UN-HABITAT OFFICE IN SPAIN
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ROLE AND STRATEGIC AREAS

UN-Habitat in Spain is composed of a Liaison Office in Madrid and two Programme Offices in Barcelona: the GWOPA Secretariat (Global Water Operator Partnerships Alliances) and the CRPP Office (City Resilience Profiling Programme). The role of the Office located in Madrid is to act as a liaison with the Spanish government and the New Urban Agenda partners in Spain, adding value to UN-Habitat’s work in selected areas of collaboration.

The UN-Habitat Office in Spain (Madrid) also supports the monitoring of all initiatives supported by Spanish partners and the implementation of UN-Habitat’s mandate through advocacy, effective knowledge, strategic partnerships and resource mobilization, technical support and outreach and communication on sustainable urban development.

Based on the foregoing, this Office:

» Promotes and keeps institutional representation and liaison with the Spanish partners and other New Urban Agenda partners in Spain.

» Fosters knowledge, advocacy and visibility of the New Urban Agenda and UN-Habitat priority areas.

Strengthens existing strategic partnerships, promotes new collaboration agreements, and supports fundraising and resource mobilization efforts.

» Supports the design, implementation and follow-up of initiatives and projects funded by Spanish partners.

Fully aligned with the UN-Habitat Strategic Plan 2014-2019 and its thematic areas, UN-Habitat Office in Spain (Madrid) reinforces advocacy and knowledge on the relevance and coherence of UN-Habitat’s mandate, along with its expertise and efficiency in project implementation and action by:

1. Institutional representation and liaison with Spanish Government and key stakeholders for enjoying strong support from the member state and strengthening UN Habitat’s mandate;

2. Knowledge fostering and technical support;

3. Effective advocacy, strategic partnerships and resource mobilization for sustainable urbanization widely understood and closely associated with UN Habitat.

1 www.gwopa.org
2 www.crpp.org
1 INSTITUTIONAL REPRESENTATION AND LIAISON WITH SPANISH GOVERNMENT AND KEY STAKEHOLDERS FOR ENJOYING STRONG SUPPORT FROM THE MEMBER STATE AND STRENGTHENING UN-HABITAT’S MANDATE

REPRESENTATION, INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS AND ESTABLISHMENT IN SPAIN

» Act as the in-country liaison officer, strengthening linkages, support and information flows between UN-HABITAT and governmental partners with the organization and follow up of meetings with Spanish Liaison Ministries and other Spanish stakeholders.

» Development and management of strategic partnerships, including with the private sector through mobilizing stakeholders engagement.

» Elaborate annual reports and institutional information to donors, Governments and other stakeholders, as well as ensuring institutional conditions for UN Habitat’s establishment in Spain.

» Support and facilitation of the Spanish partners in events, meetings and activities of UN-Habitat / Organization and support to UN-Habitat missions in Spain.


» Follow up on technical and institutional activities arising from collaboration agreements between UN-Habitat and the Spanish partners, as well as on projects currently under execution and/or justification processes.

» Follow up on communications and institutional requirements from UN-Habitat HQ.

» Fiscal, legal and administrative management of processes related to the establishment of UN-Habitat Office in Spain and liaison with UN-Habitat Headquarters.

» Elaboration, monitoring and updating of UN-Habitat Office in Spain documents (annual activities, financial

Visit of Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Madrid, 8th June. Left: with Manuela Carmena, Mayor of the city of Madrid. Center: with the team of UN-Habitat offices in Spain (Barcelona). Right: with the team of UN-Habitat Office in Spain (Madrid)

