URBAN THINKERS CAMPUS 9.0

#HousingMatters

SYNTHESIS REPORT

OUR VISION

"Because at least two billion people worldwide don't have access to safe, affordable and adequate housing.
By 2030, about 3 billion people, about 40 per cent of the world's population, will need access to adequate housing."

OUR GOAL

"Help achieve the urban dimension of the sustainable development goals (SDGs) by 2030 and implement the New Urban Agenda."

OUR MISSION

"Our mission is to contribute to developing solutions and take action in cities and communities in implementing the New Urban Agenda to accelerate the achievement of the sustainable development goals (SDGs) by 2030."

INTRODUCTION

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The UTCs for Phase 9.0 Housing Matters began on January 2024. The event was organized by the World Urban Campaign Partners. Over 9,500 individuals participated in the sessions, with around 210 panelists from different regions and backgrounds, actively engaged in climate action. In this global learning dialogue, participants were encouraged to use the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a reference in defining their efforts, with the aim of achieving these goals by 2030 as part of the United Nations Decade of Action. SDGs serve as a comprehensive framework for development and provide guidance for all partners in the implementation of the 2030 Development Agenda.

BACKGROUND

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The City We Need NOW! (3.0) Realizing the New Urban Paradigm In 2021, the World Urban Campaign partners have started to revisit "The City We Need (2.0)" recognizing the daunting task of building back stronger after the devastating impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the rising climate change challenges. The revised manifesto conveys the urgency of multiple and interconnected urban challenges and reiterates the need to make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable by the end of the decade while addressing the increasingly urgent challenges of climate change and disasters, poverty eradication, public health, migration, inequality, and environmental degradation. "The City We Need NOW" builds on the implementation of global agreements such as the New Urban Agenda, the Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Climate Agreement, and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. "The City We Need NOW" is a living document updated by the WUC partners through its 16 Constituent Groups.

<u>10 ACTION AREAS</u>

THE NEW URBAN AGENDA

In this unprecedented era of increasing urbanization, we have reached a critical point in understanding that cities can be the source of solutions to, rather than the cause of, the challenges that our world is facing today. The New Urban Agenda represents a shared vision for a better and more sustainable future – one in which all people have equal rights and access to the benefits and opportunities that cities can offer, and in which the international community reconsiders the urban systems and physical form of our urban spaces to achieve this.

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1	4 March	4 March	Sustainable and Energy Efficient Urban Living	Ain Shams University
2	21 March	22 March	Galapagos Experience	Smartly, UIA, University of St. Gallen
3	17 April	22 April	AUC Tahrir Cultural Fest	American University of Cairo
4	8 May	8 May	Eco Fiesta - Embracing Sustainable Urban Living	Ain Shams University
5	30 May	02 June	Faire Autrement	Familistère de Guise
6	6 June	6 June	Land-Based Finance	Smartly, Global Urban Development, UIA, University of St.Gallen
7	11 June	12 June	Housing for Challenges for Women	Urban Economy Forum
8	27 June	29 June	The 3rd Agri-Climate Youth Leadership Summit	4 H Nepal
9	17 July	17 July	Empowering Urban Futures: Climate - Resilient Inclusive Development in eThekwini	City People eThekwini
10	July	August (multi-Dates)	Urban Thinkers Campus 9.0	Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology
11	August	October (multi-Dates)	Towards an International Landscape Convention - Rethinking Land Use	International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA)
12	20 August	20 August	Foro International: Construyendo gobernanza una ciudad segura y resiliente en El Agustino	Huairou Commission
13	22 August	23 August	Safe and Inclusive housing for all in Mumbai	Red Dot Foundation

14	26 August	30 Sept	Sicilian inner areas summer school	Giovani in aps
15	18 Sept	18 Sept	Collective HOMEwork: Co-creating Solutions for the Global Housing Crisis Knowledge Exchange	The Commonwealth Association of Planners (CAP)
16	17 Sept	17 Sept	Livable Neighborhoods in the Urban Metropolis	Bezalel Academy
17	28Sept	28 Sept	The Fourth International Conference on Sustainable environment and Technologies	University Union - Nikola Tesla
18	3 October	3 October	Integrated Urban development: Towards Inclusive and Sustainable Cities	Urban Development Fund (UDF)
19	2 October	4 October	Jóvenes Construyendo Latinoamérica	Techo
20	8 October	10 October	SHAPING URBAN FUTURES - On Sustainable Housing, Mobility & Green Infrastructure	Resilient Urban Planning and development (RUPD)
21	28 October	31 October	Holistic Housing Solutions for Inclusive and Sustainable Urban Futures	Architectural Association of Kenya (AAK)
22	2 November	2 November	Housing Decarbonization Lab	Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization
23	4 November	6 November	Community Land Trust	Instituto Universitário de Lisboa

SUMMARY

THE 3RD AGRI-CLIMATE YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

100 Young Eco Leaders Announced by 4H[1]

I.   Event description

Date	Location	Participation	Lead Organiser	Other Organisers
27 - 29 /06/2024	Chitwan, Nepal	180 participants	Leas 4-H Nepal[2]	The Asia Foundation[3], Bharatpur Metropolitan cIty[4]

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[1] [100 Young Eco Leaders Announced by 4H Investigate Journalism (nepalbahas.com)](#)
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[3] [The Asia Foundation - Improving Lives, Expanding Opportunities](#)
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- 100 Youth Eco Leader Network (100Y-Network) Formation
- Cultural Performance
- Agri-Climate Youth Sankalpa Patra (Green Declaration)
- PACH Award Ceremony with closing ceremony.

There were **three paper presentations, ten PACH presentations,** ten groups in Green youth Gosthi with ten different topics, Ghatu dance, motivational speech and eight digital arts showcased in the summit.

II. Background and objectives

Background

4-H Nepal c**elebrated its 10th Year b**y organizing the 3rd AG Youth Leadership Summit (AGY) from 27-29 June 2024 (13-15 Asad, 2081) in Chitwan, Nepal. **The Summit, themed "Greening Youth Leadership in Agri-climat**e" **focused on Agri-Leadership, Climate Change, Youth and SDGs,** among other pressing issues. **Building** on the resounding **success of the Youth Agro-Entrepreneurship Summit/Conference in 2016** and **2018,** and the **Asia Agriculture Summit and Expo in 2019**, 4-H Nepal hosted the **3rd edition of the AG Youth Leadership Summit.**

Goal:

➔ **Promote Agri-climate sustainability by encouraging the exchange of youth knowledge and experiences**
➔ **Fostering networking opportunities for the development of young leaders**,

→ **Providing young people** with the **leadership skill**s and **innovative ideas needed for achieving positive chang**e in their communities.

Objectives

1. **Empower Youth Leadership**	Equip young leaders with the skills and knowledge needed to drive sustainable agricultural practices and climate resilience
2. **Promote Innovation**	Encourage the development and implementation of innovative aggrotech solutions to address climate challenges in agriculture.
3. **Facilitate Networking**	Create a platform for young agriculturalists to connect, collaborate, and share best practices and ideas and establish a youth network for to empower and engage young people in leading and driving sustainable agricultural practices and climate resilience initiatives in community level
4. **Advocate for Policy Change**	Engage youth in advocacy efforts to influence policies that support sustainable agriculture and climate action.

III. Relation with SDGs / New Urban Agenda / City We Need Now Action Area

    1. **SDGs**

The 3rd AG Youth Leadership Summit **significantly contributes** to the New Urban Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by **empowering young leaders to drive urban sustainability and development**.

Through workshops, discussions, and collaborative projects, the summit **focuses** on **SDG 11** (Sustainable Cities and Communities) **by promoting innovative urban planning and sustainable infrastructure**. Youth participants are encouraged to develop solutions for urban challenges such as **affordable housing, clean energy, and resilient communities,** aligning with **SDG 7** (Affordable and Clean Energy) and **SDG 13** (Climate Action). Moreover, the summit fosters global partnerships (**SDG 17**), **connecting young leaders with experts, policymakers, and each other to share knowledge and best practices.** It e**mphasizes inclusivity and equitable growth, addressing SDG 10** (Reduced Inequalities) by **ensuring diverse youth representatio**n and a**dvocating for marginalized communities**. By nurturing leadership skills and advocating for active youth participation in urban policy-making, the summit aligns with the New Urban

Completed SGDs :

2. **New urban agenda**

Agenda's principles of **inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable cities.** Overall, the AG Youth Leadership Summit equips young leaders with the tools and networks necessary to implement the New Urban Agenda and advance the SDGs, ensuring a sustainable future for urban environments.

3. **The City We Need Now**

The City We Need Now Action Area	
Health and Well-being	
Peace and Safety	
Climate Adaptation and Resilience	X
Inclusion and Gender Equality	X
Economic Opportunities for Al	X
Culture and Identity	x
Local Governance	
Urban Planning and Design	
Housing, Services and Mobility	
Learning and innovation	X

IV. Event result

1. **Impact**

- Policy influence
  - Honorable Ananda Kumar Shrestha, the Chair of the Industry, Tourism, and Environment Committee of the Bagmati Pradesh Sabha **committed to addressing water-related issues in the upcoming national youth policy**, indicating a direct influence on policy-making.

- Commitment to environmental projects
    - The **signing of the sankalpa patra by Youth Eco Leaders** demonstrated a **strong commitment** to working on green and eco-friendly projects, fostering a sense of responsibility and accountability among the youth.

- Youth engagement and leadership
    - **100 participants** were selected as Youth Eco Leaders, **pledging to advocate for agri-climate issues and work in an environmentally friendly manner.** This initiative empowered young individuals to take active roles in environmental advocacy.
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- Recognition and motivation
    - The **Pitch AG-Climate Hack** (PACH) **Competition recognized innovative ideas from ten participant**s, **awarding them Rs. 10,000 each**, thereby encouraging and **motivating young innovators** in the agri-climate field.
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- Green Gosthi Discussions
    - The **formation of seven groups to discuss ten different topics** related to **agriculture, climate change, and youth** issues facilitated in-depth discussions and idea generation on these subjects.
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- Awareness and knowledge sharing
    - **Presentations** on Vedic agriculture, agriculture and **waterrelated problems**, and **climate justice increased awareness** and **provided knowledge** on these critical issues among participants.
- Cultural enrichment
    - The **digital art display and Ghatu cultural dance performance** enriched the event **by integrating cultural elements,** enhancing the overall experience for participants.

2. **Exposed solutions**

Sustainable water management project			
Where ?	What ?	How ?	Impacts
Local Government Nepal	The purpose is to promote sustainable water use and conservation in urban and rural communities.	By installing **rainwater harvesting systems** and **greywater recycling units on campus building**s, and **conducting workshops** for community members on water-saving techniques.	Improved water conservation practices, reduced water wastage, and increased availability of clean water for domestic and agricultural use.

Organic waste composting initiative

Where ?	What ?	How ?	Impacts
Local Government, Nepal	The purpose is to reduce organic waste in landfills and promote sustainable farming practices.	By setting up composting units on campus and training students and local farmers in composting techniques. The compost produced is used for the university's agricultural fields and distributed to local farmers.	Reduced landfill waste, improved soil health, and promoted the use of organic fertilizers, leading to more sustainable agricultural practices.

Community health and nutrition program

Where ?	What ?	How ?	Impacts
Local Government, Nepal	The purpose is to improve health and nutrition in local communities through education and practical interventions.	By conducting health and nutrition workshops, setting up demonstration kitchens, and distributing nutritious food supplements to undernourished populations.	: Improved health and nutrition awareness, better dietary practices, and reduced malnutrition rates in the community.

Renewable energy education and implementation			
Where ?	What ?	How ?	Impacts
Local Government, Nepal	The purpose is to promote the use of renewable energy sources and reduce reliance on nonrenewable energy	By installing solar panels and biogas plants on campus, and providing training sessions for students and local community members on the benefits and installation of renewable energy systems.	Increased adoption of renewable energy, reduced greenhouse gas emissions, and enhanced energy security for the community.

3. **Commitments**

In 4-H Nepal, a set of clearly defined commitments by stakeholders involved in the proposed priority actions might include the following:

Individual Commitments		
Stakeholder	Commitment	Impact
Youth Members	Actively participate in training and workshops on sustainable development, leadership, and community service.	Enhance personal skills and knowledge, contributing to local and national SDG efforts.
Mentors and Trainers	Provide continuous guidance, support, and mentorship to youth members, ensuring quality training programs.	Develop a knowledgeable and skilled youth workforce capable of driving sustainable development initiatives.
Local Community Leaders	Collaborate with 4-H Nepal to identify community needs and support the implementation of relevant projects.	Ensure community-specific challenges are addressed, fostering local support and participation in SDG projects.
Government Representatives	Facilitate policy support, provide resources, and ensure regulatory compliance for 4-H initiatives.	Create an enabling environment for sustainable development projects, enhancing their impact and scalability.

Joint Commitments		
Stakeholder	Commitment	Impact
4-H Nepal & Educational Institution	Partner to integrate SDG-focused curricula and extracurricular activities into educational programs.	Educate and inspire a new generation of students to understand and act on sustainable development goals.
4-H Nepal & Local Businesses	Collaborate on projects that promote sustainable practices, such as waste management and renewable energy.	Encourage corporate social responsibility and create sustainable business models that benefit the community.
4-H Nepal and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)	Work together to develop and implement community-based projects addressing issues such as poverty, health, and education.	Leverage combined resources and expertise to maximize project effectiveness and reach.
4-H Nepal and International Partners	Seek technical assistance, funding, and knowledge exchange from international organizations and networks	Enhance the capacity of 4-H Nepal to implement large-scale projects and bring global best practices to local contexts.

