

Special session of the Global Network on Safer Cities (GNSC)

Date: 16 July 2013
Time: 09:00 – 13:00
Venue: Ballroom 3

Moderator

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Main objectives

The session will highlight some relevant lessons from practice of cities implementing the safer cities approach, beginning with African and Latin American metropolises. What explains the different outcomes of the cities safety programmes?

The session will also advance a global city to city twinning programme of cities with the select cities to enhance exchange of expertise, tools and practices towards better action for safer cities. It will seek to engage existing frameworks such as BRICS, IBSA and twinning arrangements that the participating cities have already established in collaboration with Metropolis.

In this context, UN-Habitat will illustrate a new urban safety monitor to enhance the effectiveness of city safety interventions – both in terms of process and content - and based on a solid evidence base; and provide cities with guidelines and a toolkit on safer cities based on its 16 years of pilot approaches in over 77 municipalities.

The session is expected to trigger a wider advocacy, outreach and communication process anchored around the World Urban Campaign for safer and healthy cities, engaging citizens in making a difference at their neighborhood levels. It will also seek to enlist cities in the global campaign that will assemble 100 cities at the Seventh session of the World Urban Forum in Medellin, Colombia in 2014.

Program

9:00-9:30: **Opening presentations**

- **Welcome Remarks** – **Parks Tau**, Mayor of Johannesburg – Vice- Chair of the Steering Committee of the GNSC
- **Opening Remarks** – **Tom Cochran**, CEO & Executive Director, US Conference of Mayors
- **Remarks:** Alain Le Saux, Secretary General of Metropolis
- **Key note address:** **Aisa Kirabo Kacyra**, Deputy Executive Director of UN-HABITAT

9:30 - 11:00: **The urban approach to crime and violence: A perspective of the Latin America and Africa Metropolises**

Key guiding questions

- a) What is your metro/city government's safety mandates, institutional arrangements, implementers, custodians within a local government framework?
- b) What is the role of the metropolitan police unit in the metro/city government's safety approach? Is it the lead or part of an inter-departmental approach to safety?

Keynote presentations

- **Juan David Valderrama**, Executive Director of the Agency for Cooperation and Investment (ACI), Medellín
- **Franklyn Coelho**, Special Secretary for Science and Technology, Rio de Janeiro
- **Dr. Evans Kidero**, Governor of the City County of Nairobi

Expert Commentaries – Reflections from Practice

- **Terence Smith**, GIZ/Department of Cooperative Governance, South Africa
- **Michael Krause**, Coordinator, Violence Prevention through Urban Upgrading, Cape Town
- **Martin Xaba**, Head, Safer Cities Unit, Ethekewini Municipality
- **Nazira Cachalia**, Programme Manager, City Safety Programme, Johannesburg

11:00- 11:15 Coffee break

11:15- 11:45: *Enhancing a Global Action Campaign for Safer Metropolis*

- Main conclusions from Metropolis Women Network Symposium “**Safe Cities within the Sphere of Public Space and Gender**”
- The integrated approach on safer cities: Towards an Urban Safety Monitor, Toolkit and Guidelines for Metropolis cities – **Juma Assiago**, Human Settlements Officer, Safer Cities Programme, UN-Habitat
- The City of Johannesburg Public Safety Measure – **Anesh Sukhai** & **Prof. Seedat**, UNISA
- Towards a Safer Cities Trust Fund - **Carlos de Freitas**, Programme Coordinator, FMDV (TBC)

11:45-13:00: *Other Cities contributions and way forward*

Cities are expected to make a presentation of **10-15 minutes**. This being the last part of the programme, it would be interesting if these presentations are forward looking in terms of possible city to city cooperation that they envision, or on ways they see their cities establish a capacity that could support international cooperation on urban safety.

Based on the presentations, a 20 minutes discussion and recommendations could be made from the audience for follow-up by Metropolis and UN-Habitat.

- **Ms. Marina Klemensiewicz**, Secretariat for Habitat and Inclusion of the Government of the City of Buenos Aires
- **Mr. Michael Müller**, Mayor of Berlin
- **Gal. la Cortadellas**, Chief of Staff of Francina Vila, Councilor on Women and Civil Rights of the city of Barcelona

Expected results

- 1- Dissemination of lessons learnt and tools developed in the African and Latin American Metrocities which are implementing urban safety programmes.
- 2- Discussion on the urban safety monitor and other innovative tools engaging cities and citizens in action for safer metrocities.
- 3- Campaign for cities participation in the cities assembly of the GNSC at the Seventh session of the World Urban Forum in Medellin, Colombia in 2014;

Organisers of the session and contacts

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