Meetings with: State Secretariat of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation (MAEC), 15th October; General Directorate of Sustainable Development Politics, (MAEC) , 19th March; General Directorate of United Nations and Human Rights (MAEC) 12th June; Cabinet of the Ministry of Public Works, Transport and Housing (MINFOM), 2nd July; General Secretariat of Housing (MINFOM), 29th August; Directorate of High Commissioner for 2030 Agenda, 6th September; General Directorate of Urbanism and Territory, Department of Sustainability and Territory of Catalonia Regional Government, 26th January; Under General Directorate of Territory Action and Urban Habitat, Department of Sustainability and Territory of Catalonia Regional Government, 23rd May; Directorate of External Relations from Basque Country Regional Government, 24th May; Granada City Council, 20th March; Directorate of Spanish Agency for International Cooperation and Development (AECID), 5th September; Directorate for Multilateral Cooperation (AECID), 19th March; Andalusian Agency for International Cooperation and Development (AACID), 23rd April; Catalanian Agency for International Cooperation and Development (ACCD), 23rd May; Madrid City Council, 8th June.


Preparation and proceedings of annual UN-Habitat staff in Spain calendars, Work Schedules Office, Register of inventories, arising contributions and expenses, legal validation of agreements signed during the year, accounting. Request, update and follow up on 19 UN-Habitat Staff Issues in Spain (credentials, mission notifications, licenses; request and follow up of fiscal procedures (3 tax exemption processes), and other management procedures of the establishment of UN-Habitat offices in Spain.
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reports, update and follow-up of contributions, fact sheets, etc.).

» Representation of UN-Habitat in institutional events held by Spanish authorities. Support and facilitation of Spanish representation in UN-Habitat events and activities abroad.

» Representation and communication of activities by request from other UN-Habitat country offices and support of ongoing projects.

AS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM IN SPAIN

» Coordination and engagement efforts in the UN system on sustainable urbanization, focusing on the urban dimension of the 2030 and the New Urban Agenda.

6 Annual Reception of his Highness Felipe VI, King of Spain, to the Foreign Institutions, Bodies and members of UN System in Spain. Madrid, 31st January; Annual Reception of his Highness Felipe VI, King of Spain, for the National Party. Madrid, 12th October; Working Breakfast with Fernando Valenzuela, State Secretary of Foreign Affairs, (MAEC), 15th October.

7 UN Working Group Meetings held on 20th February, 7th March, 16th April, 28th May, 27th June, 9th October.

8 » Presentation of “Humanitarian Action for Childhood 2018 Report” by UNICEF. Madrid, 30th January.
» Workshop “The role of the enterprise in the Agenda 2030” organized by Global Compact. Madrid, 9th May.
» Working Lunch with Lise Kingo, ED of UN Global Compact. Madrid, 14th July.
» Global Compact presentation of the publication “SDGs year 3”, 4th December.

9 Representation and participation in the XIV meeting of the Security Management Team- Spain, Madrid, 16th March and follow-up on requirements and periodic information (update of staff list).
2 KNOWLEDGE FOSTERING AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT

» Provide technical assistance and guidance support by contributing to project development, negotiations, implementation and monitoring of activities.

» Ensure effective and efficient management of J094 project resources as per approved project document and related work plan. This includes coordinating overall work plans and budgets, preparing relevant documentation and reports, initiating procurement and recruitment of human resources and liaising with implementing partners to ensure quality and timely delivery.

» Provide advisory services and substantive backstopping to consultative and other meetings and initiatives to include proposing agenda topics, identifying participants, preparation of documents.

» Support to all Spanish funded projects and initiatives.

PROJECT “PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT: TOWARDS A NEW URBAN AGENDA”

EGM “Elaboration of the Quadrennial Report: Progress on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda”
Granada, 20-23rd March

With the support of the Andalusian Agency of International Cooperation for Development (AACID), on 20, 21, 22 and 23rd March 2018, 16 UN-Habitat experts and 28 international experts in urban development from 20 countries from governments, international organizations, and academia gathered in Granada to prepare the First Quadrennial Report to monitor the implementation of The New Urban Agenda.

The Quadrennial Report tracks the progress, assesses the impact and ensures the Agenda’s effective and timely implementation, and creates and reinforces partnerships while fostering exchanges of urban solutions and mutual learning. It integrates quantitative and qualitative data and information, incorporating contributions from the United Nations system and regional and sub-regional organizations. The report takes stock of the progress made and challenges faced in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.

