Side Event Advertisement

Thursday, 11 May 2017, Venue: Conference room 9
Time: 6:00 – 7:30 PM
Nairobi, Kenya

The Network of Urban Planning and Design LABs

Organized by Urban Planning and Design LAB
UN-Habitat Urban Planning and Design Branch, UPDB – City Planning, Extension
and Design Unit

Background, Relevance to the GC26 theme

The Urban Planning and Design Lab is the integrative planning and design facility of UN-Habitat that supports member states and their local governments in the implementation of plans and policies. Since its establishment in 2014 it has provided technical assistance in over 40 cities in 50 countries. The outputs comprise city-wide strategies, planned city extensions, urban infill densification and regeneration that have been successfully approved and implemented locally. In the 25th Governing Council in 2015 under resolution 25/6 the creation of a Network of Urban Planning and Design Labs has been endorsed. This side event will reflect on the methodology and tools of the Urban Planning and Design Labs and various models of application and learning for member states and cities within the Network. The session will elaborate on how to further reinforce and upscale the Network in order to deduct normative planning guidelines, facilitate peer-to-peer learning and to create a global community of practice for implementing the New Urban Agenda.

Key thematic areas in which the Network has gained a strong body of knowledge and experience on the ground are;

- participatory planning processes
- conflict/disaster and displacement
- urban planning for climate change and resilience
- public space networks
- planning and innovation
- planning guidelines for intermediate cities
- Implementation through a three-pronged approach; design, legislation, finance.

Objectives

- To present the Urban Planning and Design Lab methodology and tools
- To elaborate various models of application and learning for member states and cities within the Network of Urban Planning and Design LABs

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