

IMPLEMENTING THE **NEW URBAN AGENDA**

Side Event Advertisement

Building Youth as Drivers of Sustainable Development

Organized by Servicio Nacional de Aprendizaje, (Colombia)

Venue: United Nations Headquarters, Conference room 14

When: Friday, 12th May, 2017, 2.00PM-2.45PM

Background

Youth are an untapped resource that can provide sustainable solutions to develop safe, resilient, and sustainable cities. The event will aim to discuss and showcase the outcomes from investments made on youth and their ideas, through innovative funding, public private partnerships, and encouraging enterprise led development, which provide opportunities for effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda. Youth, who constitute over 50 percent of urban dwellers today in developing countries, must be treated as key development partners to succeed in implementation of the New Urban Agenda. This approach utilizes youth to be change makers to achieve a positive correlation between urbanization and development.

Relevance to GC 26 theme

The confirmed side event is aligned to the 26th Governing Council's theme: *Opportunities for the effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda* while also aligned to sub theme 2 of the Governing Council: *Synergies and financing for sustainable urbanization*.

The side event aims demonstrate that youth is an important demographic towards implementation of the New Urban Agenda and in shaping the urban development trajectory. In this regard, the event will provide a platform to discuss and showcase outcomes and impact from investments on made to youth and their innovations, through innovative funding, public private partnerships, and encouraging enterprise-led development

Objective

To demonstrate that youth is an important demographic towards implementation of the New Urban Agenda and in shaping the urban development trajectory

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