





On October 20, 2016 in Quito, Ecuador, the New Urban Agenda was adopted at the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) with no reservations and after an inclusive and unprecedented participatory process of two years.

# Habitat III 6 Areas



**Social Cohesion  
and Equity**



**Urban  
Frameworks**



**Spatial  
Development**



**Urban  
Economy**



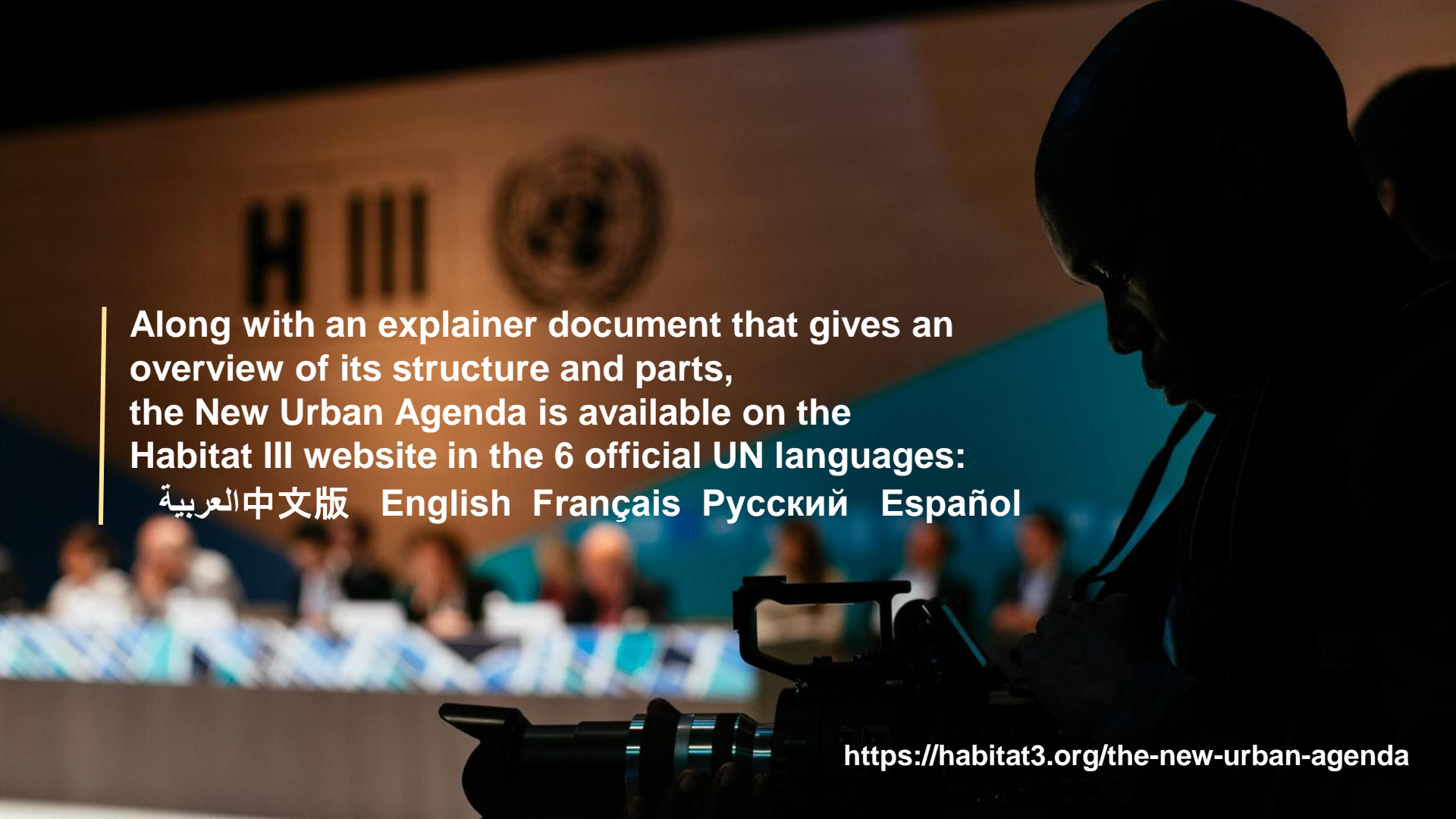
**Urban Ecology  
and Environment**



**Urban Housing  
and Basic Services**

The New Urban Agenda is an action-oriented document which sets global standards of achievement in sustainable urban development, rethinking the way we build, manage, and live in cities through cooperation with committed partners, relevant stakeholders, and urban actors at all levels of government as well as the private sector.





