



**25<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE  
GOVERNING COUNCIL**  
**17 - 23 APRIL 2015 ♦ NAIROBI**

**Tuesday, 21 April 2015 – Venue: Conference Room 9  
Time: 2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.  
Nairobi, Kenya**

**SIDE EVENT**

**Transforming slums – documenting change in Cities in Africa,  
the Caribbean and the Pacific**

**ACP Secretariat/EC**

**Background**

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The twenty-fifth session of the UN-Habitat Governing Council taking place this year has as its theme, and topic for discussions and considerations, UN-Habitat's expected contribution to and role in the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

The event will be a platform for raising awareness of outstanding initiatives being realized by cities and countries in the Africa, Pacific and Caribbean regions when implementing slum upgrading and poverty reduction interventions. The session also presents the opportunity to recognize initiatives that are outstanding.

The event will:

- Present the best three films produced during a filming competition for slum dwellers, NGOs, CBOs, local and national government authorities.
- Document change towards improving living conditions in slums and integrating slums into the formal city.
- Give an analysis on what were the drivers for change and urban poverty reduction in slums according to the three examples.
- Advance a list of recommendations the outcome.

**Purpose**

The three selected films will enhance peer-peer as participants will be presented with and discuss initiatives that demonstrate the following:

- Effective partnerships in slum upgrading as applied through partnership between public, private and civil society sectors.
- Tangible impact on improving the quality of life for people living in slums.
- Initiatives that are culturally, economically and environmentally sustainable.

UN-Habitat is mandated to promote adequate housing for all and sustainable urbanization. Over the past eight years, UN-Habitat has spearheaded the implementation of slum upgrading interventions in partnership with the Africa, Caribbean and Pacific Secretariat and the European Commission. Through the initiatives, a wealth of knowledge, practices and networks have been established, which help to inform the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

In this regard, the event will be a platform to raise awareness on slum upgrading public initiatives and policies that are important to take into consideration during the Post-2015 Development Agenda. The Africa, Caribbean and Pacific Secretariat, European Commission and UN - Habitat will further raise awareness of potential slum upgrading solutions to common social, economic and cultural problems. In addition, member states will be presented the opportunity to share, transfer knowledge, expertise and experience through networking and peer-peer learning.

**Organizer**

The Side Event is proposed by UN-Habitat in collaboration with the Africa, Caribbean and Pacific Secretariat and, the European Commission.

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