Examples of priority actions and specific commitments youth leadership and capacity building programs

- Youth members: attend all scheduled training sessions and apply learned skills in community projects.
- Mentors and trainers: develop and deliver comprehensive training modules. Educational Institutions: Incorporate leadership training into regular curricula. Community-Based Environmental Projects Local Community Leaders: Mobilize community members to participate in environmental initiatives. Government
- Representatives: Provide necessary permits and support for project implementation. Local Businesses: Sponsor and participate in clean-up drives and sustainability campaigns. Agricultural Innovation and Food Security Projects Youth Members: Engage in training on innovative agricultural practices and implement them on local farms.
- Local Businesses: Invest in and promote sustainable agricultural technologies. NGOs: Provide technical expertise and funding support. Health and Well-being Initiatives Youth Members: Volunteer in health awareness campaigns and community health projects. Local Community Leaders: Facilitate access to communities for health initiatives. Government Representatives: Support health projects with resources and policy backing. By clearly defining these commitments, 4-H Nepal can ensure coordinated efforts among stakeholders, maximizing the impact of their projects and accelerating the achievement of the SDGs in local communities.

4. <u>Action plan</u>

→ <u>Youth Leadership and Capacity Building Programs</u>

Objective 1 : Develop youth leadership skills and enhance their capacity to drive sustainable development initiatives.

<u>Action Steps</u>:

1. Needs assessment: Conduct a survey to identify the specific training needs of youth members.
2. Curriculum development: Collaborate with educational institutions and experts to design a comprehensive training curriculum focusing on leadership, project management, and sustainable development.
3. Training implementation: Organize regular workshops, seminars, and interactive sessions. Utilize online platforms for wider reach and accessibility. Community-Based Environmental Projects

Objective 2 : Promote environmental sustainability through community-driven initiatives.

<u>Action Steps</u>:
1. Project identification: Work with community leaders to identify key environmental issues and potential projects (e.g., waste management, tree planting, renewable energy installations).
2. Awareness campaigns: Conduct awareness campaigns to educate the community about the importance of environmental sustainability.
3. Resource mobilization: Secure funding and resources from local businesses, government grants, and international partners.
4. Implementation: Organize community events, such as clean-up drives, tree planting activities, and workshops on renewable energy.
5. Sustainability Plan: Develop a plan to ensure the long-term sustainability of the projects, including community ownership and ongoing maintenance.

Stakeholders Involved: Local community leaders, government representatives, local businesses, NGOs, and youth members. By following these action plans, 4-H Nepal can effectively address priority actions and significantly contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals in local communities.

V. Improve the New Urban Agenda

1. **NEW URBAN AGENDA - RECOMMEND which areas of the New Urban Agenda should be PRIORITIZED**

Urban agriculture initiative				
Where ?	What ?	How ?	Who ?	Impact
Local Government	The purpose is to promote food security and sustainable urban farming.	By training students and community members in vertical farming, rooftop gardening, and hydroponics, supported by the university's research and resources.	Led by local government for benefiting local households and urban dwellers. Impacts: Increased local food production, reduced urban food deserts, and provided fresh produce to city residents.	Increased local food production, reduced urban food deserts, and provided fresh produce to city residents

Waste management program				
Who ?	Where ?	What ?	How ?	Impact
Led by 4-H Nepal with support from local NGOs, benefiting students, staff, and local residents	Chitwan, Nepal	The purpose is to enhance waste segregation and recycling practices in urban settings.	Through the establishment of waste segregation units on campus and community workshops on composting and recycling.	Improved waste management practices, reduced landfill waste, and increased recycling rates in the community

Water conservation and management				
Who ?	Where ?	What ?	How ?	Impact
Local Government	Chitwan, Nepal	The purpose is to promote efficient water use and conservation in urban areas.	The purpose is to promote efficient water use and conservation in urban areas.	Enhanced water conservation, reduced water wastage, and improved water management practices.

2. **NEW URBAN AGENDA - RECOMMEND which areas of the New Urban Agenda should be STRENGTEN**

The New Urban Agenda (NUA) presents a comprehensive framework for sustainable urbanization, yet certain areas require further strengthening to address emerging global challenges effectively.

→ **Youth Green Jobs** are critical for harnessing the energy and innovation of younger generations to drive the green economy. Strengthening this area involves creating more targeted policies and programs that provide training, support, and opportunities for youth in sectors like renewable energy, sustainable construction, and urban agriculture.

→ **Urban Family Farming** also deserves more focus as it contributes to food security, enhances urban resilience, and supports local economies. Expanding support for urban family farming can promote sustainable food systems, reduce urban poverty, and foster stronger community ties.

→ **Urban Green Economy** should be more deeply integrated into urban planning and development policies. This means not only promoting green industries but also ensuring that all urban economic activities align with sustainability goals. Enhancing support for small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in green sectors and creating incentives for green business practices can drive significant progress.

→ **Air Pollution** remains a critical urban challenge. Strengthening efforts in this area requires stricter regulations on emissions, more robust monitoring systems, and the promotion of cleaner technologies and transportation options. Cities need to adopt comprehensive air quality management plans that involve all stakeholders, from governments to citizens, ensuring healthier urban environments for all

Sicilian Inner Areas Summer School

Student of the Sicilian Inner Areas Summer School[5]

I.   Event description

Date	Location	Participation	Lead organiser	Other organiser
26/08/2024 - 03/09/2024	Palazzo Adriano; Isnello; Polizzi Generosa; Petralia Sottana, Palermo, Sicily, Italy	40 participants	Giovani in aps	European Solidarity Corps, Agenzia Italiana per la Gioventù, Municipality of Palazzo Adriano, Municipality of Polizzi, Municipality di Isnello , Municipality of Petralia Sottana, Dipartimento di Architettura di Palermo,Phd Course: Dottorato architettura arti e pianificazione, University of Palermo, University of Melbourne, Australia (Smart Villages Lab)

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[5]SIAS2 - Sicilian Inner Areas Summer School: ogi 26 agosto ha inizio ufficialmente - BlogSicilia

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- Telling Tales
- 100 Youth Eco Leader Network (100Y-Network) Formation
- Cultural Performance
- Agri-Climate Youth Sankalpa Patra (Green Declaration)
- PACH Award Ceremony with closing ceremony.

There were **three paper presentations, ten PACH presentations,** ten groups in Green youth Gosthi with ten different topics, Ghatu dance, motivational speech and eight digital arts showcased in the summit.

II.   Background and objectives

Background

The Sicilian Inner Areas Summer School (SIAS2) focuses on **valorizing cultural heritage through community engagement, using a design thinking approac**h to address themes like Culture & Traditions, Services, Tourism & Branding, Accessibility & Urban Decor. SIAS2 aims to tackle the challenges faced by Sicily's inner areas, rich in cultural heritage but economically marginalized.

From August 26 to September 2, participants and local communities will collaborate in various locations (Palazzo Adriano, Isnello, Polizzi Generosa, and Petralia Sottana) to develop innovative

solutions. The event involves local municipalities and numerous partners to promote youth participation and community empowerment.

Goals

The primary objectives of SIAS2 are:
- **Valorizing cultural heritage**: Promote and enhance the unique cultural assets of Sicily's inner areas.
- **Community engagement and empowermen**t: Involve local communities, especially youth, in project planning and execution.
- **Sustainable development:** Implement sustainable practices in urban planning, tourism, and local services.
- **Educational excellence:** Provide a platform for gaining practical skills and knowledge related to sustainable development and cultural heritage management.
- **Fostering innovation**: Develop new ideas and solutions through collaborative workshops and design thinking.
- **Economic revitalization:** Stimulate local economies through sustainable tourism and branding strategies.
- **Policy development and advocacy**: Create community-led policies addressing specific territorial needs and promote systemic changes.
- **Promoting social justice**: Ensure inclusivity and equity in all initiatives. Building Partnerships: Foster collaboration among stakeholders to enhance project impact and sustainability.
- **Aligning with gobal goal**s**:** Contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals, focusing on education, decent work, sustainable cities, climate action, and partnerships.

SIAS2 aims to create a replicable model for sustainable development, aligning with the Urban Thinkers Campus and the World Urban Campaign, transforming Sicily's inner areas into examples of sustainable and inclusive growth.

III.   Relation with SDGs / New Urban Agenda / City We Need Now Action Area

- **New Urban Agenda (NUA) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**

The Sicilian Inner Areas Summer School (SIAS2) aligns with the New Urban Agenda (NUA) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). SIAS2 promotes inclusive urban prosperity by involving local communities, especially youth, in developing innovative solutions. The project addresses themes like Culture & Traditions, Services, Tourism & Branding, Accessibility & Urban Decor, fostering social inclusion and economic development in inner areas

- **The City We Need Now**

The City We Need Now Action Area	27
Health and Well-being	X
Peace and Safety	
Climate Adaptation and Resilience	
Inclusion and Gender Equality	X
Economic Opportunities for Al	X
Culture and Identity	X
Local Governance	X
Urban Planning and Design	X
Housing, Services and Mobility	X
Learning and innovation	X

IV.   Event result

1. **Impact**

The SIAS2 program **empowers local residents**, particularly youth, through workshops and collaborative projects, **fostering community cohesion and social bonds.** It innovatively preserves and enhances cultural heritage, attracting tourists and boosting local economies. By promoting tourism and local branding, SIAS2 s**timulates economic growth, creates jobs, and reduces economic disparities.**

The program en**hances environmental sustainability and climate resilience through green policies and sustainable practices, minimizing environmental footprint**s. It also **provides insights and recommendations for local authorities to develop inclusive, sustainable urban policies aligned with the SDGs and New Urban Agenda.**

SIAS2 aims to create inclusive, sustainable, and resilient communities by improving culture, services, tourism, and urban decor, thereby enhancing the quality of life. The overall impact of SIAS2 is the promotion of sustainable development, cultural heritage valorization, and community empowerment, offering a scalable model for other regions and contributing to global sustainability goals.

2. Exposed solutions

The SIAS2 program in Sicily encompasses several initiatives across different towns.

Workshops on traditional crafts and storytelling			
Where ?	**What ?**	**How ?**	**Impacts**
Palazzo Adriano, a town in Sicily, Italy.	Workshops focused on traditional crafts and storytelling.	hese workshops are organized to teach and preserve the skills associated with traditional crafts and storytelling. Local artisans and storytellers conduct the sessions, passing on their knowledge to younger generations and interested participants.	**Cultural Preservation:** Helps maintain and pass down the cultural heritage of Palazzo Adriano. **Generational Bridge:** Connects older and younger generations by sharing traditional skills and stories. **Economic Opportunities:** Provides income for local artisans by promoting their crafts. **Cultural Tourism:** Attracts tourists interested in experiencing and learning about local traditions, boosting the local economy.

Collaborative projects for sustainable community development			
Where ?	**What ?**	**How ?**	**Impacts**
In Isnello, a town in Sicily, Italy.	Collaborative service projects aimed at improving community services.	These projects focus on enhancing waste management systems, improving public transport infrastructure, and advancing healthcare services. Local authorities and community members work together to design and implement these initiatives.	**Improved Waste Management:** Better waste disposal and recycling systems for a cleaner environment. **Enhanced Public Transport:** More efficient and accessible public transport options for residents. **Better Healthcare Services:** Improved healthcare facilities and services for the local population. **Attracting New Residents and Businesses:** Creates a more livable and attractive community, encouraging people and businesses to move to Isnello.

Promoting green tourism			29
Where ?	What ?	How ?	Impacts
In Polizzi Generosa, a town in Sicily, Italy.	Efforts to develop tourism packages and promotional materials.	By creating and marketing sustainable tourism packages that highlight the town's attractions. These initiatives include developing promotional materials to attract visitors, supporting local businesses, and ensuring that tourism growth aligns with environmental conservation	**Boosting Sustainable Tourism:** Encourages eco-friendly and sustainable tourism practices. **Showcasing Local Attractions:** Highlights the natural, cultural, and historical attractions of Polizzi Generosa. **Supporting Local Businesses:** Provides economic support to local businesses by increasing the number of tourists. **Generating Employment:** Creates job opportunities in the tourism and service sectors. **Minimizing Environmental Impact:** Focuses on tourism practices that reduce harm to the environment.

Enhancing public spaces for a vibrant community			
Where ?	What ?	How ?	Impacts
Petralia Sottana	Enhancing public spaces for a vibrant community	improve public spaces and accessibility, enhancing urban aesthetics, encouraging social interaction, and boosting commerce and tourism	strengthened social cohesion and community engagement, improved livability through better public spaces and accessibility, provision of skills, stimulation of local development, job creation, and increased tourist appeal

Overall, SIAS2 offers a replicable model for other regions, fostering sustainable development, cultural heritage preservation, and community empowerment, and creating a scalable framework for inclusive growth.

