ROLE AND MISSION

UN-Habitat in Spain is composed of a Liaison Office in Madrid and two Programme Offices in Barcelona: the GWOPA1 Secretariat (Global Water Operator Partnerships Alliances) and the CRPP2 Office (City Resilience Profiling Programme). The objective of the Office in Madrid is to act as a liaison with the Spanish government and the New Urban Agenda partners in Spain. This Office also adds value to UN-Habitat’s work in knowledge fostering strategy in selected areas of collaboration.

The Madrid Office supports the monitoring of all initiatives supported by Spanish partners and the implementation of UN-Habitat’s mandate through knowledge management, sharing of information, strategic partnerships, effective communication, resource allocation, technical 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 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.

STRATEGIC AREAS

Fully aligned with the UN-Habitat Strategic Plan 2014-2019 and its 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 its expertise and efficiency in project implementation and execution by:

1. Strengthening liaisons and institutional relations with the Spanish Government and other New Urban Agenda’s partners in Spain;

2. Implementing and supporting UN-Habitat operational technical activities;

3. Doing an effective communication, advocacy and promotion of the New Urban Agenda in Spain;

4. Promoting strategic partnerships and resource mobilization.

1 www.gwopa.org
2 www.crpp.org
1 LIAISON & 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.

» Organization and follow up of meetings with Spanish Liaison Ministries³.

» Periodic meetings with other Spanish Institutional bodies⁴.

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

» Elaboration, monitoring and updating of UN-Habitat Office in Spain documents (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 Headquarters⁵.

» Representation of UN-Habitat 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 missions⁶ in Spain and support of UN-Habitat staff’s participation in other partner events.

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

³ Meetings with Alfonso Dastis, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, 19th December; Ildefonso Castro, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, 26th June; Julio Gómez Pomar, Secretary of State for Infrastructure, Transport and Housing, Ministry of Development, 27th June.

⁴ Meetings with: MAEC Steering Committee, 15th February; General Directorate of Architecture, Housing and Land of the Ministry of Development, 15th September; Barcelona City Council, 5th January; Spanish Agency for International Cooperation and Development (AECID), 1st March; Andalusian Agency for International Cooperation and Development (AACID), 13th March; Seville City Council, 14th March.

⁵ 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 UN-Habitat Staff Credentials in Spain (4); request and follow up of fiscal procedures (2 tax exemption processes), and other management procedures of the establishment of UN-Habitat offices in Spain.

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UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM GROUP IN SPAIN

» Regular participation at the UN Working Group in Spain, strengthening coordination mechanisms, joint work and visibility of UN Habitat in Spain².

» Participation at UN Agencies’ events in Spain⁸.


Organized by UN-HABITAT with the collaboration of the United Nations system in Spain. It counted with the participation of Dr. Joan Clos; Fernando García Casas, State Secretary for International Cooperation and Iberoamerica; Anselmo Menéndez, Deputy Director General of Policies and Housing Aid, Ministry of Development; Manuela Carmena, Mayor of Madrid; Ada Colau, Mayor of Barcelona; Joan Ribó, Mayor of Valencia and several representatives of the Academy and the Civil Society. The Forum raised a reflection on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda in relation to the Sustainable Development Objectives and their localization in urban areas.

7 UN Working Group Meetings held on 16th January, 1st February, 13th March, 21st July and 9th October.
  • Annual Reception of his Highness Felipe VI, King of Spain, to the Foreign Inst. Bodies and members of UN System in Spain, Madrid, 26th Jan.
  • Presentation of the “Humanitarian Aviation Stamp” by World Food Programme (WFP) at Ministry of Development, Madrid, 22nd March.
  • Presentation of the “Human Development Report” (HDR) 2016 organized by UNDP at Casa de América. Madrid, 24th March.
  • Meeting of the UN-Family with Guy Rider, Executive Director of the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the following breakfast at New Economy Forum. Madrid, 28th March.
  • Representation and participation in the XIII meeting of the Security Management Team- Spain, Madrid, 5th April and follow-up on requirements and periodic information.
  • “Debate about the situation of the 2030 Agenda in Spain” organized by Global Compact at Caixa Forum. Madrid, 6th April.
  • Roundtable on “Sustainable Urban Tourism” organized by WTO. Madrid, 10th May.
  • “IV Congress of Childhood Friendly Cities” organized by Unicef. Madrid, 13th September.
  • “SDGs Second Aniversary” organized by Global Compact. Madrid, 25th September.
  • Support and assistance of UN-Habitat to United Nations Day Celebration. Madrid, 24th October.
  • Forum “The state of food security and nourishment in the world” organized by FAO. Madrid, 21st November.

2 IMPLEMENTATION OF AND SUPPORT TO OPERATIONAL TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES

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

» EGM “Planning Compact Cities: Exploring the possibilities and limits of densification”11. Seville, 13-14th March.

With the support of the Andalusian Agency of International Cooperation for Development (AACID), on 13 and 14th March 2017, 22 experts in urban development from 18 countries from governments, international organizations, and academia gathered in Seville to discuss approaches to the management of urban transformation through densification. Communiqué and final report of the EGM available.


