 international youth leaders to network and share best practices on youth led programs and projects. The Forum will arrive at a youth declaration to be officially presented at WUF III. The World Youth Forum will include an art and photo exhibition at the Vancouver Public Library, a speakers series and events on Peacebuilding in Cities, and culminate in the Global Hip Hop Main Stage.
SATURDAY, JUNE 17
SUPER SATURDAY
Location: Westin Bayshore Resort and Marina (1601 Bayshore Drive)
Web site: www.aibc.ca/super_saturday

Planning, Architecture and Landscape Architecture professionals will come together for a day of professional inter-disciplinary sessions, networking opportunities and social activities. The day will culminate in the Gala Reception with special keynote speaker, The Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, former Governor General of Canada.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17
BUILD SOME HOPE TODAY
Location: 8745 Government Street, Burnaby
Web site: www.vancouverhabitat.bc.ca

WUF delegates including Jonathon Reckford, CEO of Habitat for Humanity International and Anna Tibaijuka, Executive Director of UN-HABITAT, will be at the Habitat for Humanity of Greater Vancouver Burnaby Build Site at 10:00. Come out and meet them and take part in a celebration of the relationship between Habitat for Humanity and UN-HABITAT.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17 – TUESDAY, JUNE 20
WORLD PLANNERS CONGRESS
Sustainable Urbanization: Turning Ideas into Action
Location: Westin Bayshore Resort and Marina (1601 Bayshore Drive)
Web site: www.wpc2006.com

This conference, attracting planning and related professionals from around the world, will directly precede the World Urban Forum. It combines plenary sessions, roundtables, panel presentations and mobile workshops and tours all focusing on tangible ways to incorporate sustainability into urban planning.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21 – SUNDAY, JUNE 25
NATIONAL ABORIGINAL WEEK OF ART & CULTURE CELEBRATION
Location: Vancouver Art Gallery (750 Hornby Street); Yale Blues Club (1300 Granville Street)
Web site: www.aboriginalday-van.com

This week will celebrate the unique heritage of Canada’s First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples through traditional music and dancing, aboriginal art, performances and food.
THURSDAY, JUNE 22

GLOBAL HIP-HOP MAINSTAGE
Location: Great Northern Way Campus, 555 Great Northern Way
Web site: www.eyg.ca/wuf

The Global Hip Hop Mainstage will feature internationally renowned Hip-Hop and World Music performers from four continents. A special ceremony will be held inducting aboriginal hip-hop artist Curtis CLEARSKY as a UN-HABITAT Messenger Of Truth.

The Mainstage will also feature live graffiti and dance performances, a welcoming ceremony, Kenyan traditional dance and a report out on the 75 World Urban Cafés held globally leading up to WUF III.
GUIDED TOURS

Sign up for guided tours online at www.wuf3-fum3.ca/en/around_wuf3_tours.asp

The World Urban Forum is organizing a series of tours around Vancouver to locations that illustrate sustainable development. There is no cost to participate, thanks to the generosity of host organizations. Spaces are limited, so register early.

All participants who reserve a place on a tour must pick up their ticket at the Tour Desk in the Main Lobby of the Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre before 12:00 noon on the day of the tour or your place will be given away to on-site people who want to attend the tour.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20 – THURSDAY, JUNE 22
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GREATER VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT (GVRD) TOURS
Web site: www.gvrd.bc.ca/wuf
Organized by the Greater Vancouver Regional District

The GVRD extends a warm invitation to WUF delegates to participate in any of ten custom-designed tours. Explore how the GVRD’s Sustainable Region Initiative embraces principles of sustainability as an integral part of GVRD plans and actions. Greater Vancouver is the third largest urban region in Canada, with a rich mix of cultures living together in one of the most beautiful settings in the world.

Tour projects and facilities that showcase sustainability in Vancouver, including:

- North Shore Alternate Energy Projects
- Seymour Watershed and Filtration Plant Tour
- Solid Waste Management Facilities
- Anacis Island Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Little Mountain Water Reservoir & Queen Elizabeth Park
- Vancouver Landfill
- Capilano River Regional Park
- Stormwater Control Facilities
- Deas Island Canoeing
- Burnaby Lake and Colony Farm Regional Parks

Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Registration is available online at www.gvrd.bc.ca/wuf or onsite.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20 – THURSDAY, JUNE 22
16:00 – 18:00

GRANVILLE ISLAND WALKING TOUR
Web site: www.granvilleisland.com
Organized by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

Granville Island is a prime example of a revitalised urban neighbourhood that was transformed from a derelict industrial site to a community that harmonizes retail, cultural, industrial and residential uses. A key attribute that continues to underpin the unique character of the island is the adaptive reuse of existing buildings and building materials into new uses. Other sustainability issues that contribute to the vitality of Granville Island such as organic recycling initiatives, partnerships with local non-profits and an introduction to the new Sustainable Building Centre will be included on the tour.
TUESDAY, JUNE 20
16:00 – 19:30

RESTORING NATURE IN THE CITY: A LOOK AT EFFORTS IN VANCOURVER’S JERICHO PARK
Web site: www.evergreen.ca
Organized by the Jericho Stewardship Group

This walking tour of Jericho Park will show some of the work that the Jericho Stewardship Group has been doing to provide better habitat for wildlife in the city.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21
16:00 – 18:00

ENTRE NOUS FEMMES HOUSING SOCIETY BUILDING TOUR
Web site: www.enfhs.org
Organized by the Entre Nous Femmes Housing Society

Three building projects in the Lower Mainland will be visited, with guides and history. The buildings were developed through federal and provincial program assistance, on the foundation of the dream of three ‘single moms’. Three buildings in East Vancouver comprise the stops on the tour. Guides will present the buildings and describe the inspirational 20-year history of this successful non-profit woman-generated housing society.