3. **Commitments**

Stakeholder	Commitment
Municipal Governments Palazzo Adriano, Isnello, Polizzi Generosa, and Petralia Sottana	Promote sustainable development and cultural heritage preservation through policies, resource allocation, economic incentives, and resident participation, enhancing quality of life and community cohesion.
Academic Institutions The University of Palermo and the University of Melbourne	Support sustainable development through research, workshops, and knowledge exchange, fostering local capacity and innovation.
Local Businesses and Economic Clusters Groups like Push, Gal Sicani, Gal Madonie, and So.Svi.Ma	Invest in sustainable practices and support community-driven projects, promoting job creation, local startups, and eco-friendly operations for economic and environmental sustainability.
NGOs and Community Groups Organizations such as Farm Cultural Park, Aisa, Letz!, Progetto Terr@Terra, and Rete RIFAI	Advocate for participatory urban development and support communityled initiatives, enhancing social inclusion and sustainable policies
European Solidarity Corps and Agenzia Italiana per la Gioventù	These entities will provide financial and strategic support for projects promoting cultural heritage, sustainable tourism, and community engagement, ensuring project feasibility and sustainabilit
Residents and Youth Groups	Committed to planning and executing sustainable development projects, these groups will engage in training, contribute ideas, and take ownership of initiatives, fostering pride and empowerment.
Individual and Joint Efforts: Leaders like Samuele Morvillo and Luisa Lombardo	Coordinate and support SIAS2, ensuring alignment with global goals. Collaborative efforts among stakeholders will integrate research and practical solutions, promoting community engagement and sustainable development.

4. **Action plan**

1. **Affordable Housing and Informal Settlements:**

Develop a comprehensive housing plan through collaboration and surveys, funded by public-private partnerships with incentives. Focus on infrastructure improvements in informal settlements, enhancing living conditions and community ownership.

2. Climate Resilience and Disaster Risk Reduction:

Strengthen urban resilience by assessing risks, investing in resilient infrastructure, and retrofitting buildings. Establish community-based disaster management teams and awareness campaigns to enhance preparedness and response.

 3. Inclusive Public Spaces:
Create safe, accessible public spaces guided by community consultations. Use sustainable materials, implement maintenance programs, and involve community volunteers to ensure functionality and encourage social interaction and well-being.

4. Urban Mobility and Sustainable Transport:
Develop a comprehensive mobility plan, invest in public transport, and create cycling and pedestrian pathways. Encourage sustainable transport through policies and public education campaigns to reduce congestion and emissions, improving accessibility and urban life.

Overall Impact: These actions will tackle urban challenges, promote sustainable development, and align with the New Urban Agenda and SDGs, improving living standards and fostering inclusive, resilient communities.

V. Improve the New Urban Agenda

1. RECOMMENDATIONS - NEW URBAN AGENDA

- **Inclusive Urban Prosperity**: SIAS2 promotes economic growth by encouraging entrepreneurship, vocational training, and supporting local businesses, reducing poverty and inequality, and enhancing economic resilience.

- **Sustainable Urban Development:** The program addresses urban poverty and social exclusion by focusing on affordable housing, healthcare, education, and social services, empowering residents and fostering social cohesion.

- **Environmental Sustainability**: SIAS2 implements green policies, promotes renewable energy, improves waste management, and develops urban green spaces to reduce environmental impact, improve air quality, and strengthen urban resilience.

- **Participatory Urban Planning:** Ensuring urban development meets residents' needs, SIAS2 involves communities in decision-making, fostering civic engagement and trust in public institutions.

Long-Term Integrated Planning and Resilience: The program focuses on integrated urban planning, resilient infrastructure, and technological innovation for balanced regional development and improved urban efficiency.

Equitable Access and Social Justice: SIAS2 addresses disparities in essential resources, promoting social equity, reducing inequality, and supporting inclusive urban growth.

2. STRENGTHENING - NEW URBAN AGENDA

- **Affordable Housing and Informal Settlements**: Increase affordable housing through public-private partnerships and improve informal settlements with essential services and secure land tenure, reducing homelessness and enhancing social inclusion.
- **Climate resilience and disaster risk reduction**: Invest in resilient infrastructure and integrate climate resilience into urban planning to protect lives, reduce economic losses, and ensure sustainable development.
- **Inclusive public spaces**: Develop safe, accessible public spaces to promote social interaction and wellbeing, enhancing community identity and cohesion.
- **Urban mobility and sustainable transport**: Promote public transport, cycling, and walking to reduce congestion and emissions, improve air quality, and ensure equitable access to services. Long-Term Strategies: Focus on integrated urban planning, smart city technologies, economic diversification, and health-focused urban development to ensure sustainable growth and improved quality of life for all residents.

LAND-BASED FINANCE URBAN THINKERS CAMPUS

Picture of the online Land-Based Finance Urban Thinkers Campus

I.   Event description

Date	Location	Participation	Lead organiser	Other organiser
06/06/2024 - 06/06/2024	Online event	40 participants	Smartly Social Enterprise on the SDGs UIA-International Union of Architects University of St. Gallen - Institute of Management in Latin America Global Urban Development	Torcuato di Tella University Centro de Investigación de Política Urbana y Vivienda

Speakers

List of TOP 6 Speakers :

Name	Job title and organization
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Cynthia Goytia	Director of the Master's Degree in Urban Economics and Director of the

	Urban and Housing Policy Research Center (CIPUV), Di Tella University
Jane Katz	Vice Chair and Washington Office Representative, Global Urban Development (USA) and CSO Co-chair UN-Habitat World Urban Campaign Steering Committee and General Assembly of Partners
Anthony Boanada-Fuchs	Professor of St Gallen University -Switzerland, Brazil, Colombia
Daniel Kozak	Director of the Research Centre Habitat and Energy and Professor, University of Buenos Aires
Sri Husnaini Sofjana	Co-chair of the World Urban Campaign, UN-Habitat Secretariat
Analia Pastran	Co-Chair of the World Urban Campaign-UN Habitat and Founder of Smartly Social Enterprise on the SDGs
Dario Judzik	Executive Dean of the School of Government, Di Tella University
Alex Lord	(Lever Chair of Urban and Regional Planning,the Department of Geography and Planning at the University of Liverpool, UK
Eric Heikkila	Professor, USC Price School of Public Policy, University of Southern California
Helen Rourke	Programme director, Development Action Group
Carlos Zeballos Velarde	Co-director of the Sustainability Commission of the UIA, National Director of Technological Affairs of the College of Architects of Peru
Bautista Pino	Chief of Cabinet, Municipality of Tres de Febrero, Buenos Aires, Argentina
David Amborski	Professor, Toronto Metropolitan University's School of Urban and Regional Planning, Canada
Claudio Acioly	International Consultant

II. Background and objectives of your campus

    a. <u>Background</u>

In the face of the current climate and energy crisis, the Urban Thinkers Campus is an open platform for reflection and critical debate, encouraging inclusive participation and collective action on key urban issues. It promotes collaboration to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. In this context, land-based finance can be a crucial source of financing for urban infrastructure, social housing and more. It is estimated that by 2030, 40% of the world's population will need access to adequate housing, making affordable housing a key focus of this year's campaign and the Urban Thinkers Campus. Land's income-generating potential is crucial to meeting needs for infrastructure, housing and climate-resilient urbanization. To unlock this potential, it is necessary to address complex government challenges, develop technical expertise, create a supportive policy environment and innovate in land policies, administration and financing

    b. <u>Goals</u>:

→ **Promotion and a deep understanding of how Land Value Capture** can **drive sustainable urban developmen**t globally. Experiences and case of studies aboutthe implementation of these instruments in different contexts.

→ **Foster dialogue and collaboration among multiple stakeholders** to a**ddress urbanization and urban financing challenges.**

→ **Education and training at the local** and nacional level on the tools and benefits of land-based finance.

→ **Inclusion and equality,** by ensuring that land-based financing mechanisms are implemented benefiting marginalized and vulnerable groups.

→ **Address the challenges of informal settlements** so that they benefit from these mechanisms. Address Climate Change by promoting green and sustainable infrastructure that increases land value and urban resilience, implementing land-based finance for funding climate change adaptation and mitigation projects.

→ **Facilitation and implementation of the Sustainable Development.**

III. Relation with SDGs / New Urban Agenda / City We Need Now Action Area

    a. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

The UTC on Land-Based Finance is closely aligned with the New Urban Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Completed SGDs :

 Land Value Capture focuses on recovering the value generated by public investments to finance urban infrastructure and basic services, directly contributing to SDGs such as **11 (Sustainable cities and communities), 9 (Industry, innovation and infrastructure)** and the **1 (End of poverty).** Thus, by fostering collaboration between multiple stakeholders and educating officials on innovative financing tools, the campus contributed to strengthening institutional capacities (**SDG 16**) and promoted partnerships for sustainable development (**SDG 17**). In summary, this initiative not only facilitated the effective implementation of sustainable urban policies, but also drove equitable and resilient growth in consonance with the New Urban Agenda and the SDGs.

    b. The New Urban Agenda

The New Urban Agenda promotes inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable cities. Land-based finance supports this vision by **providing resources for sustainable urbanization** and the **upgrading of informal settlements**, **ensuring that urban development benefits all citizens**, especially the most vulnerable.

The New Urgban Agenda mention in two articles the relevance of this topic:

- **137 :** We will promote best practices to capture and share the increase in land and property value generated as a result of urban development processes, infrastructure projects, and public investments. Measures could be put in place, as appropriate, to prevent its solely private capture as well as land and real estate speculations, such as gains-related fiscal policies. We will reinforce the link among fiscal systems, urban planning, as well as urban management tools, including land market regulations. We will work to ensure that efforts to generate land-based finance do not result in unsustainable land use and consumption.

- **152 :** We will promote capacity development programmes on the use of legal land-based revenue and financing tools as well as on real estate market functioning for policymakers and local public officials focusing on the legal and economic foundations of value capture, including quantification, capturing, and distribution of land value increments. Through various presentations and discussions, this UTC analyzed how land-based finance can help

governments funding projects and meet public needs such as transportation systems, environmental resilience and affordable housing.

c. The City We Need Now

The City We Need Now Action Area	
Health and Well-being	
Peace and Safety	
Climate Adaptation and Resilience	X
Inclusion and Gender Equality	
Economic Opportunities for Al	X
Culture and Identity	
Local Governance	X
Urban Planning and Design	X
Housing, Services and Mobility	X
Learning and innovation	

IV. Event result

1. **Impacts**

The Urban Thinkers Campus on Land-Based Finance yielded significant outcomes that promise to transform cities and communities, accelerating progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the New Urban Agenda.

The Campus produced tangible results, including:

➔ **Showcasing specific action plans and pilot projects to implement LVC across various urban contexts**. These initiatives will facilitate the recovery and reinvestment of community-generated value, fostering equity and sustainability.

➔ **Encouraging cities and experts on the relevance of a robust collaboration network.** This exchange of best practices and technical support, impact strengthening institutional capacities (SDG 16) and nurturing partnerships (SDG 17).

➔ **Formulation of policy recommendations to streamline the application of LVC,** supporting the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and promoting inclusive, resilient urban development.

➔ These outcomes lay a solid foundation for constructing more sustainable, equitable, and resilient cities, aligning seamlessly with the overarching sustainable development goals. By harnessing the power of LVC, cities can unlock new resources to invest in public goods, reduce inequality, and drive sustainable growth.

➔ The Urban Thinkers Campus has not only advanced theoretical understanding but also paved the way for practical implementation of LVC strategies. As cities worldwide grapple with rapid urbanization and resource constraints, these insights and tools will prove invaluable in shaping a more sustainable urban future.

2. Exposed solutions

Land Readjustment				
Where ?	What ?	How ?	Who ?	Impacts
Japan	Aimed at reorganizing and redistributing land to improve urban infrastructure and livability.	Through collaboration between landowners and the government to restructure land parcels. Landowners give up part of their land for public infrastructure and, in return, receive better-located or improved access land.	Implemented by the Japanese government with active participation from local landowners.	Significant improvement in urban infrastructure, increase in property values, and more efficient land use. Benefits landowners, the community, and enhances urban planning.

Land Value Capture				
Where ?	What ?	How ?	Who ?	Impacts
São Paulo, Brazil	Aimed at financing public infrastructure and urban development projects by capturing increases in land value.	Implementation of charges for development rights that developers pay to acquire rights to build at higher densities. These funds are directed towards infrastructure improvements and social housing projects.	Managed by the São Paulo municipal government in collaboration with private developers.	Generates significant funds for public projects, improves urban infrastructure, and promotes more equitable urban development. Benefits the general community and enhances the urban environment.

Blue-Green Infrastructure				
Where ?	What ?	How ?	Who ?	Impacts
San Martín, Argentina	Aimed at reducing flood risks and improving water quality through nature-based solutions.	Implementation of rain gardens and other green infrastructure to manage stormwater and enhance public spaces. .	Led by the San Martín municipality with support from green infrastructure experts	Reduces flood risks, improves water quality, increases property values, and creates more pleasant public spaces. Benefits local residents and enhances urban resilience.

Urban Renewal Projects in Cape Town				
Where ?	What ?	How ?	Who ?	Impacts
South Africa	Revitalizing deteriorated urban areas and promoting inclusive development	Using Land Value Capture to finance the renewal of infrastructure and services, improving public areas and community services	Cape Town municipal administration in collaboration with private investors and the local community.	Revitalization of urban areas, job creation, and improvement of the urban environment, contributing to the reduction of inequalities (SDG 10) and sustainable urban development (SDG 11).

These solutions illustrate how different approaches to financing and urban planning can accelerate the implementation of the SDGs and the NUA, improving infrastructure, livability, and equity in cities and communities.

V. Improve the New Urban Agenda

- RECOMMEND which areas of the New Urban Agenda should be PRIORITIZED in the next 5 years (SHORT/MEDIUM term) and 15 years (LONG term):

Short to Medium-Term Priorities (Next 5 Years) for the New Urban Agenda

● **Climate Resilience Enhancement:** In the face of escalating extreme weather events, it's imperative to **prioritize resilient infrastructure development and adaptation strategies**. These measures are crucial for safeguarding vulnerable communities and **mitigating climate-related risks in urban areas.**

● **Sustainable Mobility Promotion**: Rapid urbanization necessitates a focus on **eco-friendly transportation**. This includes bolstering public transit efficiency, encouraging cycling, and creating pedestrian-safe zones. Such initiatives not only alleviate traffic congestion and reduce greenhouse gas emissions but also enhance air quality and overall urban living standards.

