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Nairobi, Kenya

SIDE EVENT

Youth 21: Enhancing the Inclusion of Youth in Governance

**Norwegian Children
and
Youth Council Oslo Youth and Governance Programme**

Background

In November 2014, The Oslo Youth and Governance Program and the Municipality of Asker, Norway hosted the Asker Conference on Youth and Governance which focused on exploring ways in which youth could become more engaged in governance from the local to the international level. Stemming from this event was the Asker Communiqué which celebrated the critical role young people can play in governance at local, regional and global levels, and the need to link create platforms from which youth can be heard.

A High Level Taskforce was created which had Ministerial level representation from Nigeria, Brazil, Sri Lanka and Somalia, partnered with youth civil society and the UN system. As well, the report Right to Participate was launched which outlined a model for youth participation developed by the Norwegian Children and Youth Council.

This workshop will identify how UN-Habitat, Habitat Agenda Partners (HAPs) and member states can build on the legacy of the Asker Conference and the Right to Participate report with a view to the role of youth in the Post-2015 and Habitat III process.

Purpose

A key aspect of the UN-Habitat and the post-2015 development agenda is the inclusion of women and youth in sustainable urbanization. This event will profile the work of the Asker Conference towards that end, and seek to engage other HAPs and member states to strengthen UN-Habitat's work and political impact in the field.

Institutions involved in organizing and hosting the event

Norwegian Children and Youth Council, the National Youth Secretariat of Brazil, the Governments of Nigeria, Sri Lanka and Somalia