

IMPLEMENTING THE **NEW URBAN AGENDA**

Side Event Advertisement

Friday 12th May 2017, Venue: Conference room 9
Time: 2.00pm – 2.45pm
Nairobi, Kenya

Addressing Social Inequality and Climate Change through Urbanization

Organized by UN-Habitat

Background

This side event will bring together the four cross-cutting issues of UN-Habitat: Climate Change, Gender Equality, Human Rights and Youth. These issues are inter-linked and based on the principle of 'leave no-one behind' – including future generations. Urbanization represents a threat to this principle, but also creates significant opportunity. If the power of urban development can be harnessed and guided, it can be a powerful force in reducing inequality, tackling poverty and mitigating climate change.

Relevance to the GC26 theme

The NUA envisages cities that are socially and environmentally sustainable. The NUA is strongly focused on women, youth, people with disabilities and other marginalized groups. In order to implement the NUA, these groups must be considered throughout the urban development process. The Cross-Cutting Markers and the Environmental and Social Safeguards System (ESSS) of UN-Habitat will be used as an example of good practice and ensuring projects meet those left behind.

Objective

To highlight the need to address social inequality and climate change in urban development programmes, and to work towards partnerships and synergies to achieve the vision of the NUA at the local level.

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