



25th SESSION OF THE
GOVERNING COUNCIL
17 - 23 APRIL 2015 ♦ NAIROBI

Thursday, 23 April 2015 – Venue: Conference Room 10
Time: 2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.
Nairobi, Kenya

SIDE EVENT

**Achieving Sustainable Urban Development (ASUD) showcasing
Participatory and Inclusive Land Readjustment (PILaR) Medellin –
three legged approach in action**

UN-Habitat, Urban Legislation Unit

Background

ASUD projects are based on a set of principles proposing that good quality urban design supported by effective legal frameworks and clear financial plans is fundamental to sustainable urban development. PILaR was designed to test the use of land readjustment in urban infill projects in developing countries, with an emphasis on the potential for land readjustment to be “participatory in process and inclusive in outcome”. PILaR lessens the public cost of quality urban regeneration that is integrated with city-wide urban fabric while also promoting consensual approaches that advance the rights of vulnerable groups and improve governance.

Phase 1 of the project was completed in February 2015 and the side event will present the objectives and outcomes of the pilot and their relevance to the development of the new urban agenda.

Relevance

PILaR is designed to address several proposed targets under Goal 11 of the draft SDGs, particularly 11.1, 11.3 and 11.7. It is also based on UN-Habitat’s three legged approach, which is proposed as a principal element of the new urban agenda.

Chair: Robert Lewis-Lettington, ULLG	
Rapporteur: Gianluca Crispi, Urban Legislation Unit	
Time	Presentation/Discussion
2 mins	Introduction (Chair)
7 mins	PILaR and the new urban agenda. <i>Need for serviced land at lower cost and with less conflict. Lack of money and tools. Weak land records. Challenging governance and community relationships.</i> (Solomon Haile, GLTN/Land)
7 mins	Design responses to the Medellin site. <i>Delivering on new urban agenda principles in a vulnerable neighbourhood.</i> (UPDB/ROLAC).
7 mins	Paying for PILaR: the financial model. <i>Meeting costs while minimising public burden, meeting public need and maintaining inclusion</i> (UEB/ROLAC).
5 mins	PILaR as an integrated approach. <i>Examples of planning, law and finance for successful outcomes</i> (Robert Lewis-Lettington, ULLG)
7 mins	The regional relevance of PILaR (Colombia mission/ROLAC)
10 mins	Discussion and close

Objectives:

1. To explain the relevance and potential of PILaR as an effective tool in delivering the new urban agenda.
2. To encourage demand for PILaR replication.

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