With the New Urban Agenda as one of the benchmark documents, UN-HABITAT was member of the Forum Organizing Committee, supported the participation of experts from Korea, Ivory Coast, France, and South Africa, as part of the Safer Cities Programme, participated as speaker in one of the plenary sessions, moderated a debate table about public space and organized the workshop “Urban Security: Towards urban laboratories for inclusion, social integration and coexistence in our cities”.


Jointly organized with the Madrid City Council, this

Forum aimed at offering new perspectives, contents and proposals to establish the change model towards sustainable urban development, placing people at the center of development. It included discussions on “Challenges of gender equality in cities”, “Crisis, risk and urban resilience”, “Collaborative, inclusive and participative cities”, “Public space, gentrification and peripheral centralities”, “Urban planning for urban health”- among others. A field visit was also organized to the Madrid Southeast Developments with Jan Gehl, UN-Habitat and several representatives of the Urban Sustainable Development Government Area of Madrid City Council14.

Other technical activities

» Follow-up of Spanish Agency of International Cooperation and Development (AECID) contributions and other collaboration agreements in force.

» Support to “Transparent and Open Cities” organized by Uraia and FEMP (Spanish Federation of Cities and Regions). Madrid, 8-10th February.
“I Global Forum on Local Governments”. Seville City Council. Seville, 23rd November. (CSM)


Ministry of Development and European Urban Knowledge Network. Madrid, 30th November. (CSM)


3 EFFECTIVE ADVOCACY AND PROMOTION OF THE NEW URBAN AGENDA

PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE NEW URBAN AGENDA

Organization of and active participation at:

“Urbanization at the Mediterranean”. IEMed (European Institute for the Mediterranean). Barcelona, 12th June. (ED)


“Urbanization at the Mediterranean”. IEMed (European Institute for the Mediterranean). Barcelona, 12th June. (ED)

“Towards the implementation of the New Urban Agenda. Urban Landscape”. Urban Breakfast at International Congress on Urban Landscape. Barcelona, 13th June. (ED)

Meeting of Dr. Joan Clos with FEMP (Spanish Federation of Cities and Regions) Territorial Council to promote the adoption of The New Urban Agenda by spanish cities. Madrid, 27th June.

“Thinking Urban: cities for the people at the center of the New Urban Agenda”. Conference of Jan Gehl at COAM (Official College of Madrid Architects). Ma-
Participation at “Localization of SDGs at the local framework”. FEMP’s (Spanish Federation of Cities and Regions) training forum. Madrid, 4th October. (CSM)

“Workshop Post H3 and the new urban and metropolitan challenges”. AMB, Barcelona Institute of International Studies (IBEI), the World association of the major metropoles (Metropolis) and the Euro-Latin American Alliance of Cooperation among Cities (AL-LAs). Barcelona, 13th November. Paulius Kulikauskas (PK)

“Rethinking Strategies for Integrated Urban and Regional Development”. Smart Cities Expo World Congress. Barcelona, 14th November. (PK)

“Cities for people: how to implement the New Urban Agenda”. Smart Cities Expo World Congress. Barcelona, 14th November. (PK)

“Smart Urbanization” at Smart City World Expo Congress. Barcelona, 14th November. (ED)

“Barcelona model at the global urbanistic debate”. Barcelona Economy Circle. Barcelona, 14th November. (ED)

Opening of the course of IBEI (Barcelona Institute of International Studies). Barcelona, 15th November. (ED)

“Reaching the right collaboration toward success”. Smart City Expo World Congress. Barcelona, 15th November. (PK)

“The European Urban Agenda in light of Habitat III and the 2030 Agenda”. CIDOB (Barcelona Centre for International Affairs). Barcelona, 17th November. (PK)


“Urban Planification: building the path to the SDGs”. COAM (Official College of Madrid Architects), Madrid, 22nd November. (EM)

“Towards a holistic approach to urban resilience”. Aquatec, Suez and Cetaqua. Madrid, 22nd November. (CSM)

“Golden Experience Award on Sustainability” given by Seville City Council to UN-Habitat Spain for its work in urban sustainability and a better urban future for all. Seville, 22nd November. (CSM)


“The New Urban Agenda and its implementation process as a development and prosperity tool”. I Global Forum on Local Governments: Destination Seville. Seville, 24th November. (EM)

“International Organisms and Regions, an Alliance to accomplish Global Goals”. ORU Fogar General Assembly. Vitoria, 27th November. (CSM)

15 https://vimeo.com/223744248
16 https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=27&v=vD6fEPHlq6M
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Left: Urbanization at the Mediterranean, by IEMed, Barcelona 12th June. Center: The New Urban Agenda, an urban paradigm shift for XXI century Barcelona 12th June. Right: Meeting of Territorial Council to promote the adoption of the NUA, Madrid 27th June.

