

Expression of Interest for background papers as inputs to Charter of Athens 2.0 on the making of cities

UN-Habitat is seeking University partners to prepare background papers that will serve as inputs for the creation of an updated “Charter of Athens” -- a manifesto for the making of cities, which will ultimately be a guide about the quality of urban life and design. This new charter will be update the original Charter of Athens of 1933, in which Charles-Édouard Jeanneret-Gris (Le Corbusier), Walter Gropius, and other members of the architectural modernist group, Congrès International d'Architecture Moderne (CIAM), contemplated the problems facing the cities of their day and proposed solutions for combating those problems with design.

Submissions should be in PDF format and limited to not more than 1000 words. They may carry photos or other graphics.

1. Please provide a narrative of no more than 500 words describing:
 - a. *Name, location of University, Institution, and/or Department*
 - b. *Description of applying university, institution and/or department: academic focus, aim, special competencies.*
 - c. *Description of specific areas where the applying university, institution and/or department sees collaboration opportunities.*
 - d. *Name, title and contact details for the individual who will serve as contact point for communication with UNI, act as ambassador of UNI at the partner institution/department, and is committed to managing the online profile of the applying university, institution and/or department.*
2. Please provide a narrative of no more than 500 words outlining why your university should be selected to partner with UN-Habitat.
3. Candidate universities will be expected to submit a Statement of Commitment to the 18 month as a first step in engagement with UN-Habitat.
4. Please send to: erastus.njuki@unhabitat.org by Friday 10 April

Note: The decision on which university is selected for the programme will be considered final and no discussions will be entered into as to why others may not have been shortlisted.