Along with an explainer document that gives an overview of its structure and parts, the New Urban Agenda is available on the Habitat III website in the 6 official UN languages:

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<https://habitat3.org/the-new-urban-agenda>



**30,000 ACCREDITED PARTICIPANTS** FROM 167 COUNTRIES

**2,000 REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

**HIGHEST CIVIL SOCIETY PARTICIPATION IN ANY UN CONFERENCE**

**100,000 VISITORS**

# Over 1,000 events



**8** Plenary Meetings



**6** High-level Roundtables



**4** Assemblies



**16** Stakeholders Roundtables



**10** Policy Dialogues



**22** Special Sessions



**3** Urban Talks



**1** Urban Journalism Academy



**59** UN Events



**57** Exhibition Booths



**42** Habitat III Village Projects



And over **460** Side, Networking, Training, and Parallel events were organized by various partners and stakeholders.





**Habitat III has had the strongest participation of civil society, stakeholders, and local authorities in the history of United Nations conferences.**

**The General Assembly of Partners is composed of sixteen Partner Constituent Groups, including for the first time ever grassroots organizations, older persons and persons with disabilities.**

An aerial night photograph of a city, likely Quito, Ecuador, showing a dense urban area with a grid of streets and numerous lights. In the background, a large, dark mountain range is visible, with a prominent snow-capped peak on the left side. The sky is dark blue with scattered clouds. A vertical yellow line is positioned to the left of the text.

# Beyond Habitat III

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We recognize the need to give particular attention to addressing multiple forms of discrimination faced by, inter alia, women and girls, children and youth, persons with disabilities, people living with HIV/AIDS, **older persons**, indigenous peoples and local communities, slum and Informal-settlement dwellers, homeless people, workers, smallholder farmers and fishers, refugees, returnees and internally displaced persons, and migrants, regardless of their migration status.

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We commit ourselves to promoting equitable and affordable access to sustainable basic physical and social infrastructure for all, without discrimination, including affordable serviced land, housing, modern and renewable energy, safe drinking water and sanitation, safe, nutritious and adequate food, waste disposal, sustainable mobility, health care and family planning, education, culture, and information and communications technologies. We further commit ourselves to ensuring that these services are responsive to the rights and needs of women, children and youth, **older persons** and persons with disabilities, migrants, indigenous peoples and local communities, as appropriate, and to those of others in vulnerable situations. In this regard, we encourage the elimination of legal, institutional, socioeconomic and physical barriers.

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We support subnational and local governments, as appropriate, in fulfilling their key role in strengthening the interface among all relevant stakeholders, offering opportunities for dialogue, including through age-and gender-responsive approaches, and with particular attention to potential contributions from all segments of society, including men and women, children and youth, **older persons** and persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples and local communities, refugees and internally displaced persons and migrants, regardless of their migration status, without discrimination based on race, religion, ethnicity or socioeconomic status.

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We will support appropriate policies and capacities that enable subnational and local governments to register and expand their potential revenue base, for example, through multipurpose cadastres, local taxes, fees and service charges, in line with national policies, while ensuring that women and girls, children and youth, **older persons**, persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples and local communities, and poor households are not disproportionately affected.

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We will promote capacity development initiatives to empower and strengthen the skills and abilities of women and girls, children and youth, **older persons** and persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples and local communities, as well as persons in vulnerable situations, for shaping governance processes, engaging in dialogue, and promoting and protecting human rights and anti-discrimination, to ensure their effective participation in urban and territorial development decision-making.

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We will promote the development of national information and communications technology policies and e-government strategies, as well as citizen-centric digital governance tools, tapping into technological innovations, including capacity development programmes, in order to make information and communications technologies accessible to the public, including women and girls, children and youth, persons with disabilities, **older persons** and persons in vulnerable situations, to enable them to develop and exercise civic responsibility, broadening participation and fostering responsible governance, as well as increasing efficiency. The use of digital platforms and tools, including geospatial information systems, will be encouraged to improve long-term integrated urban and territorial planning and design, land administration and management, and access to urban and metropolitan services.





Our work here is far from done.  
The road to a sustainable urban future for all is still  
ahead of us, it is a journey we must take.  
**Together beyond Habitat III**



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