Left: Localization of SDGs at the local framework, Madrid 4th October. Center: Workshop post Habitat III and the new urban and metropolitan changes. Barcelona 13th November. Right: Smart Urbanization- Smart City Expo World Congress, Barcelona 14th November.

Left: Opening of the course of IBEI, Barcelona 15th November. Center and right: Urban planning: building the path to the SDGs, Madrid 22nd November.


Attendance of:


» “Workshop on Sustainable Cities”. REDS (Spanish Network for Sustainable Development) and Carlos III University. Madrid, 7th March.


» “Local Governments facing the challenge to localize the SDGs. FEMP and UCLG (Union of Cities and Local Governments). Madrid, 18th April.

Online Interventions17.

Left: SDGs and its implementation: contributions to Spain. 27th March. Center: Challenges and strategies of local governments. Madrid, 9th May. Right: Thinking Urban: cities for the people at the center of the NUA, Madrid, 29th June

UN-HABITAT INSTITUTIONAL CAMPAIGNS

World Urban Campaign. Urban Thinkers Campuses

» “The right in the city. Legal implementation of the New Urban Agenda” organized by CNJUR, International Association of Urbanistic Jurisprudence and UNED18 Madrid, 10-12th July.

» “Sharing design, innovation and technology for the city prosperity” organized by ESNE (Universitary School of Design Innovation and Technology)19. Madrid, 25-27th October.

» “The transition to livable cities: the post car city” organized by FIU (Federation of Iberoamerican Urbanists)20. Barcelona, 25-27th November

17 - EGM Planning Compact Cities: Exploiting the possibilities and limits of densification. Seville, 13-14th March https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hKQZg6FeaPO
19 - Sustainable Tourism Conference. Barcelona, 18th May. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s6Xo671R0ng&app=desktop
21 - International Transdiciplinar Seminar: The New Urban Agenda an its implementation towards a better urban Governance. Barcelona, 16-18th October. https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=XOdlRl0kz0s
23 - ORU-FOGAR Annual Assembly. 27-28th October https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LJ_iLb8NLsg&feature=youtu.be
» “Barcelona City Lab on Safer Cities”\textsuperscript{21} organized by UN-Habitat Safer Cities Programme. Barcelona, 14\textsuperscript{th} November.

Urban October

» World Habitat Day at COAM (Official College of Madrid Architects) including an Urban Cinema Session”.

» World Cities Day at Seville University with the event “Innovative Governance. Open Cities” with the participation of the Mayor of Seville, the Dean of Seville University and representatives of civil society.

» Joint declaration of UN-Habitat and FEMP (Spanish Federation of Cities and Regions) to commemorate World Cities Day along with an adhesion statement of FEMP to the principles of the New Urban Agenda. Madrid, 31\textsuperscript{st} October 2017\textsuperscript{22}.

Urban Breakfasts


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\textsuperscript{21} http://www.worldurbancampaign.org/events/barcelona-city-lab-safer-cities-global-hub-city-labs
\textsuperscript{22} http://www.femp.es/comunicacion/noticias/31-de-octubre-femp-y-oun-habitat-apuestan-por-una-ciudad-abierta-sostenible-y
EFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

» Media coverage of Joan Clos, UN-Habitat Executive Director

Madrid, 25th January

» Media Coverage of UN Habitat Office events in Spain:


http://play.cadenaser.com/audio/001RD010000004629948/
http://www.femp.es/hemeroteca/carta-local-no-305-septiembre-de-2017
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http://elpais.com/elpais/2017/03/21/planta-futuro/1490102003_361220.html
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tions: Implementing the New Urban Agenda”. Madrid, 29 -30th June

» Conference of Jan Gehl at COAM (Official College of Madrid Architects) “Thinking Urban: cities for the people at the center of the New Urban Agenda”. Madrid 29th June

» Urban October

» Urban Thinkers Campuses

» Other media coverage.
Web development for the event New Realities, New Solutions: Implementing the New Urban Agenda\textsuperscript{11}

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

4 FOSTERING STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS AND RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

With the support of UN-Habitat Branches and Regional Offices, the following collaboration agreements and Memorandums of Understanding were signed during 2017:

COLLABORATION AGREEMENTS 2017

» AACID (Andalusian Agency of International Cooperation for Development) for the project “New Urban Solutions: Implementing the New Urban Agenda”. The project will be implemented from December 2017 to December 2018 with a 400,000 € contribution.

» Madrid City Council through the General Directorate of Innovation and City Promotion for the project “Support to the promotion of Sustainable Urban Development and the implementation of the New Urban Agenda”. (TBC)

» 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 (70,000 €) for 2017-2018 period.

» Barcelona City Council for Phase 2 of the City Resilience Profiling Programme, Barcelona 28\textsuperscript{th} December.

» Seville City Council for the project “New Urban Solutions: Implementing the New Urban Agenda” (tbc)

MOUS (Memorandum of Understanding)

» Department of Territory and Sustainability of the Government of Catalonia. Barcelona, 19\textsuperscript{th} January.

» FIRA International of Barcelona, Barcelona, 16\textsuperscript{th} November.