

# IMPLEMENTING THE **NEW URBAN AGENDA**

**Invitation: Combating Poverty and Promoting Peace through Job Creation  
Opportunities for Young Men and Women in African Cities**

**Date:** Monday, 08 May 2017  
**Time:** 18:00-19:30  
**Location:** United Nations Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya  
**Room:** Conference Room 14

**Purpose:** The purpose of this side event is to support the overarching theme of GC26, “Opportunities for Effective Implementation of the New Urban Agenda (NUA)” by honing in on an area of critical importance to the future of sustainable growth, prosperity and stability of the world’s most rapidly urbanizing region. Grounded in the principles of the NUA, this event will highlight how the provision of jobs –especially among young men and women --can overcome chief barriers to sustainable growth, namely overcrowded, disconnected, and costly urban agglomerations. It will also emphasize the peace-building aspect of human settlements that commit to opening opportunities for young men and women.

**Structure:** The 1.5 hours session will bring together experts and practitioners from the UN, World Bank, private sector, and national and local government examples of urban planning strategies and policies in a humanitarian context in order to ‘set the scene’ for the session. Second, participants will hear a case study of what’s worked and what’s not to encourage a lively debate during the panel and group discussion.

### **Proposed Agenda:**

18:00-18:05: Welcome by Moderator and introduction to the session  
18:05-18:15: *Moment of Silence and Remembrance for the late H.E. Abass Siraji, Somali Minister of Public Works, Housing and Reconstruction (Embassy of Sweden)*  
18:15-18:25: Opening Keynote, Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, World Bank Group Senior Vice President for the 2030 Development Agenda  
18:25-18:45: Opening remarks from panel members and Dr. Aisa Kirabo Kacyira, Deputy Executive Director, UN-Habitat  
18:45-18:55: Case study presentation  
18:55-19:15: Moderated group panel discussion based on guiding questions  
19:15-19:25: Interactive Q&A with panelists and audience  
19:25-19:30: Wrap-up and closing

### **Invited Participants:**

- Moderator: Mr. John Sibi-Okumu (journalist)
- Opening Keynote: Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, World Bank Group Senior Vice President for the 2030 Development Agenda
- Special Remarks: Embassy of Sweden and Dr. Aisa Kirabo Kacyira, Deputy Executive Director, UN-Habitat
- Ambassador Ihab Fahmy, Deputy Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)

- Mr. Franz Marre, Head of Division for Water, Urban Development & Transport, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
- Ms. Aminata Traore, Former Minister of Culture and Tourism, Mali
- Mr. Nick Langford, Country Head, Kenya, Tatu City
- Ms. Mary Kwar, Director, ILO Country Office, Tanzania
- Margaret Koli, UN-Habitat, Youth Advisory Board
- Case Study: 'Shaqeyso Training Programme', part of Youth employment programme in Somalia (UN-Habitat, UNDP, ILO, FAO)

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