Final report of the EGM available12.

EGM “Workshop on Sustainable Development Goal 11 Synthesis report for the 2018 High Level Political Forum”. Nairobi, 28-30th May

With the support of the Andalusian Agency of International Cooperation for Development (AACID), on 28, 29 and 30th May 2018, 33 international experts -23 from UN-Habitat- in urban development from governments, international organizations, and academia gathered in Nairobi, Kenya to produce the “Goal 11 synthesis report “under UN-Habitat’s coordination.

The goal was to provide an in-depth review of the efforts and issues surrounding the implementation of urban and human settlements indicators- at local, national and global levels, sharing challenges and opportunities, and providing key recommendations for governments, civil society and the UN on the next course of action in terms of partnerships, collaborations and resource mobilization for effective implementation.


10 Project J094, implemented with the collaboration of Andalusian Agency of International Cooperation for Development (AACID).
11 http://uni.unhabitat.org/supplementary-material-nua/
12 https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KuZwQRkXvB4XhV-XyUFyv7jGp1S-WaKD/view?usp=sharing
of the urban-related SDGs. The document will be introduced at the 2018 Sustainable Development Goals High Level Political Forum (HLPF) that will review the progress of several Goals including Goal 11 -on cities and human settlements-, with the overarching theme being “Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies”. Final report of the EGM available.

**OTHER TECHNICAL SUPPORT**

The Office has also given support to stakeholders and partners regarding their own activities by participating in meetings and events, monitoring processes and giving advice and indications from UN-Habitat’s perspective:

**Support to the implementation of the urban dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

» Support to the Spanish Government for the elaboration and implementation of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Action Plan:

Meetings with the United Nations System in Spain and Juan Francisco Montalbán, Spanish Ambassador in Special Mission for 2030 Agenda (MAEC), Gabriel Ferrero, Advisory member for Agenda 2030 (MAEC) and Cristina Pérez Gutiérrez, General Manager for Sustainable Development Politics (MAEC). Madrid, 20th February and 28th May.

Meeting with Federico Buyolo, Director of the High Commissioner for 2030 Agenda Office. Madrid, 8th September.

» Support to regional governments for the localization of 2030 Agenda:


Steering Committee Meeting on SDG localization at provincial and local governments in Andalusia, FAMSI (Andalusian Fund of Municipalities for International Solidarity), Cordoba, 29th November.

» Support to local governments for the localization of 2030 Agenda:

“Forum Think Europe: Commitment 2030”. Spanish Federation of Municipalities and Regions (FEMP) Soria, 16-18th January. Carmen Sánchez-Miranda, Head of UN-Habitat Office in Spain (CSM)

“Second Workshop for Localizing SDGs”. FEMP. Madrid, 15-16th March. (CSM)

“Meeting of local governments, the academia and the civil society to share visions and suggestions around the Spanish Government Action Plan for Agenda 2030. Spanish Federation of Municipalities and Regions (FEMP). Madrid, 25th April. (CSM)

“Third Workshop for Localizing SDGs”. FEMP. Madrid, 17-18th May. (CSM)

“Semana local de la Agenda 2030: los retos de los gobiernos locales” (Local week of Agenda 2030: local governments challenges). FEMP. Madrid, 22-26th Oct.

Participation with United Nations Programme for Development (UNDP) and United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) in the working group leaded by FAMSI (Andalusian Fund of Municipalities for International Solidarity) to support the SDGs localization in andalusian cities. Cordoba, 29th November.

13 [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jacYrBMGpcMt24EzwsCEcHrUoGsaDOyj/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jacYrBMGpcMt24EzwsCEcHrUoGsaDOyj/view?usp=sharing)
» Other stakeholders:

Participation at:

“Conferencia Iberoamericana sobre Objetivos de Desarrollo Sostenible” (Iberoamerican Conference on Sustainable Development Goals). University of Salamanca. Salamanca, 26th June. (CSM)

“Los ODS en 100 ciudades españolas (The SDGs at 100 Spanish cities). Release of the report elaborated by REDS (Spanish Network for Sustainable Development). Madrid, 16th October. (CSM)

“La cultura y los ODS en la Cooperación para el Desarrollo” (Culture and SDGs in the cooperation for development). AECID. Madrid, 28th November. (CSM)

Support to CSCAE’s (Superior Council of Associations of Architects of Spain) Architecture 2030 Observatory.