For a complete description of buildings, visit www.enfhs.org/housingprojects.html.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21
16:00 – 18:00

UNIVERSITY TOWN BICYCLE TOURS: WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA?
Web site: www.universitytown.ubc.ca
Organized by the University of British Columbia

Opting for ‘sustainable’ transportation, participants will have the opportunity to explore the UBC Vancouver campus to learn more about UBC’s new University Town while pedaling the relatively flat terrain of the UBC campus and enjoying the fresh air.

Bikes will be provided by the UBC Bike Kitchen or bring your own. The tour will be two-and-a-half hours and will proceed rain or shine. Areas of focus will include academic and green buildings, new residential neighbourhoods, and prominent landscapes and vistas.

The tour will start promptly from the north side of the Student Union Building (6138 Student Union Boulevard) at The University of British Columbia.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21
16:00 – 18:30

GREEN BUILDING TOUR – WEST VANCOUVER
Web site: www.cagbc.org
Organized by the Canada Green Building Council – Cascadia Chapter

Tour three green community buildings in West Vancouver: Gleneagles Community Centre, Gleneagles Public Safety Building and West Vancouver Aquatic Centre. Each of these three buildings feature unique and sustainable solutions relative to the site.
THURSDAY, JUNE 22
16:00 - 18:00
ANATOMY OF A GREEN BUILDING
Web site: www.vanqua.org/home
Organized by the Vancouver Aquarium.

The Vancouver Aquarium turns 50 in 2006, which means it's time for a facelift! The new Discovery Education Centre is the long-awaited and major addition to the Aquarium facility in Stanley Park. Encompassing new classrooms, including a wet lab, additional public display gallery space, a play area for young children, and work space for 90 staff and hundreds more of our volunteers, the building is designed to achieve LEED Gold standards for energy and economic efficiencies. Given the Aquarium specializes in public display and interpretation, it will also serve as a living example of what a green building is, how it got that way and why deciding to build to LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standards is important.

This discussion and tour will examine the economics of the project, and provide a personalized tour of a green building nearing the end of its construction.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22
16:00 - 18:00
UNIVERCITY WALKING TOUR
Web site: www.univercity.ca
Organized by Simon Fraser University - UniverCity

UniverCity is a complete, sustainable, mountaintop community, comprising walkable neighbourhoods on approximately 200 acres of university land, surrounding the SFU Burnaby Mountain campus. It includes approximately 4,500 multi-family residential units, along with a commercial village centre, new schools, parks and other community amenities with a total value in excess of $1.4 billion. The community goals are twofold: to create an attractive, healthy and safe community, appealing to a variety of markets that will bring new life to the campus; and to generate long-term revenues for university endowment funds.
THE WUF III GREENING INITIATIVE
Because the First Steps Towards Global Change Start With Us!

The WUF III Greening Initiative
WUF III has been organized in accordance with a green meeting strategy, coined the WUF III Greening Initiative. This initiative guided our planning and ensured that the decisions related to the event were made according to sound principles of environmental, social and economic sustainability. The objectives of this initiative were to:

- Encourage all involved with the event to implement and demonstrate best practices in waste minimization and management, pollution reduction and energy conservation.
- To work with event suppliers to ensure that the environmental impacts associated with the services and products they provide are minimized, and opportunities for promoting positive social and economic development are maximized.
- To actively engage WUF III participants through promotions and communications in contributing to event sustainability.

The WUF III Green Procurement Strategy
This strategy reduced the ecological footprint of the event by ensuring:

- Participant bags are made from 100% natural fibres and dyes.
- Lanyards are made from recycled materials.
- More than 75% of motorcoaches used for the event are fuelled with B5 and B100 biodiesel.
- Organic, fairly traded and locally produced food and beverage services are provided. Most food packaging is biodegradable or recyclable.
- Volunteer uniforms are 100% organic cotton and embroidered.
- Conference materials are printed using vegetable or soy based inks on 100% post-consumer recycled paper bleached without the use of chlorine.

The WUF III Climate Legacy
The WUF III Climate Legacy is designed to offset greenhouse gas emissions generated due to the event through the direct purchase and retirement of verified emission reduction credits. Emission reductions are achieved through offsetting an equivalent amount of emissions elsewhere. Examples include:

- Wind power in Canada
- Solar power in Eritrea & Costa Rica
- Electricity from methane in South Africa
- Solar powered greenhouses in the Himalayas
- Electricity from biomass in India
- Forest restoration in Canada & Uganda
- Efficient cooking stoves in Bangladesh, Madagascar, Honduras and India

Contribute to the WUF III Greening Initiative!

- Recycle your cans, glass, plastic and paper in designated receptacles
- When visiting the exhibition, take only the materials that you really require
- Bring your own reusable mug or water bottle
- When printing materials, print double-sided
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