

TEMPLATE FOR WUF11 SESSION CONCEPT NOTES

1. Session proposed title

Civil Society and Grassroots Organisations Roundtable

2. Subtitle of the session/tag-line (if any)

Co-creation to transform cities and communities towards a better urban future (to overcome inequalities)

3. Focal Point(s) (Name and email)

- Lucia Kiwala (lucia.kiwala@un.org)
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4. Moderator

- Prof. Carol Archer, Prof. Faculty of The Built Environment, University of Technology, Jamaica

5. List of Partners contributing to the session, if any

Internal:

1. Policy Legislation and Governance Section
2. Planning, Finance and Economy Section
3. Land Housing and Shelter Section
4. Partnership and Local Government Unit
5. Regional and Liaison Offices

External:

1. Huairou Commission,
2. Habitat for Humanity
3. Global Urban Development
4. SDI International
5. Monrovia Municipality
6. Asuntos del Sur
7. Congress of Urban Social Movement

7. Key words

Inclusive Governance; Reducing Inequalities; Partnerships; Community-led Transformation; Finance; Adequate Housing; Accountability and Transparency; Systems, Mechanisms, and Frameworks.

8. Objectives of the session (max. 150 words)

- Establish what co-creation means, what pre-conditions and systems are needed and what potential it has for sustainable transformation
- Make the case for co-creation and deep dive on integrated approaches, outcomes and impact of co-creation in diverse contexts
- Elaborate on ways of scaling co-creation and what integrated urban development with co-creation at the core would mean for our future cities

9. Brief Summary – abstract (max. 300 words)

Co-creation has become a buzz word in the world of sustainable urban development and has been increasingly adopted in the development sector. **Co-creation** is an iterative, equitable process that removes barriers for all actors to meaningfully contribute their knowledge and skills to achieve sustainable and scalable solutions. This approach brings together various actors as partners to collectively produce a mutually agreed outcome, using participatory and inclusive processes that ultimately reflect ownership, shared decision-making and accountability.

The roundtable will reflect on contributions of civil society and grassroots organisations, local and national governments, private sector and other partners in promoting and performing co-creation frameworks. Special emphasis will be placed on pre-conditions and systems needed to scale co-creation. The discussion will particularly be focused on which governance and financing systems are needed to integrate co-creation in sustainable urban development, with civil society and grassroots levels at the heart of it.

Inclusive institutions with good governance are required to promote and enforce policies that address social inequalities, particularly with regards to under-served and other vulnerable groups. Important elements of good governance include transparency and accountability, which create trust between the government and society. Ease of access to information and modern communication tools can help to build an interactive and collaborative environment. Co-creation creates a unique space and opportunity for this collaboration and integration between CSOs, grassroots organisations, Governments, private sector and other stakeholders. This process strengthens not only the existing governance structures, but also creates greater access to and distribution of financing opportunities at various governance levels, towards meaningful and lasting outcomes for cities and communities.

The roundtable will provide an opportunity for organisations from around the world to share experiences, success stories, strategies, and make recommendations for community-led transformation. The roundtable will also hear voices from diverse stakeholders through two-minute pre-recorded messages on the topic.

10. Guiding Questions for discussions

- What are the preconditions and institutional frameworks required for co-creation to be successful? What are the solutions and how do we move from participation and inclusion to co-creation?
- How can we use co-creation as a tool to increase transparency and accountability from national, subnational, and local governments and other partners?
- What collaborative strategies and financing opportunities can be used to achieve localisation of the New Urban Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals?
- What are the necessary components of win-win partnerships between grassroots groups, civil society, national, subnational, and local governments, private sector, and other development stakeholders?

11. Expected outcomes and impact (max. 50 words)

- Gain knowledge of effective co-creation between governments, private sector, NGOs, civil society and grassroots-led practices

- Provide a roadmap to monitor stakeholder's engagement and implementation of co-creative actions to enhance accountability and transparency at all levels
- Represent a call to action for stakeholders to strengthen the role of CSOs and grassroots organisations (towards achieving the NUA and SDGs)
- Collect inputs for the development of programmes (UN-Habitat and other partners)

12. Outline the format of the session (max. 150 words)

The format will include a keynote speaker on Co-creation in the realm of multi-level inclusive governance and finance to set the tone and focus the discussion. This will be followed by a panel discussion of 5 panellists to present Case Studies on successful co-creation approaches. There will be a second panel with 5 speakers and will focus on a roadmap for co-creation to achieve localization, including monitoring of SDGs and the New Urban Agenda in the decade of Action. The Roundtable will start and end with opening and closing remarks respectively and will conclude with a consolidation and presentation of a summary of recommendations. Participants will get an opportunity to engage speakers through Q&A.

13. Key speakers and moderator(s) Below is a list agreed with collaborating partners and the WUF Secretariat to ensure fair distribution of speakers.

	Name	Organization	Position	Gender	Country/Region
1	Ms. Bindu Shrestha	Asian Coalition for Housing Right	Coordinator	Female	Nepal
2	Mr. Matias Bianchi	Asuntos del Sur	Director	Male	
3	Ms. Jane Katz,	Global Urban Development	Chairperson	Female	USA/North America
4	Ms. Sarah Nandudu	National Federation, SDI	Coordinator	Female	Uganda
5	Ms. Kerstin Sommer	UN-Habitat	Program Manager PSUP,	Female	Germany
6	His Lordship Jefferson T. Kojee,	Monrovia Municipality	Mayor	Male	Liberia
7	Mr. Patryk Baialas	Congress of Urban Social Movement	Representative	Male	Poland/Europe
8	Ms. Theresa Carampatana	Philippines National Federation, SDI	President	Female	Philippines
9	Mr. Washington Fajardo	Municipality of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Urban Planning Secretary	Male	Brazil
10	Ms. Melanie Chirwa	People's Process on Housing and Poverty	Programmes Manager	Female	Zambia
11	Ms. Laurinda Emmanuel Godjo	Bohicon Municipality, Benin	Technical Advisor,	Female	Benin

15. Comments/Additional information

This roundtable brings together discussions agreed upon from the Civil Society Organizations and Grassroots Assemblies, finding harmony and building workable partnership. The roundtable will provide an opportunity on how we can reflect on the localisation of the SDGs during the decade of Action.