Attendance of:

“Construyendo hoy la Ciudad del 2030” (Building today the city of 2030). Madrid Architects Professional Association (COAM) and Engineers Professional Association”. Madrid, 22nd January.


Support to the Spanish Urban Agenda

» Support to the Spanish Ministry of Public Works, Transport and Housing (MINFOM) through the active participation in advisory meetings for the elaboration and approval of Spanish Urban Agenda.
“De la Ley de Igualdad a la Nueva Agenda Urbana. El impacto del género en el urbanismo” (From the Equality Law to the New Urban Agenda. The impact of Gender in Urbanism). Madrid, 17th April. (CSM)

“Presentation of the Spanish Urban Agenda. MINFOM, 25th April. (CSM)

“Primera Jornadas de urbanismo. La Agenda Urbana Local: nuevo modelo urbano” (First Urban Planning Conference. The Local Urban Agenda: new urban model). INAP (National Institute of Public Administration). Madrid, 4-5th October. (CSM)


“Universidad Social de Vallecas”. Madrid, 26th October


Support to Regional Urban Policies

» Support to Regional Urban Policies through the participation in meetings and events related to the creation of Regional Urban Agendas.

“Preparatory meeting for the Catalonian Urban Agenda”. Department of Territory and Sustainability. Regional Government of Catalonia. Barcelona, 26th January. (CSM)


“Constitutive session to create and validate the Urban Agenda of Catalonia”. Barcelona, 5th November. (CSM)

OTHER

» Support to Madrid City Council

“Imagina Madrid. Paisajes en movimiento” (Imagine Madrid. Landscapes in movement) with José Chong, UN-Habitat Programme Management Officer. Madrid, 8-10th May.

A walk through Madrid urban interventions. José Manuel Calvo, Counselor of Sustainable Urban Development of Madrid City Council, explained to Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director of UN-Habitat, the most recent and the upcoming interventions in Madrid to improve citizens lives. Madrid, 8th June.


Organization Committee and Scientific Committee in “II World Forum on Urban Violences and Education in Coexistence and Peace”. Madrid, 5th - 8th November. 

“Espacio Público, el escenario de la convivencia” (Public Space: the setting for living). UN-Habitat Side Event with Juma Assiago (JA), Coordinator of UN-Habitat Safer Cities Programme. Madrid, 6th November. 

“Local governments as leaders of the ecology transition” with Esteban León, Head of Risk Reduction Unit and Responsible of UN-Habitat’s Cities Resilience Profiling Programme. UCLG Policy Dialogue. Madrid, 7th November. 

Plenary Session “Violencia por desigualdad urbana, espacio público y dificultad en acceso a la vivienda” (Violence due to urban inequality, public space and difficulty in accessing housing). Madrid, 8th November. (JA)
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Final Declaration: “Commitment to the agenda of cities for coexistence and peace”. Report available.

3 ADVOCACY, OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS TO GENERATE, MANAGE AND DISSEMINATE UN-HABITAT’S EVIDENCE-BASED URBANIZATION KNOWLEDGE

» Provide support through effective communication, awareness and networking with partners to the enhancement of NUA and UN-HABITAT.

» Strategic and multi-stakeholder partnerships, platforms and networks led by UN Habitat and facilitating up-scaling of good practices and influencing policies and actions at national, subnational and local levels.

» Identify and promote collaborations opportunities and leveraging of resources.

ADVOCACY & PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES OF URBAN SDGs and NUA

UN-Habitat Office in Spain supported through effective communication, awareness and networking with partners, the enhancement of NUA and UN-HABITAT through the participation on:

» Initiate and/or coordinate outreach activities; conduct training workshops and seminars and media promotion.