● **Affordable Housing Access**: The urban housing crisis, exacerbated by swift city growth, calls for **immediate attention.** Implementing policies and programs that ensure access to safe, healthy, and affordable housing for all segments of society is essential for fostering equity and social inclusion.

● Waste Management Optimization: Inadequate solid waste handling poses significant environmental and public health challenges. Priority should be given to **implementing comprehensive waste management systems,** encompassing source reduction, selective collection, recycling, and proper disposal. These efforts aim to minimize environmental impact and promote a circular economy.

Long-Term Focus Areas (Next 15 Years) for Sustainable Urban Development:

● **Social Inclusion and Inequality Reduction**: Creating truly sustainable cities requires addressing socioeconomic disparities. This involves ensuring equitable access to basic services, employment opportunities, quality education, and safe public spaces for all citizens, regardless of their background.
● **Integrated Urban Planning**: With ongoing demographic and urban expansion, it's crucial to adopt holistic planning approaches. These should integrate land use, mobility, infrastructure, housing, and natural resource management to ensure compact, connected, and resilient urban environments.

- **Digital and Technological Transformation:** The digital revolution offers significant opportunities to enhance urban management efficiency, transparency, and citizen participation. Prioritizing the implementation of innovative technologies like AI, IoT, and geospatial information systems can optimize urban services, improve decision-making, and strengthen urban resilience.

- **Cultural and Natural Heritage Preservation:** Cities are custodians of invaluable cultural and natural heritage. Prioritizing the conservation and sustainable management of historic sites, protected areas, green spaces, and natural resources within urban areas is essential. This recognizes their importance for cultural identity, human well-being, and biodiversity conservation.

- **EXPLAIN which areas of the New Urban Agenda should be STRENGTHENED in the next 5 years (SHORT/MEDIUM term) and 15 years (LONG term) and HOW**

Enhancing the New Urban Agenda's implementation over the next 5 and 15 years requires a strategic focus on critical areas that address both current and future urban challenges comprehensively and sustainably.

<u>Short to Medium-Term Priorities (Next 5 Years) for the New Urban Agenda</u>

Enhancing Participatory Urban Governance: Foster local-level citizen engagement through the establishment of dialogue and consultation platforms. Bolster transparency and accountability measures to ensure responsive and effective urban management that aligns with population needs.

→ **Boosting Urban Climate Resilience:** Enact climate change adaptation and mitigation measures, including enhanced green infrastructure, improved disaster risk management, and promotion of sustainable construction practices. Incorporate climate considerations into urban planning and policy development processes.

→ **Improving Access to Affordable Housing:** Craft policies and initiatives that stimulate affordable housing construction and rejuvenate deteriorating neighborhoods. Cultivate public-private collaborations to expand social housing options and enhance housing finance accessibility for vulnerable groups.

→ **Advancing Sustainable Urban Mobility:** Channel investments into high-quality public transport infrastructure and services, such as metro systems, trams, and electric buses. Encourage active transportation by developing dedicated cycling lanes and enhancing pedestrian safety measures.

Long-Term Objectives (Next 15 Years):

→ **Facilitating Digital and Technological Transformation**: Incorporate cutting-edge digital technologies into urban management, including Geographic Information Systems (GIS), smart sensors, and online civic engagement platforms. Develop digital literacy programs and promote digital inclusion to ensure widespread benefits from technological advancements.

→ **Preserving Cultural and Natural Heritage**: Implement sustainable management policies for cultural and natural heritage, encompassing the protection of historic districts, monuments, parks, and nature reserves. Launch educational initiatives to raise awareness about heritage's significance for cultural identity and well-being.

→ **Promoting Equity and Social Justice**: Tackle socioeconomic and spatial disparities through social inclusion policies and resource redistribution. Ensure equitable access to essential services, decent employment, and growth opportunities for all citizens, with a focus on marginalized and vulnerable populations.

→ **Implementing Integrated and Sustainable Urban Planning**: Advocate for holistic urban planning approaches that harmonize environmental, social, and economic factors. Foster cross-sector collaboration and multi-level governmental coordination, while actively involving civil society and private sector stakeholders in planning and decision-making processes.

EXPERIENCIA GALAPAGOS
URBAN THINKERS CAMPUS

I.   Event description

Date	Location	Participation	Lead organiser	Other organiser
21-22/03/2024	Santa Cruz - Galápagos (Ecuador)	130 participants	Smartly Social Enterprise on the SDGs UIA- International Union of Architects University of St. Gallen - Institute of Management in Latin America	Project Living Lab Galápagos[6], Fundación Futuro Latinoamericano[7], EBP Chile[8], Euroclima - Financiado por la unión Europea[9], Agence Française de Développement[10],Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo[11], Consejo de Gobierno del Régimen Especial de Galápagos[12], Mentefactura[13]

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[6] Galapagos Living Lab – for Energy Innovation (usfq.edu.ec)
[7] Fundación Futuro Latinoamericano : Organización privada, capacidades, liderazgo y condiciones (ffla.net)
[8] Homepage | EBP
[9] Living LAB de edificación sostenible (euroclima.org)
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Joaquín García	Director of Urban Development, Cozumel City Hall
Analía Pastran	Co-President of the World Urban Campaign at UN Habitat
Ishtiaque Zahir	"Representative of the International Union of Architects, who presented a video from the President of the UIA for this UTC"

Anthony Boanada-Fuchs	Professor at the University of Saint Gallen
José Galindo	Director of Mentefactura
Maryangel Mesa	Technical Project Coordinator at the Fundación Futuro Latinoamericano
Sade Fritschi	Minister of Environment, Water and Ecological Transition of Ecuador
Virginijus Sinkeviciu	Commissioner for the Environment of the European Union
Gabriela Jaramillo	Director of Territory, Environment and Risk Management of the Special Governing Council of the Galápagos"
Francisco Salgado	Rector of the University of Azuay
Jean-Philippe Berthelemy	Deputy Director of the French Development Agency in Ecuador
Ana Gabriela Salvador	Undersecretary of Habitat and Housing at the Ministry of Urban Development and Housing of Ecuador
David Meza	Councilman of the Municipality of Isabela, Galápagos"
Marisol Olaya	Technical Secretary of the Special Governing Council of Galápagos

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Gilberto Cañete	Advisor Secretary of Ecology and Environment
Fermín Vásquez	
Isla Mujeres Municipality	
Amada Alejandra Peniche	
Soledad Che Celis	
Cozumel City Council	
Karla Zapata	Director of Urban Development

Lázaro Cárdenas City Council	
Silvia Tuz Pech	Municipal Syndic
José Antonio Canche Tah	Director of Urban Development

Galapagos and Ecuador authorities present	
Name	**Job title and organization**
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Ana Gabriela Salvador	Subsecretaria de Hábitat y Vivienda del Ministerio de Desarrollo Urbano y Vivienda del Ecuador
Fanny Uribe	
Marisol Olay	
Gabriela Jaramillo	

French Development Agency	
Name	**Job title and organization**
Jean-Philippe Berthelemy	Deputy Director of the French Development Agency in Ecuador

Tecnalia	
Name	**Job title and organization**
Jorge Torres	Researcher Technical architect
Ander Romero	

Universidad del azuay	
Name	**Job title and organization**
Francisco Salgado	Rector of the University of Azuay

Universidad técnica particular de loja	
Name	**Job title and organization**
Ramiro Correa	Dean of the Faculty of Architecture

II. Background and objectives of your campus

In the **midst of the climate and energy crisis**, there is an **urgent need to rethink construction and urban planning strategies**. Sustainable construction presents itself as the beacon that will guide our cities towards a future that is more respectful of the environment.

In continuation with the **previous UTC held in October 2023,** and in **response** to the current **climate** and **energy crisis**, this UTC **aim**e**d to foster the commitment of participants to develop and replicate sustainable building practices in island territorie**s.

- Through **various Urban Labs, experiences** were **exchanged** among th**e municipal authorities of the Galápagos,** as well as with **replication sites in Mexico and Colombia.**
- There were also **sessions with technical visits** to the **rehabilitations developed** in the Galápagos,
- the **consolidation of the Regional Network for Sustainable Building**,
- The signing of a **commitment document for the transition towards sustainable building** in the **municipalities of the region.**

In the in-person **UTC in the Galápagos**, the **advances of the Living Lab of Sustainable Building (LLES),** particularly on Santa Cruz Island, the site of the international event, **were made visible.** This **meeting facilitated a valuable exchange of experiences among representatives** of the **public, tourism, and professional sectors**, both from the Galápagos and from the selected localities to replicate the project. These representatives visited the facilities of the Galo Plaza Lasso school. Furthermore, mayors and other government authorities from Isla Mujeres, Cozumel, Lázaro Cárdenas shared their replication plans. These plans were developed prior to the UTC with the technical support of LLES through virtual sessions for Mexico and in-person workshops in Colombia with authorities from the Fund for Non-Conventional Energies and Efficient Energy Management (FENOGE).

III. Relation with SDGs / New Urban Agenda / City We Need Now Action Area

1. SDGS

Completed SGDs :

2. New Urban Agenda

The goal of this UTC was to **encourage participants' commitment to developing and replicating practices aligned with the New Urban Agenda** of the United Nations and the Sustainable Development Goals.

This meeting **promoted the manifesto "The City We Need Now"** to foster green, productive, safe, healthy, inclusive, resilient, and well-planned cities.Thus, this Urban Thinkers Campus was an opportunity to reflect on the shift from the conventional construction paradigm towards more sustainable practices. It **provided a meeting space for urban thinkers,** whic**h included strategies for "green" construction based on medium-term projects, living lab experiences, and international cooperation programs**, to address the issue of sustainability in the built environment.

1. City We Need Now

The City We Need Now Action Area	
Health and Well-being	X
Peace and Safety	
Climate Adaptation and Resilience	X
Inclusion and Gender Equality	
Economic Opportunities for Al	X
Culture and Identity	
Local Governance	X
Urban Planning and Design	X
Housing, Services and Mobility	X
Learning and innovation	

IV. Event result

1. **Impact**

The UTC in Galapagos undertook to recognize that, using the improved system of traditional technology, the structure of the existing building can be revitalized.
existing. B**y reusing available material, monitoring overall building performance,** passive and active carbon, a reduction in the overall carbon footprint can be ensured and a safe, resilient and sustainable world can be guaranteed.

- **Sustainable development and environmental conservation**: The Galapagos Islands are a unique place in terms of biodiversity and conservation. The UTC showcased the Living Lab Galapagos project as a model for integrating environmental conservation into urban development by adopting sustainable practices in urban planning and management.
- **Technological and social innovation**: The UTC showed how living labs are open innovation environments where open innovation environments where technological and social solutions are tested and developed in a real environment.
- **Community participation and empowerment**: The UTC provided insight into the process of active community participation in the Living Lab Project
- **Promoting the New Urban Agenda and the SDGs**: By addressing urban challenges from a holistic and sustainable perspective, the UTC showed how the Living Lab Galapagos project contributes to the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the SDGs. For example, by improving access to basic services, promoting social inclusion, protecting the environment, and protecting the environment.
- **Social inclusion**, protecting the environment and fostering innovation, progress is made towards achieving goals such as climate action and sustainable cities and communities.

2. **Exposed solution**

Name : the **Galo Plaza Lasso School**

At the Urban Thinkers Campus Galápagos Experience, the **Galo Plaza Lasso School in Santa Cruz,** Galápagos, was **visited.** A **sustainable construction project** was implemented, including various solutions and modifications such as **lighting**, **ventilation**, and **optimal water consumption.** These aspects will help improve comfort and learning conditions for boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 6. The adaptations include changes to the : **roof geometry to allow constant hot air to escape; installation of blinds on front windows to keep constant sunlight out**; use of nets on windows to allow sections of glass to open and allow air to flow through; **redistribution of spaces to be able to open doors and windows;** expansion of storage space; changing taps and keys for efficient water use equipment.

Externally, lattices were installed on the back wall for fresh air intake; greening with protection on the wall where the afternoon sun hits; and **hanging planters with a rainwater irrigation system.**

- Installation of **solar photovoltaic energy systems:**
  - Impacts: Reduced greenhouse gas emissions,reduced long-term energy costs and increased energy resilience for the school and community. and community energy resilience.

- Implementation of s**tormwater collection and treatment systems:**
- Impacts: **Reduced consumption of potable water,** alleviation of pressure on local water resources and awareness of water conservation among students and the community. among students and the community

- **Integration of sustainable and local building materials:**
- Impacts: Reducing the carbon footprint of construction, supporting the local economy and promoting sustainable building practices in the local economy and promotion of sustainable building practices in the community.
community.

- **Promoting environmental education and sustainability in the school curriculum:**
- Impacts: Increased environmental awareness among students, change of behavioural change towards more sustainable practices and promotion of sustainability in the school community and beyond. sustainability in the school community and beyond.

The UTC Galapagos Experience showed how these solutions in a sustainable building project not only directly benefits the sustainable construction project not only directly benefits the school and its students, but also contributes to the advancement of multiple but also contributes to the advancement of multiple SDGs, such as SDG 7 (affordable and clean energy), SDG 6 (affordable and clean energy), SDG 6 (clean energy), SDG 6 (sustainable(affordable and clean energy), SDG 6 (clean water and sanitation), SDG 11 (sustainable cities and communities) and SDG 4 (clean water and sanitation).
sustainable cities and communities) and SDG 4 (quality education).

