



## Event Details

### Title of Event

Cooperation between local governments for an evidence-based urban development: the case of the “Vida Nova nas Grotas Programme” in Maceio, Brazil

### Organization Details

**Organization:** Government of the State of Alagoas

**Organization Country:** Brazil

### Summary

**BACKGROUND** The Government of the State of Alagoas started implementing in 2016 the “New Life in the Grotas” Programme in the city of Maceio, aiming to improve the quality of life of the inhabitants of the city’s “grotas”. Grotas are narrow, steep and sinuous ravines, an important feature of Maceio’s geography. As the city grew, grotas were progressively occupied by slums and today are home to Maceio’s poorest population, who lack adequate mobility and accessibility alternatives to overcome these territories’ challenging geography. Improving the connection of these communities to the rest of the city was deemed an important measure to reduce the city’s segregation and support the dwellers quality of life and livelihoods. Therefore, the “New Life in the Grotas” Programme set out to improve or build mobility and accessibility infrastructure in these communities. To improve its institutional and technical capacities, the Government of the State of Alagoas sought a partnership with UN-Habitat in 2017 to implement the Quick Participatory Mapping (QPM) in all grotas of Maceio. This methodology of data production and analysis of informal settlements had been developed and implemented in Rio de Janeiro in 2014 in the scope of a partnership between UN-Habitat and the Rio de Janeiro data and statistical office, the Pereira Passos Institute (IPP). The implementation of QPM in Maceio led by UN-Habitat with the technical support of IPP, resulted in a set of reports, and tabular and spatial databases on the situation of the grotas that were delivered in 2019. Now, the Government of the State of Alagoas has stronger technical capacities to further qualify its interventions in the grotas. In 2019, the Inter-American Development Bank acknowledged the efforts of the Government of the State of Alagoas with the award “Eduardo Campo Award” in the category “Data Use for the Public Policy Cycle”

**EVENT PROPOSAL** The event will showcase “New Life in the Grotas” Programme as a successful story of how local governments can collaborate with the support of UN-Habitat to exchange good practices and methodologies of data production. It will also highlight how the programme grew and became 1) an umbrella for many other initiatives, such as housing improvements, health care services, sports, cultural initiatives, and others and 2) a strategic and incremental approach to strengthening public policies through production, use and systematization of tabular and spatial data.

### Other Organization name

UN-Habitat and the Instituto Pereira Passos (Rio de Janeiro City Hall) are co-organizing the event with the State Government of Alagoas. The three organizations have a

Memorandum of Understanding to work together on the methodologies to be presented during the event.

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

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2	Alejandro	Echeverri	Head	Urbam EAFIT, Colombia
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