UN-Habitat in Spain is composed of an 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 objective of the Office in Madrid is to act as a liaison office between the Spanish government and the Habitat Agenda partners in Spain. This Office also provides added value to UN-Habitat's work in its relations with Spain in jointly selected areas of collaboration.

The Madrid Office supports monitoring of all initiatives supported by Spanish partners and the implementation of UN-Habitat’s mandate through knowledge management and information sharing, strategic partnerships, effective communication, resource mobilization, implementation of activities and promotion of policy dialogues on sustainable urban development.

Based on the foregoing, this Office:

• Promotes and keeps institutional representation and liaison with the Spanish partners and other Habitat Agenda partners in Spain.
• Promotes knowledge, advocacy and visibility of the UN-Habitat priority areas, and the process towards the New Urban Agenda. Particularly, the Office supports the Spanish Habitat Committee and other partners of the Habitat Agenda in related activities.
• 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.

UN–HABITAT OFFICE IN SPAIN STRATEGIC AREAS 2015 (MADRID)

Fully aligned with the UN-Habitat Strategic Plan 2014-2019 and its seven thematic areas, the UN-Habitat Office in Spain reinforces awareness and knowledge sharing on the relevance and coherence of UN-Habitat’s mandate, along with sound expertise and efficiency in project implementation and execution by:

1. Liaison and institutional relations with the Spanish Government and other partners of the Habitat Agenda in Spain;
2. Implementation of and support to UN-Habitat operational technical activities;
3. Effective communication, advocacy and fostering of the New Urban Agenda in Spain;
4. Fostering strategic partnerships and resource mobilization.

1) Includes activities from January 2015 to January 2016
2) www.gwopa.org
3) www.crpp.org
1) LIAISON AND INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS WITH THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT AND HABITAT AGENDA PARTNERS

**REPRESENTATION, INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS AND ESTABLISHMENT IN SPAIN**

- Follow up on technical and institutional activities arising from Agreements between UN-Habitat and the Spanish partners, as well as on projects currently under execution and/or justification.
- Periodic meetings with Spanish Liaison Ministries and UN-Habitat.
- Elaboration, monitoring and updating of UN-Habitat Office in Spain documentation (annual activities, financial reports, update and follow-up of contributions, fact sheets, etc.).
- Fiscal, legal and administrative management of processes related to the establishment of UN-Habitat Office in Spain and liaison with UN-Habitat Headquarters for issues regarding the management of overseas Offices.
- UN-Habitat’s representation in institutional events held by Spanish authorities.
- Support and facilitation of Spanish representation in UN-Habitat events and activities abroad.
- Organization and coordination of UN-Habitat staff missions in Spain and support to the participation of UN-Habitat staff in other partner’s events.
- Follow up on communications and institutional requirements from OED (Office of the Executive Director).

**ELABORATION AND FOLLOW UP ON AGREEMENTS AND MEMORANDUMS (MOU)**

In addition to the technical, legal and managerial follow up of current agreements between UN-Habitat and Spanish partners from 2015, this Office has elaborated and supported:

- Memorandum of Understanding with the Spanish Federation of Municipalities and Provinces (FEMP); Madrid, 26 March 2015.
- Spanish Government’s Foreign Policy grant to International Organisations via the Spanish Agency of International Cooperation and Development (AECID); Madrid, 8 July 2015.
- MoU’s Modification and Extension Agreement between the Ministry of Development (MINFOM) and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme’s Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean (ROLAC-UN-Habitat); Madrid, 28 September 2015.
- MoU with Madrid City Council; Madrid, 11 January 2016.
Follow-up of AECID and FONPRODE contributions and other collaboration agreements in force.

Two grant resolutions from the Andalusian Agency of International Cooperation for Development (AACID), 30 December 2015.

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- Regular participation at the UN Working Group in Spain meetings, strengthening coordination mechanisms, joint work and visibility of the UN System in Spain, including systematic Group meetings such as the meeting in Zaragoza for the World Water Day (25 March 2015) and the special briefing session organized on the occasion of UN-Habitat ED’s visit to Madrid, 11 January 2016.
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• Participation at different meetings between the United Nations Agencies in Spain on the occasion of the official mission of UN Secretary-General, Mr. Ban Ki-moon to Spain; Madrid, 29 October 2015.