3. Commitments

As a result of the UTC, and in light of the commitment achieved by other insular territories to replicate sustainable construction in Quintana Roo and San Andrés, **adapted solutions were reached that encompass sustainability strategies applied to buildings** that they **identified and the adaptation within their regulatory framework.** For both the selected insular territories of **Quintana Roo and San Andrés,** it was proposed to intervene on existing buildings based on the criteria established in the matrix of standards designed for the Galapagos archipelago.

- In the particular case of **San Andrés,** it was proposed to **complement the standards with bioclimatic principles understood in island architecture**, as an exercise of recognition and revaluation of traditional architecture. In San Andrés, it was proposed to **intervene in existing buildings and tourism equipment.**
- In **Quintana Roo**, **given its vulnerability to natural disasters** such as hurricanes, an additional standard was added to support resilience to climate change. Regarding the types and programs of construction, **Quintana Roo prioritized support typologies, tourism equipment, and administrative public buildings.**

Unlike the Galapagos, where work has been done around the generation of **new public policy instruments,** both in Quintana Roo and San Andrés, **the replication project proposes adjustments to existing regulatory tools**. Quintana Roo has **La Guía Martí,** which has been a **primary tool for investors in planning, design, and construction, promoting sustainable practices in tourism projects** on the Quintana Roo coast. **The municipalities** of Lázaro Cárdenas (where Holbox is located), Isla Mujeres, and Cozumel, **have Construction Regulations where sustainability and environmental strategies are not yet considered,** and **they respond to the instruments of the Mexican National Standards (NOM)**. Therefore, in Mexico, within the scope of La Guía Martí, it is planned to **adjust the municipal regulations so that, in addition to the Project Authorizations, national standards are complied with,**

including standards for sustainable construction. San Andrés, on its part, has a **Territorial Management Plan (POT) which is the main tool for land management**. The **update of this tool is an opportunity to prioritize the environmental component, adjust it to the current legal body on this matter,** and also i**ncorporate specific guidelines on sustainable construction.** As in Mexico, it is also proposed to work on the Energy Transition Law, facilitating its application in the islands, which have electricity supply conditions that differ from the rest of the country.

V. Improve the New Urban Agenda

1. <u>RECOMMENDATIONS - NEW URBAN AGENDA</u>

<u>In the next 5 years (short to medium term), some key areas of the New Urban Agenda that should be prioritized </u>are:

1. **Resilience to climate change**: Given the increasing frequency and intensity of extreme weather events, it is crucial to prioritize the construction of resilient infrastructure and the implementation of adaptation strategies in cities to protect vulnerable communities and reduce risks associated with the climate.
2. **Sustainable mobility**: With the rise of urbanization, it is essential to promote sustainable forms of transportation, such as efficient public transport, encouraging the use of bicycles, and creating safe pedestrian spaces. This not only reduces traffic congestion and greenhouse gas emissions but also improves air quality and the quality of life in cities.
3. **Access to adequate and affordable housing**: Rapid urban growth has exacerbated the housing crisis in many cities, leading to a shortage of adequate and affordable housing for a large part of the population. Prioritizing the implementation of policies and programs that ensure access to safe, healthy, and affordable housing for everyone is fundamental to promoting equity and social inclusion.

    4. Solid Waste Management:

    The inadequate handling of solid waste poses an environmental and public health challenge in many cities. In the coming years, it will be necessary to prioritize the implementation of integrated waste management systems that include source reduction, selective collection, recycling, and proper final disposal of waste, with the aim of minimizing environmental impact and promoting a circular economy.

<u>For the next 15 years (long term), it is essential to address more structural and long-term areas to achieve sustainable and equitable urban development. Some of these areas include:</u>

1. **Social Inclusion and Reduction of Inequality**: To create truly sustainable cities, it is essential to address socio-economic disparities and promote social inclusion. This involves ensuring equitable access to basic services, job opportunities, quality education, and public spaces that are safe for all citizens, regardless of their socio-economic or cultural background.

2. **Integrated Urban Planning and Growth Management**: With continuous demographic growth, it is crucial to promote integrated urban planning that considers environmental sustainability, social equity, and economic growth. This means adopting holistic approaches that incorporate land use planning, mobility, infrastructure, housing, and natural resource management to ensure cities are compact, connected, and resilient.

3. **Conservation of cultural and natural heritage:** Cities are custodians of an invaluable cultural and natural heritage that must be protected and preserved for future generations. It is essential to prioritise the conservation and sustainable management of historic sites, protected areas, green spaces and natural resources within cities, recognising their importance for cultural identity, human well-being and biodiversity.

2. STRENGTHENING - NEW URBAN AGENDA

In the next 5 years (short to medium term):

Participatory and effective urban governance:

- **How to strengthen:** Promote citizen participation in decision-making at the local level by creating spaces for dialogue and consultation. Strengthen transparency and accountability mechanisms to ensure more effective urban governance that is responsive to the population's needs.

Urban resilience to climate change:

- **How to Strengthen:** Implement climate change adaptation and mitigation measures, such as improving green infrastructure, managing water resources, and reducing the impact of natural disasters. Integrate climate considerations into urban planning and public policy development.

Access to adequate and affordable housing:

- **How to Strengthen:** Develop policies and programs that promote the construction of affordable housing and the revitalization of degraded neighborhoods. Promote public-private partnerships to increase the supply of social housing and improve access to financing for vulnerable groups.

Sustainable urban mobility:

- **How to Strengthen:** Invest in high-quality public transport infrastructure and services, such as metro systems, trains, and electric buses. Promote the use of active transportation modes like cycling and walking through the creation of exclusive lanes and improvements in road safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

In the next 15 years (long-term):

Digital transformation and technology:

- **How to strengthen:** Integrate innovative digital technologies in urban management, such as geographic information systems (GIS), smart sensors, and citizen participation platforms online. Develop digital skills and promote digital inclusion to ensure that all citizens can benefit from new technologies.

Conservation of cultural and natural heritage:

- **How to strengthen:** Implement policies for the conservation and sustainable management of cultural and natural heritage, including the protection of historic areas, monuments, parks, and natural reserves. Promote awareness and education on the importance of heritage for cultural identity and human well-being.

Equity and social justice:

- **How to strengthen:** Address socioeconomic and spatial disparities by implementing policies for social inclusion and resource redistribution. Ensure fair and equitable access to essential services, especially for all citizens, including marginalized and vulnerable groups.

Integrated and sustainable urban planning:

- **How to strengthen:** Promote holistic urban planning approaches that integrate environmental, social, and economic considerations. Encourage intersectoral coordination and cooperation among different levels of government, as well as active participation of civil society and the private sector in the planning process and decision-making.

FAIRE AUTREMENT - FABRIQUER LA VILLE INCLUSIVE

FROM HAUTS-DE-FRANCE TO MEDELLIN OR NAIROBI

I. Event description

Date	Location	Participation	Lead organiser	Other organiser
01 /06/2024	Guise, Hauts-de-France, France	160 participants	Familistère de Guise - General Coordinator: Bruno Airaud	World Urban Campaign, UN-Habitat, Nairobi, Polycom Development, Kibera Nairobi o Center for Sustainable Urban Development, Santiago, Chile

Speakers

List of TOP 6 Speakers:

Name	Job title and organization
Bruno Airaud	General Coordinator, Familistère de Guise
Christine Auclair	Coordinator, World Urban Campaign, UN-Habitat Nairobi
Xavier Crépin,	Architect-Urbanist, Paris
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II. Background and objectives of the campus

    a. <u>Background</u>

The session, titled "Faire Autrement - Fabriquer la Ville Inclusive," explores **how southern cities can offer tailored solutions for building the cities of the future**.

    b. <u>Goal</u>

The objective is to **draw lessons from local practices** and e**xplore paths toward decent housing** and **inclusivity**. It emphasizes urban challenges such as inequality, climate change, and urban regeneration.

III. Relation with SDGs / New Urban Agenda / City We Need Now Action Area

    1. <u>SDG & New Urban Agenda</u>

This campus is **aligned with SDGs and the New Urban Agenda** by promoting inclusive cities through social housing, decarbonization, and participatory urbanism. It draws from examples in southern cities like Medellin and Nairobi to enhance resilience and sustainability.

    2. <u>The City We Need Now</u>

The City We Need Now Action Area	
Health and Well-being	
Peace and Safety	
Climate Adaptation and Resilience	
Inclusion and Gender Equality	**X**
Economic Opportunities for Al	
Culture and Identity	**X**
Local Governance	
Urban Planning and Design	**X**
Housing, Services and Mobility	**X**
Learning and innovation	

IV Event result

1. **Impact**

The session **highlighted the relevance of southern urban practices** in addressing inequalities and climate change. Emphasizing inclusivity, resilience, and sustainable urban regeneration, the session concluded that adapting these practices can significantly benefit northern cities.

2. **Exposed solution**

- **Nairobi, Kenya:** Community resilience and informal innovation from Kibera slums demonstrate efficient space use and can inform northern cities' urban practices.
- **Medellin, Colombia:** Participatory urbanism involving community stakeholders in urban design ensures sustainable neighborhoods.
- **Hauts-de-France:** Ongoing projects in Guise focus on inclusive urban regeneration, social housing, and public space revitalization(Faire Autrement - Fabri…).

3. **Commitments**

Stakeholder	Details

Familistère de Guise	Continue to implement and test inclusive housing and urban regeneration projects in the Hauts-de-France region, serving as a model for other cities.
UN-Habitat Nairobi	Provide advocacy for participatory urban planning and climate resilience WUC Partners projects .
Polycom Development Kibera	Continue to leading community-driven urban development projects, focusing on resilience, social inclusion, and economic empowerment in Kibera.
Center for Sustainable Urban Development (Chile)	Continue to support research and policy recommendations to advance sustainable urbanism in South American cities, with a particular focus on participatory planning and climate adaptation.

4. **Action plan**

We will monitor and follow up on our ongoing activities, ensuring consistent progress. Additionally, we will schedule a meeting for the next UTC to review and plan for the coming year.

V. Improve the New Urban Agenda

1. RECOMMENDATIONS - NEW URBAN AGENDA

- Short/Medium Term (Next 5 Years):

- Long Term (Next 15 Years):

    1. **Sustainable urban development:** Embed sustainability into all aspects of urban development, focusing on decarbonization, densification, and the integration of public spaces into urban planning for inclusive cities.

2. **Economic opportunities for all**: Strengthen the informal sector's role in urban economies by integrating it into formal planning. This ensures that cities become hubs of opportunity for all, especially the underprivileged.

3. STRENGTEN - NEW URBAN AGENDA

- Short/Medium Term (Next 5 Years):

1. Public Space and Social Integration: Encourage cities to prioritize public spaces as key areas for social interaction, economic opportunity, and civic participation, following successful African models that use public spaces for inclusion.

2. Housing, Services, and Mobility: Strengthen initiatives focusing on affordable housing and improving access to essential services. Investments should be made in urban mobility systems that are sustainable and accessible to all, as seen in Medellin and Rio's efforts to connect marginalized neighborhoods to the urban core.

- Long Term (Next 15 Years):

1. Participatory governance: Expand and strengthen participatory governance frameworks that allow for continuous citizen engagement in the development and management of urban areas, ensuring longterm sustainability.

2. Resilience to climate change: Prioritize strengthening cities' resilience to climate change through sustainable infrastructure, especially in high-risk urban environments like informal settlements.

EMPOWERING URBAN FUTURES
CLIMATE-RESILIENT INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT IN ETHEKWINI

Urban Thinkers Campus 9.0
Empowering Urban Futures:
Climate-Resilient Inclusive Development in eThekwini
Durban, South Africa – 17 July 2024

I. Event description

Date	Location	Participation	Lead organiser	Other organiser
17 /07/2024	Alliance Française de Durban, South Africa	65 participants	City People eThekwini	SALGA - South African Local Government Association, Alliance Française de Durban, eThekwini Municipality, GIZ - Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit,C40 Cities, University of KwaZulu Natal (UKZN)

Speakers

List of TOP 6 Speakers:

Name	Job title and organization
Sarah M'bodji	President, Polycom Development, Kibera Nairobi
Najen Naidoo	Managing Director and Founder, Smart Communities
Tlholohelo Mokgere	Technical Advisor, Inclusive Violence and Crime Prevention (VCP), GIZ
Johanna Tyrakowski	Advisor, Inclusive Violence and Crime Prevention (VCP), GIZ
Zarina Moolla	Head of Climate Action Implementation (Africa), C40 Cities
Dr. Viloshin Govender	Academic/Senior Lecturer, School of Built Environment and Development Studies, University of KwaZulu Natal (UKZN)

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Sikho Msomi	Director, City People eThekwini
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II. Background and objectives of the campus

   a. <u>Background</u>

This UTC was organized to **address pressing urban challenges** in eThekwini, particularly focusing on **homelessness, socio-economic disparities, and climate-resilient development.** The event aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the New Urban Agenda (NUA)..

    b.   <u>Goals</u>

The aim was to **facilitate dialogue, foster collaboration among stakeholders, and drive innovative solutions** that contribute to creating inclusive, resilient, and sustainable urban futures

Key objectives included enhancing understanding of the NUA and SDGs, promoting gender-responsive policies, initiating pilot projects for climate-resilient urban development, and strengthening community engagement to address urban migration and displacement.