» Support to all UN-HABITAT’s key corporate advocacy platforms.

» Management of internal and external communications, events outreach and media engagement.


General Assembly, Union of Iberoamerican Capital Cities (UCCI) with Elkin Velasquez, Regional Director of UN-Habitat in Latin America and the Caribbean (online intervention). San José, Costa Rica, 20th April.

“Congreso Post Habitat III. Los retos de las metrópolis más allá de Habitat III: una contribucion a la Nueva Agenda Urbana” (Congress Post-Habitat III. The Challenges of the metropolis beyond Habitat III: a contribution to the New Urban Agenda) with Remy Sietechping Leader Regional and Metropolitan Planning Unit Barcelona Metropolitan Area (AMB). Barcelona, 22-23rd May.


“Ciudades Resilientes, territorio, cultura y desarrollo sostenible” (Resilient Cities, territory, culture and sustainable development). AECID. Madrid, 22nd November.


“Alternativas de políticas públicas ante el aumento del precio del alquiler” (Public policies alternatives in the increase of the rental price). Autonomous University. Madrid, 30th October.

> Support to FAMSI (Andalusian Fund of Municipalities for International Solidarity) in Hercules II Project. Participation at “Cities, foreign action, and cooperation within the framework of the SDGs” course, 19th Nov.-21st Dec.
SUPPORT TO UN-HABITAT ADVOCACY PLATFORMS

WORLD URBAN FORUM 9 (WUF9) Kuala Lumpur, 7-13th February

UN-Habitat Office gave support to the different levels of Spanish government, stakeholders and partners in their scheduling and participation at World Urban Forum 9, propitiating different meetings with UN-Habitat representatives and participating in more than 34 events celebrated during the Forum. Report available

URBAN OCTOBER

During the 2018 campaign, the office organized 12 activities with the direct involvement of 27 key partners and stakeholders:

World Habitat Day


World Cities Day

“Party of the World Cities Day”. UN-Habitat Barcelona Office and Barcelona City Council. 27th October.

“Ciudades Sostenibles en España 2018 según los Objetivos de Desarrollo Sostenible” (Sustainable Cities in Spain 2018, according to the SDGs). Report
presentation. The Sustainability Observatory. 31st October.

“Informalidad Urbana e inclusión” (Urban informality and inclusion) with Joan Mac Donald. ETSAM-UPM (Polytechnic University of Madrid). Madrid, 31st October.

Other activities:


“Engendering Urban October: el género en las grandes operaciones de regeneración urbana”. (Integrating gender in large urban regeneration operations). The UNESCO Chair of the UPM (Polytechnic University of Madrid). Madrid, 16th October. (CSM).

“Fundamentos económicos para la urbanización sostenible” (Economic fundations for sustainable urbanization). Book presentation. Polytechnic University of Madrid. Madrid, 16th October19 and Polytechnic University Valencia, 18th October20. (CSM)

Architecture 2030 Observatory presentation. CSCAE (Superior Council of Associations of Architects of Spain). Madrid, 17th October. (CSM)


Left: from left to right, FEMP, TYPSA, CSCAE, REDS, Joan Clos, Minister of Public Works, Carmen Sanchez-Miranda (Head of UN-Habitat Office in Spain), Madrid City Council, Secretary General of Housing, Caritas Spain, COAM, Basque Government, High Commissioner for the 2030 Agenda. Center: Minister of Public Works, Transport and Housing. Right: Minister of Territorial Policy and Civil Service.

19 http://bit.ly/2ArGcNg
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“Economía circular y gestión de residuos en el marco de la Nueva Agenda Urbana y los ODS” (Circular economy and waste management within the framework of the New Urban Agenda and the SDGs) with Graham Alabaster, Chief of Sanitation and Waste Management. Andalusian Fund of Municipalities for International Solidarity (FAMSI); City Council of Cordoba and municipal company SADECO. Córdoba, 23rd October. (CSM)

Full Urban October Report available21.