The Office also supported radio series with four specific programmes.16

• Participation in “Sustainable Development Agenda 2030” meetings and related events, and periodic circulation of SDGs campaign.

• Effective participation in and/or dissemination of activities organized by UN Agencies and related institutions.18

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16) http://www.rtve.es/alacarta/audios/70-anos-de-naciones-unidas/70-anos-naciones-unidas-naciones-unidas-espana-09-10-15/3317281/


http://www.spainun.org/2015/11/60o-aniversario-del-ingreso-de-espana-en-la-onu/
2) IMPLEMENTATION OF AND SUPPORT TO UN-HABITAT OPERATIONAL TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES

PROJECT “KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT: TOWARDS A NEW URBAN AGENDA”

GLOBAL EXPERTS GROUP MEETINGS (EGMs)


- 30 international experts representing national, regional and local governments, international organizations and the academia attended this meeting in Barcelona aimed at reviewing and improving the land-based finance training package based on the experience of international experts in municipal finance. The meeting was organised by UN-Habitat, in collaboration with the Global Land Tool Network (GLTN). The understanding of soil-based income tools was broadened, and a critical reflection on the requirements for implementing or improving each tool within their specific context was jointly conducted.


- 35 international experts shared their experiences and engaged

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19) Project J094, implemented with the collaboration of Barcelona City Council
in discussion on the role of intermediate cities in the promotion and strengthening of urban-rural linkages. This EGM reviewed the main outcomes and lessons learned from UN-Habitat and its partners with the objective to better define UN-Habitat’s role and enhancing its approach and impact on promoting urban-rural linkages and systems for medium-size cities. This EGM was organized by UN-Habitat and the UN Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD), with the support of the Andalusian Agency of International Cooperation for Development (AACID).

“The Role of Metropolitan Development in Supporting the New Urban Agenda”22; Guadalajara, Mexico, 3-4 December 2015.

• 25 international experts gathered to discuss the role of urban development in support of the New Urban Agenda. The meeting, organised by UN-Habitat in collaboration with the Andalusian Agency of International Cooperation for Development (AACID), the Mexican Chamber of the Construction Industry (CMIC) and the Government of the State of Jalisco. The EGM reviewed and elaborated on the results and lessons learned from participants’ experiences and the commitment of UN-Habitat to better define its role, focus and impact in supporting sustainable development and metropolitan management.


• With the support of Barcelona City Council, 27 local and international experts gathered in Barcelona to support UN-Habitat in defining principles and policy recommendations to facilitate international dialogue on the need for new models of territorial planning and development control law.

22) http://unhabitat.org/experts-meet-on-role-of-metropolitan-development-in-new-urban-agenda/
23) http://www.unhabitat.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=63&Itemid=34

OTHER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES IN SPAIN

• Representation, participation and reporting at the UCLG Culture Summit: “Cultura y Ciudades Sostenibles”, Bilbao, 18-20 March 2015.

• Follow-up of the Agreement between MINFOM and UN-Habitat - ROLAC “Foro Iberoamericano y del Caribe de Mejores Prácticas: Asentamientos Humanos para un futuro más sustentable”23 liaise with MINFOM, organization and facilitation of meetings and Steering Committees and follow-up on technical, legal and administrative issues.

• Support to the elaboration of proposals and evaluations (A121, etc.)

• Preparatory meetings for UN-Habitat’s participation at II Foro de las Ciudades organised by the Trade Fair Institution of Madrid (IFEMA).
3) EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION, ADVOCACY AND PROMOTION OF THE NEW URBAN AGENDA

UN-HABITAT INSTITUTIONAL CAMPAIGNS AND PROMOTION ACTIVITIES OF THE NEW URBAN AGENDA


• Participation at the “Foro Red de Casas” 26, organized by the Organization for Cooperation and Economic Development (OCED) and the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation MAEC; Madrid, 2 March 2015.

• Participation as speaker in the “Peace and Development Master Degree” organized by the Basque Country University; Bilbao, May 2015.

• Dissemination of the survey “Urban Governance” developed by UCLG; 15 July 2015; events “XI Fab Lab Conference and Symposium”; Barcelona, 2-9 August 2015; “XII Semana de Arquitectura Madrid-Berlin”, organized by COAM; Madrid 1-11 October 2015; “Barcelona Urban Thinkers Campus: Housing in the City we Need”, organized by the Ibero-American Federation of Urban Planners (FIU); Barcelona 16-18 November 2015.

