

# IMPLEMENTING THE **NEW URBAN AGENDA**

## Side Event Advertisement

Thursday, 11 May 2017, Venue: Conference room 10  
Time: 1:00 pm – 1:45 pm  
Nairobi, Kenya

## 2 years of IG-UTP: Tracking urban and territorial planning

Organized by Regional and Metropolitan Planning Unit,  
Urban Planning and Design Branch of UN-Habitat

### Background

Approved by the Governing Council in 2015, the International Guidelines on Urban and Territorial Planning (IG-UTP or Guidelines) are a global framework for improving policies, plans, designs and implementation processes for improved cities and territories. Considering the first two years of implementation have concluded and recalling Resolution 25/6, with the request to “report on the progress made in the implementation of the IG-UTP in close consultation with member States” at the twenty-sixth session, UN-Habitat has taken on the task of tracking the adoption and use of the Guidelines around the world through the Global Survey on Urban and Territorial Planning. Building on UN-Habitat’s own experience and the results from more than twenty member States and IG-UTP partners, the occasion is timely for the launch of the first report “**IG-UTP<sup>2</sup>**” to illustrate the impact of the Guidelines at the global, national, and even regional levels.

### Relevance to the GC26 theme

The Guidelines have brought forth a paradigm shift to planning by acknowledging its territorial dimension of planning and enabling the integration of levels and sectors as advocated by the New Urban Agenda (NUA). Additionally, the Guidelines have explicitly been referred to in the NUA as a “means for its effective implementation”<sup>1</sup>, and thus their value in achieving the goals of the NUA, and consequently, the Sustainable Development Goals<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Draft outcome document, New Urban Agenda. pp. 13. United Nations conference on housing and sustainable urban development (Habitat III). Quito, October 2016.

<sup>2</sup> In Particular, SDG 11.a (urban-rural linkages), SDG 11.3 (participatory, integrated planning), and SDG 11.7 (public space).

**Objective**

The 2017 Governing Council is not only an occasion for launching the report as requested by Resolution 25/6, but it is also an opportunity to bring representatives of the four (4) stakeholder groups of the Guidelines together, namely national governments, local authorities, planning professionals and their associations, and civil society organizations, to share their experiences in the implementation of the Guidelines within their local contexts.

Confirmed guest: Government of Japan

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