

IMPLEMENTING THE **NEW URBAN AGENDA**

Side Event Advertisement

Monday, 8 May 2017, Venue: Conference room 10

Time: 13.00-13.45

Nairobi, Kenya

Promoting Sustainable Urbanization in the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) Region

***Organizers:** Led by the UN-Habitat Moscow Office, and include the Regional and Metropolitan Planning Unit, Housing and Slum Upgrading Branch, City Resilience Profiling Programme, Capacity Development Unit, External Relations Division and Programme Division.*

The event will be co-organized with the UNECE Committee on Housing and Land Management.

Background

The event will focus on the main challenges and drivers of sustainable urban development in the CIS region¹ in the New Urban Agenda context.

Relevance to the GC26 theme

The event relates directly to Sub-theme 1 'Towards inclusive, sustainable and adequate housing for a better future,' including the joint UN-Habitat/UNECE Committee on Housing and Land Management UNDESA project on sustainable housing in countries in transition. Preparations for the Russia National Urban Forum, update of the MoU on CIS, and portfolio strengthening of the Moscow Office are central for the Mandate of UN-Habitat.

¹ CIS countries include: Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Ukraine.

Objective

The event will serve as a preparatory platform for the upcoming National Urban Forum in St Petersburg (June 2017), showcase efforts on housing, resilience, and development of National Urban Policies, and discuss UN-Habitat's further role in the region. It will identify areas of new collaboration to update the MoU between UN-Habitat and the Intergovernmental Council for Cooperation of Member States of the CIS.

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