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GLOBAL REPORT ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS 2011
CITIES AND CLIMATE CHANGE
UNITED NATIONS HUMAN SETTLEMENTS PROGRAMME



Cities and Climate Change reviews the linkages between urbanization and climate change, two of the greatest challenges currently facing humanity in the 21st Century, and whose effects are converging in dangerous ways. It illustrates the significant contribution of urban areas to climate change while at the same time highlighting the potentially devastating effects of climate change on urban populations. It reviews policy responses, strategies and practices that are emerging in urban areas to mitigate and adapt to climate change, as well as their potential achievements and constraints. In conclusion, the report argues that urban areas have a pivotal role in both climate change mitigation and adaptation and identifies strategies and approaches for strengthening this role.

"This year's edition of UN-HABITAT Global Report on Human Settlements elucidates the relationship between urban settlements and climate change, and suggests how cities and towns that have not yet adopted climate change policies can begin to do so... I commend this report to all concerned with improving the ability of towns and cities to mitigate climate change and adapt its impacts"

BAN KI-MOON,
Secretary-General, United Nations

"Many towns and cities, especially in developing countries are still grappling with the challenges of how to put in place climate change strategies, how to access international climate change funding and how to learn from pioneering cities. I believe this Global Report will provide a starting point for such towns and cities. More generally, I believe this report will contribute to raising global awareness of the important role that cities can and should play in the mitigation of green house gas emission and in adapting to climate change"

DR. JOAN CLOS,
Executive-Director, UN-HABITAT

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EUROPEAN CELEBRATION OF WORLD HABITAT DAY "Cities and Climate Change"

Venue: European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), Rue Van Maerlant 2, Hall VM 3 B-1040 Brussels

14h00 Opening by Mr. Stéphane Buffetaut, President of European Economic and Social Committee Section Transport, Energy, Infrastructure & Information Technology, former President of Sustainable Development Observatory

14h10 Welcome speech and presentation of GLOBAL REPORT ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS 2011—CITIES AND CLIMATE CHANGE by Mr. Jean Bakole, Director, UN-HABITAT Representation Office to the EU and Belgium

14h30 Video-projection of message from Dr. Joan Clos, United Nations Under Secretary-General and UN-HABITAT Executive Director

14h40 Presentation of message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations by Mrs. Nicola Harrington-Buhay, United Nations/ United Nations Development Programme Director a.i.

14h45 Statement by Mrs. Isabelle Durant, Vice-President of the European Parliament

Interactive Discussion Panel: *Urbanization and Climate Change Challenges: International policy directions framework*. Moderated by: Mr. Olaf Bruns, Euronews

15h00 Ms. Francesca Mosca, Director Sub-Saharan Africa&Horizontal ACP Matters, DG DEVCO, European Commission
Mr. Achille Bassilekin III, Assistant Secretary-General, ACP Group Secretariat
H.E. Ms. Sandra Fuentes-Berain, Ambassador of Mexico to the Kingdom of Belgium, Luxembourg and the EU
Prof. Jean Pascal van Ypersele, Vice-chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
Ms. Rosario Bento Pais, Head of Adaptation Unit, DG Climate Action, European Commission
Mr. Jean Bakole, Director, UN-HABITAT Representation Office to the EU and Belgium

16h00 Discussion with participants / Question & Answer session

16h30 Concluding remarks by Mr. Jean Bakole, Director, UN-HABITAT Representation Office to the EU and Belgium

16h35-17h30 Reception



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