

IMPLEMENTING THE **NEW URBAN AGENDA**

Side Event Advertisement

Monday, 8 May 2017, Venue: Conference room 10

Time: 6.00pm – 7.30pm

Nairobi, Kenya

Developing a global, people-based definition of cities and settlements

Jointly organized by EU, FAO, OECD and the World Bank

Background

This event will present the definition (the degree of urbanisation) that is being tested at the global level by the EU, FAO, OECD and WB. This definition has been applied to a new, freely accessible global population grid. These new global results will be compared to the data from the World Urbanization Prospects. To test this definition, a number of pilot projects have been set up to discuss this method with individual countries. The first results of these pilots in Brazil, Morocco and South Africa will be presented. The goal of the event is to inform people about this work and find more countries that want to participate in a pilot project. Participation in a pilot is free and supported by the four international organisation working on this voluntary commitment in support of the implementation of the new global urban agenda.

Relevance to the GC26 theme:

Opportunities for the effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda', with the following sub-themes;

Sub-theme 3: 'Integrated human settlements planning for sustainable urbanization'

Comparison between cities can only be done in a meaningful way if the boundaries of these cities are drawn in the same manner. For example, the most of the indicators linked to the urban Sustainable Development Goal are extremely sensitive to where the boundary of the city is drawn. That is why at the Habitat III conference this voluntary commitment to develop a global city definition was announced. A global definition will ensure that the sustainable development goals can be monitored in a harmonised and thus internationally comparable way.

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