



Event Details

Title of event

Let's start with streets: A step-by-step guide for cities

Organization Details

Organization: UN-HABITAT (Urban Mobility Unit/UBSB & Public Space Unit/UPDP)

Organization Country: Kenya

Summary

Public space forms the setting for an array of activities - the ceremonial festivities of the multi-cultural city, trade of the commercial city, the movement of goods and people, provision of infrastructure, or the setting for community life and livelihoods of the urban poor. *Streets and public space* allow for mobility, but are also the places where people come together, where we bump into friends and where we can host open-air markets, performances, events, political rallies, demonstrations and informal sector activities. Well-designed and maintained streets and public spaces makes space for formal and informal social, cultural and economic activities that contribute to better quality of life, embracing the culture and diversity of our communities.

Streets often represent the largest area of public space connecting people to key destinations and places. Cities that have failed to integrate the multi-functionality of streets tend to have less infrastructure development, lower productivity and a poorer quality of life. Traffic congestion, local air pollution and traffic accidents are increasing in cities. A good network of streets and public spaces can encourage walking and cycling and creates a safe environment by reducing vehicle speeds and use.

Such initiatives can be implemented at scale if backed by city-level policies. The required funding can potentially be sourced from internal sources of revenue including increasing the fees for parking or contributions by the private sector. Through a number of demonstration projects and participatory planning approaches, UN-Habitat has demonstrated how cities can redesign streets for shared use for all modes of transportation and can help us achieve the SDGs, the New Urban Agenda as well as the Paris Climate Agreement.

Other Organization name

Institute of Transport and Development Policy (ITDP)

Nairobi County Government

Prospective moderator, speaker(s) or panelist(s)

	First Name	Last Name	Role	Organization
1	Cecilia	Andersson	Session Objectives and Moderators introduction	UN-Habitat
2	Maruxa	Cardama	Moderator	SLoCaT
3	Ethan	Kent	Moderator	Public Space Network
4	Heather	Thompson	"A framework for Streets as Public Spaces" session	CEO ITDP
5	Christine	Mady	"A framework for Streets as Public Spaces" session	<i>Assistant Professor and Chairperson Department of Architecture, Ramez G. Chagoury Faculty of Architecture, Arts and Design</i>
6	Jose	Luis Abalos	Panelist (PANEL 1: Governance and Policy – Integrating "Transport" and "Urban")	Minister of Public Works, Government of Spain
7	Francois	Bellot	Panelist (PANEL 1: Governance and Policy – Integrating "Transport" and "Urban")	Minister of Mobility in Charge of Belgo Control and National Society of Belgian Railways
8	Moses	Kuiyaki	Panelist (PANEL 1: Governance and Policy – Integrating "Transport" and "Urban")	Nairobi County Government – City Perspective
9	Young	Tae Kim	Panelist (PANEL 1: Governance and Policy – Integrating "Transport" and "Urban")	<i>Secretary General, International Transport Forum</i>
10	Hannes	Lagrelus	Panelist (PANEL 2: "Making it happen" – Implementing Streets as Public Spaces)	World Blind Union
11	Tian	LIANG 梁添	Panelist (PANEL 2: "Making it happen" – Implementing Streets as Public Spaces)	<i>M.Arch., Department Director, Department of Urban Design and Planning, Guangzhou Urban Planning & Design Survey Research Institution</i>
12	Mohamed	Mezghani	Panelist (PANEL 2: "Making it happen" – Implementing Streets as Public Spaces)	<i>Secretary General, International Association of Public Transport</i>
13	Debashish	Bhattacharjee	Wrapping Up and Next Steps; Launching "A guide towards public spaces in the context of TOD"	UN-Habitat