III. Relation with SDGs / New Urban Agenda / City We Need Now Action Area

    1.   <u>SDG's & New Urban Agenda</u>

The campus directly contributed to the New Urban Agenda (NUA) and several Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by addressing the challenges of urban migration, homelessness, and climate-induced displacement. Themed **"Empowering Urban Futures: Climate-Resilient Inclusive Development in eThekwini**", this aligned with **SDG 11** (Sustainable Cities and Communities), emphasizing the creation of safe, inclusive, and resilient urban environments.

The campus also supported **SDG 3** (Good Health and Well-being)**, SDG 5** (Gender Equality), S**DG 8 (**Decent Work and Economic Growth), and **SDG 17** (Partnerships for the Goals). Through discussions and collaborative initiatives, this campus aimed to promote equitable and sustainable urban development in line with the global vision of the NUA and SDGs.

<u>Completed SGDs</u> :

    2.   <u>The City We Need Now Action Area</u>

The City We Need Now Action Area	
Health and Well-being	X
Peace and Safety	X
Climate Adaptation and Resilience	X
Inclusion and Gender Equality	X
Economic Opportunities for Al	X
Culture and Identity	X
Local Governance	X
Urban Planning and Design	X
Housing, Services and Mobility	X
Learning and innovation	X

IV. Event result

1. **Impacts**

This campus achieved several key results that will significantly impact eThekwini's urban landscape. The campus successfully raised awareness of the New Urban Agenda and SDGs among participants, fostering a deeper understanding of these frameworks and their relevance to local challenges. The event initiated collaborative discussions that are expected to lead to pilot projects and partnerships focusing on climate-resilient urban development.

Participants also explored practical solutions to homelessness and socio-economic disparities, s**etting the stage for immediate action within the next 12 months**. The campus strengthened the network of stakeholders committed to sustainable urban development, ensuring ongoing support and investment in eThekwini's future.

2. **Exposed solutions**

INDAWO Learning Tool			
Who ?	What ?	How ?	Impacts
Implemented by GIZ in partnership with City People eThekwini, benefiting local communities affected by violence and crime.	Co-designing safer communities	The INDAWO tool was introduced as a collaborative platform for stakeholders to engage in the co-design of urban spaces that are safe, inclusive, and resilient.	The tool empowers communities to actively participate in urban planning, leading to safer and more inclusive urban environments

Gender-Responsive Policies			
Who ?	What ?	How ?	Impacts
Advocated by SALGA and City People eThekwini, benefiting women and marginalized communities.	Ensuring inclusion and gender equality in urban development.	The campus emphasized the importance of gender-responsive policies in urban planning and development, encouraging the inclusion of women and marginalized groups.	Increased participation of women in urban planning processes, leading to more equitable and inclusive urban environments.

Climate-Resilient Urban Planning:			
Who ?	What ?	How ?	Impacts
Led by C40 Cities and eThekwini Municipality, targeting urban planners and local government officials. Impact: Enhanced urban planning processes that incorporate climate	Promoting climate adaptation and resilience	Through expert-led discussions and collaborative sessions, the campus highlighted strategies for integrating climate resilience into urban planning.	Enhanced urban planning processes that incorporate climate resilience, reducing vulnerability to climate-related risks

resilience, reducing vulnerability to climate-related risks.			

Homelessness Solutions			
Who ?	What ?	How ?	Impacts
In collaboration with local NGOs and eThekwini Municipality, benefiting homeless individuals and vulnerable populations	Addressing homelessness through integrated support systems.	The campus identified best practices and successful models for addressing homelessness, focusing on integrated support systems that combine housing, health, and employment services.	Improved support systems for the homeless, leading to better outcomes in terms of housing stability, health, and employment.

3. **Commitment**

1.) City People eThekwini: Commitment to launching pilot projects focused on homelessness and climate resilience within the next 12 months.

2.) GIZ: Commitment to supporting the development and implementation of the INDAWO tool across additional communities in eThekwini.

3.) C40 Cities: Commitment to providing technical assistance and resources for climate-resilient urban planning initiatives in eThekwini.

4.) SALGA: Commitment to advocating for gender-responsive policies at local and national levels.

5.) eThekwini Municipality: Commitment to integrating the solutions discussed during the campus into its urban development plans.

4. **Action Plan**

The action plan includes the following steps:

1.) Immediate Implementation: Within the next 12 months, launch pilot projects focusing on climate-resilient urban development and homelessness solutions, with clear metrics for success.

2.) Stakeholder Collaboration: Foster ongoing collaboration among stakeholders to ensure the continuous exchange of knowledge and resources, facilitating the scaling of successful initiatives.

3.) Monitoring and Evaluation: Establish a robust monitoring and evaluation framework to track progress, adapt strategies as needed, and ensure the achievement of long-term goals.

4.) Community Engagement: Engage local communities in the planning and implementation processes, ensuring that urban development initiatives are inclusive and reflective of local needs.

5.) Resource Mobilization: Seek additional funding and resources to support the implementation of the proposed solutions, including through partnerships with private sector and international organizations.

V. Improve the New Urban Agenda

1.   RECOMMENDATIONS - NEW URBAN AGENDA

Priority areas for the next 5 years (short/medium term) include:

1.) **Climate adaptation and resilience:** Focus on developing infrastructure and policies that enhance resilience to climate change.

2.) **Inclusion and gender equality:** Prioritize the development and implementation of gender-responsive urban policies.

3.) **Housing and mobility:** Ensure the provision of affordable housing and accessible transportation options for all
In the next 15 years (long term), priority should be given to:
4.) **Urban planning and design:** Implement sustainable urban design practices that foster long-term resilience and inclusivity.

5.) **Economic opportunities for all:** Develop policies and programmes that create equitable economic opportunities in urban areas.

6). **Health and well-being:** Strengthen public health infrastructure and services to support urban populations' well-being.

2.   STRENGTEN - NEW URBAN AGENDA

In the next 5 years (short/medium term), the New Urban Agenda should be strengthened by:

1.) Integrating Climate Resilience: Ensuring that climate resilience is a core component of urban planning across all sectors.

2.) Promoting Inclusive Governance: Strengthening local governance structures to ensure inclusive decision-making processes.

3.) Enhancing Data-Driven Planning: Utilizing data and technology to inform urban planning and policy-making, ensuring decisions are evidence-based.

In the next 15 years (long term), the New Urban Agenda should focus on:

4.) Long-Term Urban Resilience: Building cities that are not only resilient to current challenges but are also adaptable to future uncertainties.

5.) Sustainable Infrastructure Development: Investing in sustainable infrastructure that supports economic growth and environmental protection.

6.) Cultural and Social Cohesion: Promoting cultural and social cohesion in urban areas to enhance community resilience and well-being.

SUSTAINABLE AND ENERGY EFFICIENT URBAN LIVING

I. Event description

Date	Location	Participation	Lead organiser	Other organiser
04/03/2024-08/05/2024	Faculty of Engineering, Ain Shams University, Cairo, Egypt	140 participants	Faculty of Engineering, Ain Shams University, Cairo, Egypt	Egyptain Clothing Bank ? Shagrha, Grow Pro, Almah , SPActacular, We care eco friendly solutions

Speakers

List of TOP 6 Speakers :

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Prof. Amr Shaat	Vice Dean for Postgraduate Studies and Research, Faculty of Engineering, Ain Shams University
Dr. Amr El Banhawy	Mechanical Power Dep., Faculty of Engineering Ain Shams University
Dr. Hussein Farid	Architecture Dep., Faculty of Engineering, Ain Shams University
Mr. Omar El-Deeb	Engineer and founder, Shagrha
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Dr. Cathie Samir	Pharmacist and founder, SPActacular
Dr. Amr Lashin,	Program Manager, UN-Habitat Egypt
Prof. Ahmed El Sabbagh	Vice Dean For Education & Student Affairs, Faculty of Engineering Ain Shams University
Dr. Noha Gamal Sai	Urban Design and Planning Dep., Faculty of Engineering, Ain Shams University

Eng. Omar El-Deeb	Engineer and founder, Shagrha
Ms. Yosr Abdelkader,	Fashion Designer, Almah

Moderator :

Name	Job title and organization
Prof. Marwa A. Khalifa	Director of the Graduate Engineering School for Research (GESR), Faculty of Engineering, Ain Shams University

II. Background and objectives of the campus

To inspire and empower the community to adopt practices that create a more sustainable and healthy urban environment, explore the role of inclusive design for climate-resilient urban living, and the role of education in supporting these practices.

1. **Increase awareness**
   - Educate the community on the key concepts of sustainable urban living and their connection to well-being.
   - Showcase the environmental challenges faced by cities and the impact on health.
   - Highlight existing sustainable practices and success stories in urban environments
2. **Shift mindsets**
   - Challenge traditional perspectives on urban living and encourage a focus on healthy and environmentally friendly choices.
   - Promote a sense of community responsibility for creating a thriving urban environment.
   - Inspire the community to become active participants in building a more sustainable future
3. **Empower action**
   - Equip the community with practical tools and resources to implement sustainable practices in their daily lives.
   - Connect the community with local organizations and initiatives promoting sustainable urban living.
   - Foster a network for ongoing communication, collaboration, and knowledge sharing.

III. **Relation with SDGs / New Urban Agenda / City We Need Now Action Area**
The theme of sustainable and energy-efficient urban living is pivotal to the New Urban Agenda (NUA) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

1. Sustainable Development GoalsSDGs

This theme underscores the necessity of creating urban environments that significantly reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions, directly aligning with **SDG 11,** which aims to make cities inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable. By addressing the importance of providing energy that is renewable and clean, we highlight **SDG 7** that aims to provide affordable and clean energy.

Implementing green infrastructure, energy-efficient buildings, and renewable energy sources are critical components of sustainable urban living. These measures not only mitigate the environmental impact of urban areas but also support **SDG 13,** which focuses on climate action. Furthermore, energy-efficient urban living fosters economic sustainability by lowering energy costs and generating green jobs, thereby contributing to **SDG 8,** which promotes decent work and economic growth.

Completed SGDs :

2. New Urban Agenda

By focusing on recycling of materials, up cycling of textiles, and community gardening, we enhance urban sustainability and security, directly contributing to the NUA's goals of creating resilient and sustainable urban environments. These initiatives collectively demonstrate practical, scalable solutions that foster sustainable urban development and improve quality of life for residents.

3. The City We Need Action Area

The City We Need Now Action Area	
Health and Well-being	X
Peace and Safety	
Climate Adaptation and Resilience	X
Inclusion and Gender Equality	
Economic Opportunities for Al	
Culture and Identity	X
Local Governance	
Urban Planning and Design	X
Housing, Services and Mobility	
Learning and innovation	X

IV. Event result

1. **Impacts**

The initiatives presented at the Urban Thinkers Campus at the Faculty of Engineering, Ain Shams University will significantly impact cities and communities by advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the New Urban Agenda (NUA).

- The Community Urban Gardens and Reproductive Food Roof/Terrace Planting initiatives will enhance food security and promote sustainable agriculture, fostering community engagement and improving urban green spaces. This directly supports SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities).
- The Fashion Upcycle and Ethical Branding initiative will reduce textile waste and encourage responsible consumption, benefiting urban youth and local businesses. This aligns with SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production) and SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth).
- The Inclusive Urban Design project will create accessible public spaces, reducing inequalities and enhancing the quality of urban life, while incorporating renewable energy sources and promoting an interdisciplinary approach when planning cities, supporting SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities), SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities) and SDG 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy)
- The Sustainable Practices in University Campuses initiative will reduce the university's environmental footprint and promote sustainability education, serving as a model for other institutions. Additionally, the university will be fostered as a training center and incorporate sustainable practices techniques into its education. This supports SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDG 13 (Climate Action).

Collectively, these initiatives demonstrate practical, scalable solutions that foster sustainable urban development, improve the quality of life for residents, and contribute to the global effort to achieve the SDGs and the NUA.

2. **Exposed solutions**

Inclusive Urban Design				
Who ?	Where ?	What ?	How ?	Impacts
Led by the university's architecture and urban design departments, benefiting all urban residents, especially those with disabilities.	Public spaces in Cairo, Egypt	This project emphasizes creating accessible and inclusive urban spaces for all, including people with disabilities.	Through workshops and design projects led by faculty and students, the initiative develops inclusive design solutions for public spaces.	

Sustainable Practices in University Campuses

Who ?	Where ?	What ?	How ?	Impacts
Managed by the university administration, benefiting the university community and serving as a model for other educational institutions.	Ain Shams University, Egypt.	This initiative focuses on implementing sustainable practices within the university, such as energy-efficient buildings, waste reduction programs, and renewable energy use.	Led by the university administration with support from students and staff. Initiatives include retrofitting buildings for energy efficiency, implementing recycling programs, and installing solar panels.	Reduces the university's environmental footprint, promotes sustainability education, and creates a replicable model for other institutions. Supports SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDG 13 (Climate Action)

Community Urban Gardens and Reproductive Food Terrace Planting

Who ?	Where ?	What ?	How ?	Impacts
Managed by Students(Under-graduates/Post-graduates), Researchers and supported by the Faculty of Engineering, benefiting urban communities by providing fresh, locally-grown produce.	Ain Shams University, Egypt.	These initiatives aim to improve food security and promote sustainable agriculture by establishing urban gardens and terrace planting projects.	Students(Under-graduates/Post-graduates), Researchers, with support from the university, create and maintain gardens that grow fresh produce. The university provides training and resources to ensure successful implementation.	Enhances food availability, promotes community engagement, and improves urban green spaces. Supports SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) and SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities).