OFFICE COMMUNICATIONS and MEDIA COVERAGE

Highlights

» Spain was rated 4th worldwide at global geo presence during High Level Political Forum 2018, New York 9th -18th July.

» UN-Habitat Office in Spain reached more than 90 media impacts along 2018:

  Two clips for World Urban Forum (WUF9).


  7 clips for ED visit to Barcelona and Madrid.

  41 Clips for Urban October coverage. in relevant media, such as El Pais, Europa Press, EFE, Cadena Ser, COPE, La Vanguardia, etc.

  The article World Habitat Day 201822, reached 17 Million Hits. Top reach worldwide.

  32 clips for other media coverage.

Media clipping available23.

» Social media

Daily update of twitter account @UNHabitatSpain to communicate with external partners and continuous posts in Workplace Application for internal communications.

UN-Habitat Spanish Office’s twitter account was rated 7th worldwide at global social geo presence during High Level Political Forum 2018, New York 9th -18th July.

The Urban October in Spain had 68,300 tweet impressions and 193 mentions. The Office shared 109 tweets about Urban October.

» Update of the Habitat Agenda in Spain’s contact database with a 30% increase in new contacts and dissemination of UN-Habitat’s activities the release via two newsletters per month.

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STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS AND RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

» The following Memorandums of Understanding and collaboration agreements were signed during 2018:

Already signed:

» MOU with **Union of Iberoamerican Capital Cities (UCCI)** to collaborate in areas of common interest to promote the SDGs, in particular SDG 11, and the New Urban Agenda. San José, Costa Rica. 20th April

» **AACID** (Andalusian Agency of International Cooperation for Development) for the project “Supporting the implementation of the New Urban Agenda through National and Subnational Urban Policies: Burkina Faso and Senegal”. The project will be implemented from October 2018 to September 2019 with a 350,000 € contribution.

» **ACCD** (Catalonian Agency of Cooperation for Development) for the project “Leaving no one and no space behind: strengthening an integrated territorial development for the effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda in Mozambique”. The project will be implemented from September 2018 to September 2019 with a 200,000 € contribution.

» **AECID** (Spanish Agency of Cooperation for International Development). Contribution to UN-HABITAT for 2018 to support the Global Water Operators Partnership Alliance (GWOPA) with a 436,000 € contribution.

» **Ministry of Development**: Collaboration Agreement to support the Participation of the UN-Habitat Office for Latin America and the Caribbean in the Best Practice and Local Leadership Programme of the United Nations (110,000€) for 2018-2019 period. 5th November 2018.

» **Madrid City Council** through the General Directorate of Innovation and City Promotion for the project “Madrid in the New Urban Agenda: safe, inclusive and sustainable cities for the promotion of Sustainable Urban Development and the implementation of urban SDGs”. The project will be implemented from November 2018 to November 2019 with a 250,000 € contribution.

In progress:

» MOU with **Basque Government** to collaborate in areas of common interest to promote the Sustainable Development Goals and the New Urban Agenda of Euskadi, Bultzazu 2050.

» MOU with **A Coruña City Council** to collaborate in areas of common interest to promote the localization of SDG 11 and the urban dimension of 2030 Agenda and the New Urban Agenda.

» MOU with **Palma de Mallorca City Council** to collaborate in areas of common interest to promote the localization of SDG 11 and the urban dimension of 2030 Agenda and the New Urban Agenda.

» **Seville City Council** for the project “New Urban Solutions: Implementing the New Urban Agenda” with a 200,000 € contribution.

In negotiation:

» MOU with **Junta de Extremadura** to collaborate in areas of common interest to promote the urban sustainable development.

» **Regional Government of Extremadura** for the project “Support to the promotion of the Right to Housing in a Sustainable Urban Development Framework” for an 85,000 € contribution.

» The UN-Habitat Office in Spain (Madrid) is currently developing and negotiating collaboration proposals with private sector entities, to enhance resource mobilization and strengthen the role of enterprises in urban sustainable development.