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URBANIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT: EMERGING FUTURES

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On 18 May 2016, UN-Habitat will launch the World Cities Report 2016, Urbanization and Development: Emerging Futures. The report gives a 20 year analysis of some of the most important urban issues that played out, or emerged, since the Habitat II Conference. It conveys a clear message that the pattern of urbanization needs to change in order to better respond to the challenges of our time, to address issues such as inequality, climate change, informality, insecurity, and the unsustainable forms of urban expansion.

Habitat III and the New Urban Agenda should establish critical connections to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other international agreements. The Report is very explicit on the need to ensure a strong convergence among these agendas as a way of complementing and improving the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly those with an urban component.

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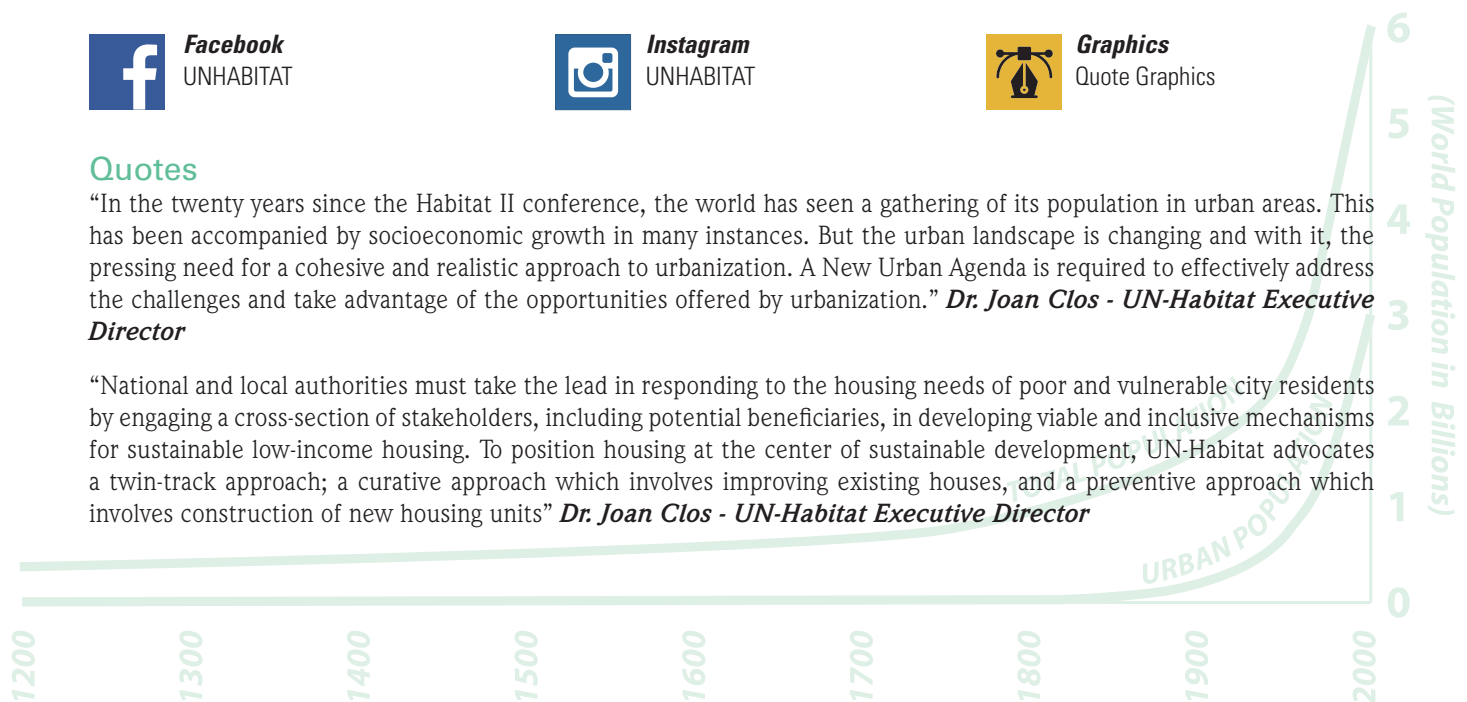


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“In the twenty years since the Habitat II conference, the world has seen a gathering of its population in urban areas. This has been accompanied by socioeconomic growth in many instances. But the urban landscape is changing and with it, the pressing need for a cohesive and realistic approach to urbanization. A New Urban Agenda is required to effectively address the challenges and take advantage of the opportunities offered by urbanization.” **Dr. Joan Clos - UN-Habitat Executive Director**

“National and local authorities must take the lead in responding to the housing needs of poor and vulnerable city residents by engaging a cross-section of stakeholders, including potential beneficiaries, in developing viable and inclusive mechanisms for sustainable low-income housing. To position housing at the center of sustainable development, UN-Habitat advocates a twin-track approach; a curative approach which involves improving existing houses, and a preventive approach which involves construction of new housing units” **Dr. Joan Clos - UN-Habitat Executive Director**



“Almost two decades ago, at Habitat II in Istanbul, the international community resolved to make the most of the opportunities presented by human settlements and preserve their diversity to promote solidarity. The world has changed dramatically since the second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements. More than ever before, we understand the power of well-planned urbanization for development. But that is the key: planning – good, strong planning.” **Mr. Ban Ki-moon – Secretary General of the United Nations**

“Urbanization is a driving force as well as a source of development. It has the power to change and improve the lives. Urban areas are at the heart of many great challenges, opportunities and promise,” **Mr. Ban Ki-moon - Secretary General of the United Nations**

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- Download the #WorldCitiesReport2016 #Android mobile application from <http://bit.ly/1qq5sgA>
- Urban areas around the world are facing greater challenges than they did 20years ago when Habitat II Conf. took place #WorldCitiesReport2016
- If the emerging future of cities is to be sustainable, housing should be placed at the center of #urbanpolicies #WorldCitiesReport2016
- Efficient cities facilitate the more productive use of resources; thus facilitate the creation of wealth & jobs #WorldCitiesReport2016
- Although many countries have embarked on #urbangovernance, the results are still inadequate & fall short of the ideal #WorldCitiesReport2016

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