



## ***Financing Urban Development: the Millennium Challenge***

Habitat III Thematic Meeting  
Mexico City, 9 - 11 March 2016

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### **Parallel Session 1B**

#### **Local priorities in the global agenda of urban financing**

DATE: Thursday March 10  
TIME: 11:30 - 13:30  
ROOM: B, 19<sup>th</sup> floor (Tower Tlatelolco)

#### **Context**

Sustainable urban financing is a key element in the implementation of Agenda 2030 for sustainable development, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in September 2015, and the new urban agenda Habitat III to be adopted in October 2016. The recently approved Sustainable Development Goals include a goal#11 specific to sustainable urban development and other goals and objectives that also require the intervention of local governments.

This session will emphasize the need to strengthen cooperation among multilateral agencies, national governments and local actors in the construction of an urban agenda, working together for the "localization of the SDGs," particularly following up on the third Conference on Financing for Development held in 2015 in Addis Ababa.

#### **Guiding questions**

- As a global road map, the New Urban Agenda should be action-oriented. In your opinion, are local governments key players for its implementation?
- Is the international system sufficiently adapted to grant them a substantial role in decision making?
- How can the implementation of the new urban agenda integrate different realities, cultures and contexts to avoid one-size fits-all approach?



## Speakers

- Nathalie Ledenmat - Executive Secretary of the Committee on Local Finance and Development, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) and Member of the Habitat III Policy Unit 5
- Prabha Khosla - Director of programs for the International City Leaders Foundation
- Magdalena García Hernández - Coordinator of the Ibero-American Women's Network for Equal Budgets between women and men
- Judit Torokne Rosza - Head of Unit H1, Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission
- Louis-Antoine Souchet - Expert in Local Finance, French Agency for Development, France
- Elkin Velázquez - Director of the Regional Office Latin America and the Caribbean (ROLAC), UN-Habitat

## Moderator

Fernando Guzmán - Executive Director of the Colombian Association of Capital Cities (Asocapitales), Colombia

## Logistics of the session

- The moderator will briefly introduce the speakers.
- Each speaker will have up to 10 minutes for his/her presentation.
- We strongly encourage speakers to address the guiding questions indicated in this note in their presentations. The Thematic Conference is not intended to be a seminar on good practices exchange, but an opportunity for speakers to send key messages to be integrated in the New Urban Agenda to be adopted in Quito.
- If necessary, the moderator can come back to the speakers to address the questions, highlight or clarify information.
- The moderator will open the floor for the participation of the audience.
- If necessary, speakers can use audiovisual material. We discourage the use of long informative power point presentations. If strictly necessary presentations should be limited to a maximum of 10 slides.
- Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in Spanish, English and French.