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Conference

Habitat III: Co-producing sustainable cities?

Local governments and civil society in global sustainable urban development

15-16 September 2016

Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin

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The Third United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development – Habitat III – will be taking place in Quito, Ecuador from the 17th to the 20th of October, 2016. The conference will be adopting a “New Urban Agenda” (NUA) for sustainable urban development. The NUA underscores the challenges as well as the great opportunities for a better future rooted in global urbanization. An update of the Habitat Agenda from 20 years ago, the NUA is intended to outline practical paths for global sustainable development. Habitat III, the first implementation conference of Agenda 2030, will position cities and communities as key actors in the move toward sustainable global development.

International institutions are hoping that local governments are more in touch with people than national institutions. Sustainable urban development as defined in the NUA needs civil society actors – as partners, corrective factors, and also as opponents of local governments – for its successful implementation.

The “Co-producing sustainable cities?” conference will take the Habitat III conference as an opportunity to reflect on the reciprocal relationship between city governments and civil society for sustainable urban development in the global South and North. Representatives of local governments and civil society will discuss the right to housing, land policy, access to employment and income, waste management and mobility. Where can we find examples of innovative collaboration between local governments and civil society, and in which cases is sustainable urban development more effectively promoted by productive friction? Which conflicts hamper sustainable urban development? How does the discussion of “co-production” relate to the massive repression that civil society actors face in many countries? To what extent are “co-production” and human rights approaches reflected in the NUA? How can actors from the global North and South learn from each other?

Program

Thursday, 15 September 2016

4:00 pm Registration

4:30 pm Welcome

Ralf Fücks, Co-President, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin

Philipp Misselwitz, Professor of International Urbanism and Design,
TU Berlin

4:50 pm **New Urban Agenda: Co-producing sustainable cities?**

Input:

Günter Meinert, Head of Department, Urban and Municipal
Development at the German Association for International Cooperation
(GIZ)

Diana Mitlin, Professor of Global Urbanism, University of Manchester

Thomas Carothers*, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace,
Washington DC

Shivani Chauhdry, Executive Director, Housing and Land Rights
Network, New Delhi

Discussion

Presenter: **Ralf Fücks**, Co-President, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin

6:30 pm Short break



7:00 pm

Panel I

The right to the city and the social production of housing

Affordable housing in cities is almost universally scarce, making the “right to housing/right to the city” a genuine global discourse. In many cities of the South, significant shares of the population reside in informal settlements and live in constant fear of eviction. In some countries, members of residents’ initiatives produce their own roofs over their heads. How do the municipalities respond? Even in industrialized countries, the struggle for affordable housing is becoming tougher. What options do we have to ensure the availability of adequate and affordable housing for all?

Input and discussion:

Laia Ortiz Castellvi, Deputy Mayor for Social Rights, Barcelona

Santi Mas de Xaxás Faus, Platform of Mortgage Victims (PAH), Spain

Maria Carla Rodriguez, Movimiento des Ocupantes e Inquilinos (Movement of Occupants and Tenants), Buenos Aires

Jan Kuhnert, KUB Kommunal- und Unternehmensberatung GmbH, co-initiator of the Berlin rent referendum

8:30 pm

Reception

Friday, 16 September 2016

9:00 am Registration

9:30 am Welcome

Sabine Drewes, Heinrich Böll Foundation

9:40 am Panel II

**Waste management, responsible use of resources
and municipal services**

In the global North, waste management is a traditional field of municipal services: the waste is collected and processed by local authorities or companies. This is not the case in many cities of the global South: in some cases waste management is run on a cooperative basis, in others it is an informal sector with precarious employment. This showcase will explore the pros and cons of organizational forms, not only with regard to the responsible use of resources, but also to their social consequences. How does North-South learning apply to waste management?

Input and discussion:

Sonia M. Dias, Women in Informal Employment Globalizing and Organizing, Belo Horizonte/Manchester

Joan Marc Simon, Director, Zero Waste Europe, Brussels

Erika Oplak, Ecologists without Borders, Ljubljana

11:15 am Coffee break

11:45 pm Showcase III

Mobility, quality of life and health

Rapidly growing urban populations are increasing the pressure on existing urban infrastructure. Without the promotion of sustainable urban mobility and the targeted expansion of public transport networks, cities not only face gridlock, but also a massive impact on the health and quality of life of their residents.

Is “eco-mobility” spelled the same the world over? How can municipalities improve the quality of life for all in cooperation with citizens?

Input and discussion:

Anumita Roy Chowdhury, Executive Director - Research and Advocacy, Center for Science and Environment, New Delhi

Roshan Shankar, Government of NTC of Delhi

Lisa Seftel, Executive Director Transportation, City of Johannesburg

Anne Souyris*, Co-president, Groupe Ecolo de Paris

1:15 pm	Lunch break
2:15 pm	<p>Final round: Co-production of sustainable urban development following Habitat III: what next?</p> <p>Laia Ortiz Castellvi, Deputy Mayor for Social Rights, Barcelona</p> <p>Sonia M. Dias, Women in Informal Employment Globalizing and Organizing, Belo Horizonte/Manchester</p> <p>Lisa Seftel, Executive Director Transportation, City of Johannesburg</p> <p>Stefan Schurig, Director Climate Energy, World Future Council</p> <p>Sabine Drees, Policy Officer for International Affairs, German Association of Cities (DST)</p>
3:30 pm	End
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