• Organisation of the Round Table “La nueva Agenda Urbana, una fuente de prosperidad” with the participation of UN-Habitat’s Executive Director; This event was organised in collaboration with COAM; Madrid, 11 January 2016.

24) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JAkJh078Ssw
25) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1-GV55rIcJQ
26) http://www.reddecasas.es/foro.php
UN-HABITAT INSTITUTIONAL CAMPAIGNS

Celebration of **URBAN OCTOBER** in Spain through 5 events\(^{27}\) jointly organized with Spanish stakeholders of the Habitat Agenda.

**WORLD HABITAT DAY**

- **Madrid**, 5 October 2015, “**Commemoration of the World Habitat Day and Exhibition of the X Spanish Catalogue of Best Practices**”\(^{28}\): Organisation, along with the Ministry for Development (MINFOM), of the event “**Espacios Públicos para todos**”, aimed at raising awareness on the need to properly plan and manage public spaces. The event was attended by the General Director for Architecture, Housing and Land of the MINFOM, the Dean of the Architects College of Madrid, the Director of the Urban Environmental Observatory of Malaga City Council (OMAU), the Delegate from the Spanish Forum for Prevention and Urban Safety and the former Director of the Gender Unit, UNDP Regional Centre for Latin America and the Caribbean.

- **Bilbao**, 3 October 2015\(^{29}\): The Basque government organised an event titled “**Vitoria-Gasteiz**”. About 300 people participated in a street design marathon aimed at amateurs who drew the most committed images with the environment, sustainable transport and ecology. Some of the participants who attended the event were Counselor Ana Oregi, Deputy Mayor Borja Belandia, and Director of Environment Amaia Barredo.

- **Madrid**, 7 de octubre 2015, “**RE: HAB – Recuperando la Ciudad**”\(^{30}\): Participation as speaker at the session “**Diálogos Urbanos: hacia una nueva Agenda Urbana**” as part of the Seminar “**Rehab: recuperando la Ciudad**” organized by the Escuela Técnica Superior de Arquitectura de Madrid (ETSAM).

\(^{27}\) [http://urbanoctober.org/](http://urbanoctober.org/)
\(^{30}\) [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xYPuSb433SU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xYPuSb433SU)
WORLD CITIES DAY

- **Madrid**, 30 October 2015\(^1\): Organisation of the round table “Las nuevas Agendas Urbanas” jointly with the General Directorate for Architecture, Housing and Land of the MINFOM. The participants were the Secretary of State of Infrastructures, Transport and Housing, the General Secretary of the Spanish Federation of Municipalities and Provinces, Rosa Surinach, as representative of the Habitat III Secretariat and members of the Spanish Habitat Committee, and civil society. The Habitat National Committee previously met to conduct an informative session on Habitat III.

- **Sevilla**, 29 October 2015\(^2\): The Andalusian Ministry for Development and Housing organised the round table “Estrategias para diseñar ciudades para convivir”, with the occasion of the World Cities Day (31 October). A debate was initiated, with representatives from the Council of Development and Housing, and the School of Architecture of Sevilla, to raise awareness on the need of creating green, efficient, safe and healthy cities; prepared for change, inclusive, equitable, accessible and productive.

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA PRESENCE

- Support to the celebration of a press conference\(^3\) with GWOPA, in collaboration with AECID and Seville’s Metropolitan Venture on Water Supply and Sanitation on the World Water Day; Madrid, 15 March 2015.


34) Articles and interviews published:


Radio Nacional de España: Programa Hora América, 5 October 2015

Magazine Ciudad Sostenible: interview to Faraja El-Awarez, Nº22 2015; interview to Remy Sietchiping, Nº 23 2015

Magazine Ciudad Sostenible: 2 Habitat III Special Issues, Nº 23 and Nº24.