Fashion Upcycle and Ethical Branding

Who ?	Where ?	What ?	How ?	Impacts
Students(Under-graduates/Post-graduates), Researchers, fashion enthusiasts, and local businesses. Led by the university.	Cairo, Egypt.	This initiative focuses on reducing textile waste and promoting sustainable consumption by upcycling old clothing and educating local businesses on ethical practices	Promote sustainable practices, Exhibit sustainable and ethical brands to the community	.Reduces textile waste, encourages responsible production and consumption patterns, and enhances the sustainability of local businesses. Supports SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production) and SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth).

3. **Commitments**

Stakeholder	Commitment
Students(Under-graduates/Post-graduates), Researchers	Commit to actively participating in creating and maintaining urban gardens and terrace planting projects. Also, develop new/innovative ideas/solutions via their graduation projects and Master's and PhD theses that aim to respond to current societal challenges and comply with Egypt Vision 2050.
Ain Shams University	Provide training, resources, and ongoing support to ensure the success of these projects
NGOs and Community Organizations	Offer additional resources and support to enhance community engagement and project sustainability.

4. **Action plan**

The action plan to address the priority actions involves the Faculty Committee of Environmental Affairs and Community Services, which will ensure the monitoring of joint activities and assign roles to facilitate communication and strengthen partnerships between the university, NGOs, and community organizations. This collaborative approach will enhance the effectiveness of initiatives and ensure alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Graduate Engineering School for Research (GESR) will play a crucial role in enhancing participation in research, dissemination, and preservation of knowledge for both academic and societal development. By fostering an interdisciplinary approach, the school will create new knowledge across various disciplines to meet current societal and market needs. This will involve integrating the new interdisciplinary track into the curriculum, ensuring it runs smoothly and efficiently. The active involvement of faculty, students, and external partners will be essential in achieving the goals and objectives of the Urban Thinkers Campus (UTC). This comprehensive action plan will ensure the continuity of the UTC's objectives, promoting sustainable urban development and enhancing the quality of life for communities. Through these efforts, the university will contribute significantly to the global effort to achieve the SDGs and the New Urban Agenda.

Ⅴ. Improve the New Urban Agenda

1. RECOMMENDATIONS - NEW URBAN AGENDA

In the next 5 years,
The New Urban Agenda should strengthen **recycling, upcycling, and resource efficiency by implementing vigorous waste management systems promoting circular economy practices.** Additionally enhancing urban plantations and integrating renewable energy sources will be crucial for reducing carbon emissions and improving green urban spaces.
Over the next 15 years, focus should shift to sustainable urban living practices, including the **development of energy efficient infrastructure and comprehensive resource management strategies to enhance food security and sustainable consumption**. This requires long-term investment in green infrastructure, public awareness campaigns, and collaboration with local businesses. These efforts will ensure resilient, inclusive, and sustainable urban environments, aligning with the SDGs and fostering overall urban development.

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In the next 5 years, the New Urban Agenda should strengthen recycling, upcycling, and resource efficiency by implementing vigorous waste management systems promoting circular economy practices. Additionally enhancing urban plantations and integrating renewable energy sources will be crucial for reducing carbon emissions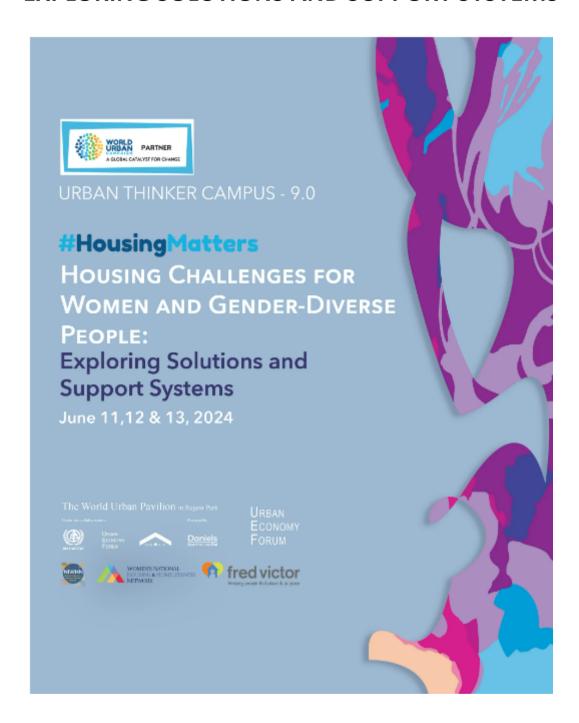 and improving green urban spaces. Over the next 15 years, focus should shift to sustainable urban living practices, including the development of energy efficient infrastructure and comprehensive resource management strategies to enhance food security and sustainable consumption. This requires long-term investment in green infrastructure, public awareness campaigns, and collaboration with local businesses. These efforts will ensure resilient, inclusive, and sustainable urban environments, aligning with the SDGs and fostering overall urban developmen

HOUSING CHALLENGES FOR WOMEN AND GENDER-DIVERSE PEOPLE

EXPLORING SOLUTIONS AND SUPPORT SYSTEMS

I.   Event description

Date	Location	Participation	Lead organiser	Other organiser
11/06/2024-13/06/2024	Toronto, Ontario (Canada)	112 participants	Urban Economy Forum	-Women's National Housing & Homelessness Network[14] -National Indigenous Women's Housing Network[15] -Fred Victor[16]

Speakers

List of TOP 6 Speakers:

Name	Job title and organization
Stefania Seccia	Director of Advocacy & Communications at WNHHN
Khulud Baig	Director of Policy & Community Engagement at WNHHN
Marie McGregor Pitawanakwat	Chair at National Indigenous Women's Housing Network
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Ilda Cordeiro	Director of Programs at UEF
Fazileh Dadvar	Chief of Research & Development at UEF
Alyssa Martschenko	UTC Communication Manager at UEF
Alex Venuto	Deputy Director at World Urban Pavilion
Arlene Hache	Co-Chair at Women's National Housing & Homelessness Network (WNHHN)
Stefania Seccia	Director of Advocacy & Communications at WNHHN
Cheryll Case	Founder & CEO at CP Planning
Khulud Baig	Director of Policy & Community Engagement at WNHHN
Jayne Malenfant	Assistant Professor at McGill University
Maryam Ahmed	Senior Fellow at Social Innovation Canada (SIC)
Barbara Chyzzy	Assistant Professor at Toronto Metropolitan University (TMU) & Member of the Young Parents No Fixed Address (YPNFA)
Douglas Ragan	Program Management Officer at UN-Habitat
Amina Dirie	Summer Law Student at NIWHN
Colleen Carpenter	Low-Carbon Program Assistant at Keepers of the Circle
Bertha Cormier	Executive Director at Keepers of the Circle

Lisa Thurber	Founder at Tenant Association – NWT
Eiman Elwidaa	Director of Housing, Investment & Development at Fred Victor (FV)
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Deqa Farah	Director of Housing Access & Support Services at FV

II.   Background and objectives of the campus

a. Background

Across Canada and globally, women, girls, and individuals with diverse gender identities often face insecure housing due to systemic inequities and discrimination. These groups experience high levels of housing instability, poverty, and a lack of affordable options, forcing many to rely on unsafe survival strategies. Hidden homelessness further exposes them to exploitation while keeping their needs invisible to mainstream support systems.

Gender equality is a basic human right, affirming that all individuals, regardless of gender, should have equal access to opportunities, including housing. Canada's National Housing Strategy (2017) addresses these vulnerabilities, particularly for women, children fleeing violence, Indigenous people, and others. Indigenous women, in particular, face unique challenges, as highlighted in the 2015 "Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls" report. Addressing these inequalities is crucial for advancing the Urban Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and ensuring women and gender-diverse individuals can fully participate in urban life.

b. Objectives:

1.   Raise Awareness: Highlight the challenges faced by women, girls, and gender-diverse individuals in accessing safe, affordable housing.
2.   Facilitate Policy Discussions: Engage diverse stakeholders to explore housing rights, financing, intersectionality, and Indigenous women's unique needs.
3.   Develop Gender-Responsive Solutions: Promote inclusive housing policies aligned with UN-Habitat's Gender Policy and Plan.
4.   Provide Local and Global Solutions: Present housing-related issues and solutions through plenary sessions and share them with global networks, including at World Urban Forum 12 (WUF12).
5.   Highlight Local Challenges: Focus on housing and homelessness issues in Toronto, showcasing programs like Fred Victor.
6.   Empower Women and Gender-Diverse Individuals: Support their active role in shaping urban development and achieving Urban SDGs.

III.   Relation with SDGs / New Urban Agenda

a.   Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

The theme of the Urban Thinkers Campus (UTC) directly aligns with the New Urban Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 5 (Gender Equality), SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities), and SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities). By addressing the housing challenges faced by women, girls, and gender-diverse individuals, the UTC promotes gender equality and highlights the need for inclusive, safe, and affordable housing in urban settings.

b.   New Urban Agenda

The Campus contributes to the New Urban Agenda by focusing on the intersection of gender, housing, and urban development. It advocates for the human rights of women and gender-diverse individuals, tackling systemic issues that lead to hidden homelessness and social exclusion. Additionally, the Campus aims to empower these groups by fostering policy discussions and solutions that support their active participation in urban life.

By addressing the specific needs of marginalized women, particularly Indigenous women, the UTC supports the creation of inclusive cities where all individuals have equitable access to housing, public spaces, and resources, ultimately advancing the goals of sustainable urban development.

c.   The City We Need Now

The City We Need Now Action Area	
Health and Well-being	X
Peace and Safety	
Climate Adaptation and Resilience	
Inclusion and Gender Equality	X
Economic Opportunities for Al	
Culture and Identity	X
Local Governance	X
Urban Planning and Design	
Housing, Services and Mobility	X
Learning and innovation	

IV. Event result

1. Impact

Key Impacts on Cities and Communities:

Advocacy for Affordable Housing and Systemic Change: Investments in affordable housing and policy reforms, like tenant protections and anti-discrimination laws, create more inclusive, diverse urban environments. These efforts address systemic barriers to housing.
Indigenous-Led Solutions: Empowering Indigenous women and communities in housing solutions ensures policies are culturally sensitive and just, supporting SDG 10 (Reduced Inequality) and SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities).

Gender-Based and Intersectional Approaches: By centering Indigenous women and gender-diverse individuals, housing solutions become more relevant to marginalized groups, ensuring inclusivity.Community-Led Housing Models: Models like cooperatives and land trusts offer sustainable, community-driven solutions that foster equitable urban environments.
Inclusive Policy Development: Collaboration between those with lived experience, service providers, and policymakers creates housing policies that address real-world needs and promote urban resilience.

Support Services for Long-Term Stability: Providing integrated services like childcare, healthcare, and counseling helps vulnerable populations maintain housing stability, contributing to stronger communities.

Contributions to the SDGs and NUA:

SDG 1 (No Poverty): Inclusive housing models and affordable housing policies help reduce poverty.
SDG 5 (Gender Equality): Gender-based housing initiatives empower women and promote gender equality.
SDG 10 (Reduced Inequality): Intersectional approaches address social inequalities, especially for marginalized communities.
SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities): Community-led housing initiatives and policy reforms align with the NUA's call for inclusive, resilient cities.
In summary, the UTC initiatives aim to create inclusive housing solutions that address the needs of vulnerable populations, advancing the SDGs and tAgenda

2. Exposed solutions

The New Urban The UTC efforts have taken a comprehensive approach to addressing the housing and homelessness crisis, focusing on lived experience, inclusivity, and systemic reform. These initiatives have a significant impact on cities and communities, aligning with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the New Urban Agenda (NUA): Here are four solutions presented at the UTC that accelerate SDG implementation in cities and communities:

Community-Led Housing Models

Where ?	What ?	How ?	Impacts
Barcelona, Spain	This project emphasizes creating accessible and inclusive urban spaces for all, including people with disabilities.	Through workshops and design projects led by faculty and students, the initiative develops inclusive design solutions for public spaces.	Promotes affordability and community empowerment, advancing SDG 1 (No Poverty) and SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities).

Gender-Based and Intersectional Approaches

Where ?	What ?	How ?	Impacts
Vancouver, Canada	Housing solutions for women, gender-diverse, and Indigenous groups.	An intersectional approach prioritizes marginalized voices.	Promotes gender equality and inclusive policies, supporting SDG 5 (Gender Equality) and SDG 11.

Cooperative housing and land trusts for sustainable, affordable housing

Where ?	What ?	How ?	Impacts
Toronto, Canada	Equitable housing policies developed with marginalized communities.	Collaboration with those with lived experience shapes relevant policies.	Reduces inequalities and fosters urban resilience, contributing to SDG 10 (Reduced Inequality) and SDG 11.

Support Services for Stability			
Where ?	**What ?**	**How ?**	**Impact**
New York City, USA	Integrating services like childcare and healthcare into housing projects.	On-site services help vulnerable populations maintain housing stability.	Improves well-being and reduces poverty, advancing SDG 3 (Good Health), SDG 5, and SDG 11.

3. Commitments

Stakeholder	Commitment
National and Local Governments	Inclusive Governance: Create formal mechanisms for marginalized communities to participate in urban planning. Affordable Housing: Allocate 30-40% of budgets to affordable housing, enforce inclusionary zoning, and support community-led models. Climate-Resilient Infrastructure: Ensure all new projects are sustainable, meeting net-zero carbon targets by 2030. Policy Advocacy: Collaborate with different government levels to push for stronger tenant protections and housing rights. Capacity Building: Work with international organizations to strengthen local governance and reduce inequalities.
Private Sector	Affordable Housing: Commit to 20-30% affordable units in all urban projects, using green, energy-efficient designs. Green Investment: Scale green financial products to support sustainable infrastructure and affordable housing. Public-Private Partnerships: Partner with governments and nonprofits to develop mixed-income housing and renewable energy projects.

