



## REPORTING FORMAT FOR SIDE EVENT HOSTS

**Deadline: 24 hours after the Side Event**

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<b>Name of Rapporteur:</b>	<b>Hung Vo/Helene Opsal</b>
<b>Side Event title:</b>	<b>Youth Priorities for the New Urban Agenda</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> April, 2015</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>8:30 AM – 9:30 AM</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Conference Room 9</b>
<b>Name of leading organizing Institution(s):</b>	<b>UN Major Group for Children and Youth (MGCY) and Pax Romana</b>
<b>Country/City where leading organizing Institution(s) is/are based:</b>	<b>MGCY (Global), Pax Romana (Paris, France)</b>
<b>Contact Person</b> ( <i>Last Name, Name, Function, E-mail, Telephone Number</i> )	<b>MGCY Organising Partners, <a href="mailto:op@childrenyouth.org">op@childrenyouth.org</a></b>
<b>Name of organizing partnering Institution(s) with their respective base</b> ( <i>City, Country</i> )	<b>UN-HABITAT Youth and Livelihoods Unit</b>
<b>Contact Person from partnering Institution(s)</b> ( <i>Last Name, Name, Function, E-mail, Telephone Number</i> )	<b>Dekki, Christopher, UN Advocacy Coordinator, <a href="mailto:chris.dekki@childrenyouth.org">chris.dekki@childrenyouth.org</a>, +13472494813</b>
<b>Approximate number of participants:</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Number of female participants:</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Number of male participants:</b>	<b>30</b>

### 1. Summary of the Side Event (max: 300 words):

*Higher populations in cities means more young people. Since 2009, the majority of the world's population is living in urban areas. This makes the New Urban Agenda so critical. As echoed by UN-Habitat and Habitat III Secretariat, this UN conference is a unique opportunity for rethinking the Urban Agenda in which governments can respond by promoting a new model of urban development, able to integrate all facets of sustainable development to promote equity, welfare and shared prosperity." To ensure the voice of half*





*of the world, this event aimed to share the methods of the youth consultations and the key priorities and positions of the children and youth constituency known as the Major Group for Children and Youth with governments, UN agencies, and broader civil society. The key priorities and outcomes are from consultations done all over the world, some community-based as in a small town in India, while others took place at major meetings of global youth-led organisations.*

## **2. Summary of the Discussion (max: total 500 words):**

### 1. Outline of the discussion/debates

*UN-HABITAT DED Aisa Kirabo Kacyira spoke about the general overview of this process and some key issues in terms of what society must do toward inclusive, sustainable and compact cities to ensure meaningful participation of youth in this process.*

*Christopher Dekki gave the overview of the youth engagement in the UN processes including Habitat III, especially our methods of consultations. Consultations on Habitat III have been held for youth across the world. Consultations are used to engage young people and allow them a voice in the process. Even without access to the internet, we are consulting with people where they are to gather their priorities in cities.*

*Hiroataka Koike shared the priorities the MGCY has found in the consultations and its work in the OWG. His presentation consisted of two pillars, process oriented and content oriented key points.*

### 2. Major emerging issues discussed in relation with the following:

- Habitat III
  - In terms of the right to participate for youth, a permanent mechanism for youth participation is the ultimate goal. We need to convince governments of the importance of youth engagement. We need to make sure that young people are present to convey their message in every step of this process.
  - If we could have a thematic conference on youth as part of the Habitat III process, that would be opportunity to address some critical issues.
  - The youth led organisations member of the MGCY has conducted several youth consultations. The outcome we want is to create strong, valid young policy actors in Habitat III and other processes, to hold governments accountable to their commitments.
  
- POST 2015 Development Agenda
  - Bearing in mind that this Habitat III is going to be the first conference after the Post-2015 Agenda is adopted, youth should be at the core, and this can provide many answers we face.
  - Goal 11 of the OWG proposal is taking about Habitat issues. The efforts to address those issues should be taken in the Post-2015 Agenda process as well.
  
- A New Urban Agenda
  - One of the big issues is participation in governance and youth must be part and parcel of that process. When a strong governance framework is in place, engaging everybody that is the platform that enables and empowers youth and addresses everybody's problems. Youth are inherent of great potential.
  - Ending discriminatory zoning laws, environmental regulations, and governance, we want to take about the human being at the center of planning. Entrepreneurship is great, but youth need support to be entrepreneurs; need access to loans and finance.
  - Mobility is different from the mere presence of a public transport system that checks a box. A focus on regular, reliable, safe, integrated, sustainable and easily accessible





public transport system is vital.

### 3. Recommendations made during the discussion

(e.g. policy direction, good/best practices, resource mobilization, innovative funding mechanism, etc.)

- **Financial support to ensure the participation of youth in every step of this Habitat III process**
- **Legally mandated, budgeted spaces must be created for young people to engage in decision-making in the cities.**
- **A thematic conference on youth must be held.**

### 4. Building partnerships, network and synergies with the Stakeholders

(e.g. Contribution of the event towards building partnerships, networking and making commitments to the Habitat III process and the upcoming New Urban Agenda)

The meeting allowed new people to learn about and engage the Major Group for Children and Youth. It also allowed the participants to learn how to host Habitat III youth consultations in their communities.

### 5. Detail Information of Speakers/Presenters/Moderators:

<b>Full name (Mr/Ms):</b>	<b>Aisa Kirabo Kacyira</b>
<b>Nationality:</b>	<b>Rwanda</b>
<b>Organization/Institution:</b>	<b>UN-Habitat</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>20 minutes</b>
<b>Position:</b>	<b>Deputy Executive Director</b>
<b>Contact address (Email):</b>	

<b>Full name (Mr/Ms):</b>	<b>Christopher Dekki</b>
<b>Nationality:</b>	<b>USA</b>
<b>Organization/Institution:</b>	<b>Pax Romana, Major Group for Children and Youth</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>15 minutes</b>
<b>Position:</b>	<b>UN Advocacy Coordinator</b>
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<b>Full name (Mr/Ms):</b>	<b>Hiroataka Koike</b>
<b>Nationality:</b>	<b>Japan</b>
<b>Organization/Institution:</b>	<b>Youth Beyond Disasters, Major Group for Children and Youth</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>10 minutes</b>
<b>Position:</b>	<b>Habitat III Focal Point</b>





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## 6. Illustrations

*(Please provide 3 photos taken during the Side Event showing participants and speakers)*

## 7. Outreach

*(Please describe how did you promote your Side Event prior the Event, during the Event, and how are you going to disseminate Key Messages from the respective Side Event. Please include the name of your website and social media accounts).*

- **Flyer distribution**
- **Facebook:**
- **Website:**
- **Twitter**

***In terms of this specific side event, we have distributed a flyer. To spread our messages, we will use Social Media as much as possible.***

## 8. Way Forward

*(Please describe any other activity you are planning to carry out in order to contribute to the 3 main dimensions of the Habitat III process – Knowledge Building, Policy Making, and Engagement/Awareness Raising)*

We will continue to host consultations and engage in the process every step of the way.