35) World Habitat Day:

http://www.femp.es/Portal/Front/ContenidoDetalle/_N1w1oXTNSY0NK3fzbCuwMMq-QOrw7NMf7q7LjZLC9BvgCHiA6hLGDHeVF-GqTkBHgXn5lCwHgAnxZpzcD-gXZOCCahk_QgHmqQyuqVnVdTgaENuwpaA

http://www.cooperacionespanola.es/ca/prensa/agenda/dia-mundial-del-habitat

http://www.un.org/es/events/habitatday/

http://www.aclg.org/es/media/noticias/en-el-dia-mundial-del-habitat-los-gobiernos-locales-y-regionales-subrayan-el-papel-de


http://www.fomento.gob.es/RFOMBPrensa/Noticias/Fomento-conmemora-el-D%C3%ADa-Mundial-del-H%C3%A1bitat/a7f359e7-8473-499c-a28c-371e3440d1

36) World Cities Day:


http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/es/events/dia-mundial-de-las-ciudades/

http://www.metropolis.org/es/noticias/2015/10/30/2540

http://www.un.org/es/events/citiesday/


http://www.femp.es/Portal/Front/ContenidoDetalle/_fxSSGDrkJyVhM0NfiliML68g2zmVQKRWyGwy3mnN0k
the United Nations\textsuperscript{37}.

- Update of the Habitat Agenda in Spain’s contact database with a 5% of new contacts (1500 contacts), and weekly dissemination of UN-Habitat’s activities via 34 newsletters prepared and disseminated throughout the year 2015.

- Dissemination of events from GWOPA and CRPP Programmes taking place in Spain.\textsuperscript{38}

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  \item 70th Anniversary of the United Nations: https://pbs.twimg.com/media/CS5nbkW4AAkZu.jpg
  \item Meetings and events disseminated:
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    \item III Arab Water Week 2015 "Innovation and Sustainable Solutions for the water sector in the Arab Region"; Jordan, 11-15 January 2015.
    \item Meeting "International Water Summit"; Abu Dhabi, 19-22 January 2015.
    \item International Workshop "Barcelona’s Experience in Resilience"; Barcelona, 24-25 February 2015.
    \item I Summit “CRPP Partner Cities”; Barcelona, 26-27 February 2015.
    \item VII Committee "GWOPA’s International Steering Committee"; Barcelona, 10 March 2015.
    \item III UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction; Japan, 14-18 March 2015.
    \item VII World Water Forum; South Korea, 12-17 April 2015.
    \item Cooperation Agreement "RECNET – CRPP"; Barcelona, 12 May 2015.
    \item “Global Urban Consultation” organized by CRPP for the World Humanitarian Summit; Barcelona, 22-23 June 2015.
    \item "VI Resilient Cities Congress 2015"; Bonn, 8-10 June 2015.
    \item "II Global WOPS Congress"; Barcelona, 16-18 September 2015.
    \item "Smart City Expo World Congress 2015"; Barcelona, 13 November 2015.
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4) FOSTERING STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS AND RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

- With the support of various UN-Habitat Branches and Regional Offices, the Office of UN-Habitat in Spain supported the development of capacity of the organization to raise funds from traditional and non-traditional partners, including the Decentralised Cooperation Agencies 39, and representatives of the private sector, such as the Global Compact Spanish Network 40 and the Spanish Institute of International Trade (ICEX) 41.

- **Contributions 2015:** AECID, AACID, Spanish Ministry of Development, Barcelona City Council and Madrid City Council (Budget 2016).

- **Spanish Decentralized Cooperation:** Development of specific funding proposals and follow-up meetings with representatives from decentralized cooperation agencies.

- **Joint activities with the private sector:**
  - Development and coordination in collaboration with ICEX of the round table “El sector privado y la nueva Agenda Urbana” with the participation of UN-Habitat’s ED, Madrid, 11 January 2016.
  - Participation in various meetings with representatives of the Spanish private sector in order to explore and establish ways for joint collaboration 42.
  - Update of the Spanish private sector database, with a focus on companies with a strong CSR commitment and interests in the UN-Habitat mandate and working areas.
  - In collaboration with UN-Habitat’s office, gathered, developed and disseminated proposals targeted at the Spanish private sector.

**Other funding mechanisms:**

- Meetings, follow up and development of refundable cooperation proposals from FONPRODE, along other financing proposals and routes.

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40) [http://www.pactomundial.org/](http://www.pactomundial.org/)
41) [www.icex.es](http://www.icex.es)

*Note:* Specific reports, proceedings and other visual material related to activities included in this report are available upon request at this Office.