	Support Services: Collaborate with housing providers to offer on-site services (childcare, mental health, job training) in affordable complexes
Civil Society & NGOs	Advocacy for Housing Rights: Promote policies prioritizing social equity, gender-sensitive approaches, and Indigenous rights. Community Engagement: Ensure marginalized groups have a voice in urban planning through workshops and consultations. Collaboration: Partner with local governments to develop community-led housing models and provide technical assistance. Data Collection: Work with research institutions to gather intersectional data to inform urban planning.
International Organizations	Technical Assistance: Support local governments with programs for inclusive, sustainable development. Funding: Mobilize resources for climate-resilient urban infrastructure, focusing on vulnerable cities. Knowledge Sharing: Facilitate global platforms for sharing best practices in affordable housing and climate resilience. Monitoring & Evaluation: Develop frameworks to track progress on the NUA and SDG goals. Indigenous Leaders & Communities Leadership in Housing: Lead in developing culturally relevant housing solutions that respect Indigenous rights. Partnerships: Collaborate with governments and NGOs to integrate Indigenous perspectives into urban planning. Advocacy: Push for enforcement of treaties and Indigenous land and housing rights. Traditional Knowledge: Share sustainable practices in urban planning, focusing on environmental protection.
Housing & Service Providers	On-Site Support: Integrate services like childcare and mental health support in housing developments for vulnerable groups.

	Holistic Housing Solutions: Partner with service providers to offer wraparound support addressing housing, employment, and health.
	Tenant Protection: Ensure no discriminatory practices, providing safe, affordable housing for vulnerable populations.
	These commitments from stakeholders will drive the success of the NUA, advancing the SDGs and creating more equitable, sustainable cities. Collaboration across sectors will address key issues like housing affordability, climate resilience, and inclusive governance.

4. <u>Action plan</u>

This plan coordinates efforts among stakeholders to advance sustainable urban development in line with the New Urban Agenda (NUA) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It outlines short- and long-term actions for each priority area.

<u>Short/Medium-Term (0-5 Years)</u>

1. Inclusive Governance and Participation
Objective: Ensure marginalized groups (women, Indigenous peoples, gender-diverse individuals) participate in urban planning.
Actions:
Years 1-2: Develop city-level participatory frameworks, including public consultations and citizen assemblies.
Years 3-5: Implement mandatory inclusion criteria for housing policies, with input from community representatives.
Stakeholders: Governments, civil society, international organizations.

2. Gender-Based Housing Solutions
Objective: Address gender inequality and intersecting social factors in housing.
Actions:
Years 1-2: Form working groups to assess gender-based housing challenges.
Years 3-5: Develop policies targeting women, gender-diverse individuals, and marginalized communities.
Stakeholders: Governments, women's organizations, Indigenous leadership, NGOs.

3. Affordable Housing and Community-Led Models
Objective: Expand affordable housing through community-led models like cooperatives.
Actions:
Years 1-3: Launch pilot projects for housing cooperatives in urban areas.

Years 4-5: Scale successful models and introduce policies requiring developers to set aside affordable units.
Stakeholders: Developers, governments, financial institutions, NGOs.

4. Support Services for Vulnerable Populations
Objective: Integrate services (childcare, healthcare) into housing for vulnerable groups.
Actions:
Years 1-2: Identify priority locations for integrated services.
Years 3-5: Implement and evaluate support services in housing developments.
Stakeholders: Housing providers, service organizations, governments.

5. Advocacy and Policy Reform
Objective: Advocate for housing rights, tenant protections, and systemic equity.
Actions:
Years 1-2: Build coalitions to push for legislative reforms.
Years 3-5: Present evidence-based advocacy to support adoption of reforms.
Stakeholders: Advocacy groups, research institutions, governments.

Long-Term (6-15 Years)

6. Sustainable Urban Infrastructure
Objective: Develop climate-resilient infrastructure aligned with SDG 11.
Actions:
Years 6-10: Establish city-wide climate resilience standards.
Years 11-15: Expand green spaces and invest in renewable energy.
Stakeholders: Governments, private sector, environmental organizations.

7. Scaling Community-Led Housing
Objective: Institutionalize community-led housing models.
Actions:
Years 6-10: Refine legal frameworks for cooperatives and land trusts.
Years 11-15: Make community-led housing part of national strategies.
Stakeholders: Local governments, financial institutions, NGOs.

8, Institutionalized Gender-Based Approaches
Objective: Embed intersectional gender analyses in urban planning.
Actions:
Years 6-10: Mandate gender analyses in housing and infrastructure projects.
Years 11-15: Fully integrate gender-sensitive policies into urban strategies.
Stakeholders: Governments, civil society, women's rights groups.

9. International Collaboration and Knowledge Sharing
Objective: Promote global and regional partnerships for urban sustainability.
Actions:
Years 6-10: Create a global platform for sharing best practices.

Years 11-15: Establish regional networks for collaboration on urban projects.
Stakeholders: International organizations, governments, academia.

10. Advocacy for Indigenous Housing Rights
Objective: Ensure Indigenous leadership in housing initiatives.
Actions:
Years 6-10: Strengthen legal frameworks supporting Indigenous housing rights.
Years 11-15: Institutionalize Indigenous-led housing solutions.
Stakeholders: Indigenous leaders, governments, civil society.

11. Monitoring and Evaluation
Annual Reviews: Regular assessments to ensure progress.
Data Collection: Track outcomes using gender-disaggregated data.
Public Reporting: Share findings to engage the wider community.

This plan emphasizes collaboration, advocacy, and phased action to achieve sustainable, inclusive urban development over the next 5 to 15 years.

V. Improve the NEW URBAN AGENDA

1. RECOMMENDATIONS - NEW URBAN AGENDA

Short/Medium Term (Next 5 Years):

1. Affordable Housing Investment
Where: Cities with housing crises (e.g., London, New York, Johannesburg)
What: Implement policies requiring developers to include affordable units, using incentives and penalties.
Impact: Creates inclusive urban environments and improves living conditions, supporting SDG 1 (No Poverty) and SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities).

2. Intersectional Gender-Based Approaches
Where: Countries with gender disparities (e.g., Canada, India, South Africa)
What: Housing solutions prioritizing women and Indigenous leadership.
Impact: Promotes inclusivity, advancing SDG 5 (Gender Equality) and reducing homelessness (SDG 11).

3. Inclusive Policy Development
Where: Global urban centers
What: Develop housing policies through collaboration with marginalized communities.
Impact: Reduces inequalities and enhances urban resilience, aligning with SDG 10 (Reduced Inequality) and SDG 11.

4. On-Site Support Services
Where: Cities with high homelessness rates (e.g., LA, Toronto)

What: Integrate childcare, healthcare, and counseling into housing projects.

Impact: Improves stability and well-being, advancing SDG 3 (Good Health) and SDG 5.

Long-Term Priorities (Next 15 Years):

5. Indigenous-Led Housing Initiatives

Where: Countries with significant Indigenous populations (e.g., Canada, Australia)

What: Enable Indigenous communities to design housing solutions.

Impact: Promotes cultural relevance and autonomy, supporting SDG 10 and SDG 11.

6. Community-Led Housing Models

Where: Europe (e.g., Barcelona), North America (e.g., NYC)

What: Expand cooperatives and land trusts for long-term affordability.

Impact: Empowers communities and strengthens housing affordability, advancing SDG 11.

7. Systemic Housing Reform

Where: Countries with housing crises (e.g., US, Brazil)

What: Advocate for tenant protections and rent control.

Impact: Reduces housing insecurity, aligning with SDG 10 and SDG 11.

8. Sustainable Housing

Where: Cities focused on climate resilience (e.g., Copenhagen, Tokyo)

What: Develop climate-resilient housing with green technologies.

Impact: Reduces urban vulnerability to climate change, contributing to SDG 13 (Climate Action) and SDG 11.

In the next five years, prioritize affordable housing, inclusive policies, gender-based approaches, and support services. Long-term focus should shift to community-led models, Indigenous leadership, systemic reforms, and sustainable housing to ensure resilient urban development aligned with SDGs.

2. STRENGTHENING - NEW URBAN AGENDA

- Short- to Medium-Term Priorities (Next 5 Years)

1.   Inclusive Policy Development

Where: Global, focusing on urban centers

What: Create equitable housing policies that address the needs of marginalized groups like women, Indigenous communities, and gender-diverse individuals.

Impact: Reduces inequality, enhances resilience, and promotes social justice, supporting SDG 10 and SDG 11.

2.   Intersectional Gender-Based Approaches

Where: Countries with significant gender disparities (e.g., Canada, India, South Africa)

What: Prioritize housing solutions that address overlapping discriminations (gender, race, class).

Impact: Promotes inclusivity and reduces homelessness, advancing SDG 5 and SDG 11.

3.   Investing in Affordable Housing

Where: Cities with housing affordability crises (e.g., London, New York, Johannesburg)

What: Use policies to compel developers to include affordable units through incentives and penalties.

Impact: Improves living conditions for vulnerable populations, supporting SDG 1 and SDG 11.

4.   Strengthening On-Site Support Services

Where: Major cities with high homelessness rates (e.g., LA, Toronto, Paris)

What: Integrate services like childcare, healthcare, and counseling into housing solutions.

Impact: Enhances stability and quality of life, supporting SDG 3 and SDG 5.

- Long-Term Priorities (Next 15 Years)

5.   Community-Led Housing Models

Where: Europe and North America

What: Expand cooperatives and land trusts as sustainable housing solutions.

Impact: Promotes long-term affordability and strong communities, advancing SDG 10 and SDG 11.

6.   Advocacy for Systemic Housing Reform

Where: Countries with housing crises (e.g., US, Brazil, India)

What: Advocate for tenant protections, anti-discrimination laws, and rent control.

Impact: Reduces housing insecurity, supporting SDG 10 and SDG 11.

7 .   Indigenous-Led Housing Initiatives

Where: Countries with significant Indigenous populations

What: Support Indigenous-led housing projects reflecting cultural contexts.

Impact: Restores autonomy and reduces homelessness, contributing to SDG 10 and SDG 11.

8.   Long-Term Sustainable Housing

Where: Cities focused on climate resilience (e.g., Copenhagen, Singapore)

What: Develop climate-resilient housing with green technologies and sustainable design.

Impact: Reduces urban vulnerability to climate change, supporting SDG 13 and SDG 11.

In the short/medium term, prioritize inclusive policies, gender-based approaches, affordable housing, and support services to address urgent needs. Long-term priorities should focus on community-led housing, systemic reform, Indigenous leadership, and sustainable housing to ensure resilient urban development aligned with SDG goals.

SAFE AND INCLUSIVE HOUSING FOR ALL IN MUMBAI

I. Event description

Date	Location	Participation	Lead organiser	Other organiser
21/08/2024 - 23 /08/2024	Mumbai	208 participants	Red Dot Foundation	L.S Raheja School of Architecture, Urja Trust, Majlis Law, Prerana Anti Trafficking, The Urban Vision, Udupi

Speakers

List of TOP 6 Speakers:

Name	Job title and organization
Moderator: Ms. ElsaMarie D'Silva,	Founder & President of Red Dot Foundation Global, Founder of Red Dot Foundation and Co-Founder of Beyond Black
Mr. Sameer Unhale,	State Joint Commissioner, Municipal Administration, Government of Maharashtra
Ms. Priti Patkar	Co-Founder of Prerana NGO
Ms. Audrey D'Mello	Programme Director at Majlis
Ms. Bharathy Tahiliani	Founder of KSHAMATA Foundation

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Ms. Mildred Jose	Senior Faculty Member, L.S. Raheja College of Architecture
Ms. Sonali Alves	Senior Manager - Operations and Partnerships, Red Dot Foundation
Ms. Ankita Kohirkar,	Head of Programs, Urja Trust
Ms. Geetarani Lourembam	Prerana NGO
Mr. Sarfaraz Momin	Urban Planner at StudioPod
Mr. Jay Bhadgaonkar and Ms. Ketaki Bhadgaonkar,	Urban Designers at Bombay 61
Ms. Parineeta Katgaonkar	Urban Planner
Mr. Manas Rath	Sustainability Consultant
Mr. Areen Attari	Co-Founder of PHYT - Put Your Hands Together Bio-Architects
Mr. Adhiraj Kumar	Youth Innovator

II.   Background and objectives of the campus

III.   **Relation with New Urban Agenda (NUA) , Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and The City We Need**

a.   New Urban Agenda (NUA) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

The Urban Thinkers campus reflected the principles of the New Urban Agenda (NUA) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), highlighting themes of inclusivity, safety, and equality. Creating safe urban spaces for women related to SDG 5: Gender Equality, while inclusive planning aligned with SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities and SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities. Rethinking safety beyond the home resonated with SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions.

The theme of our Urban Thinkers Campus centered on affordable, inclusive, and sustainable housing, directly connecting with the NUA and SDGs, especially SDG 11. By advocating for safe and inclusive housing for all especially the vulnerable, universal design, participatory planning, and economic inclusion, we aimed to tackle urban challenges related to inequality, accessibility, and environmental sustainability. These initiatives aimed to foster resilient, inclusive communities and enhance access to housing, services, and economic opportunities, furthering the global goals of sustainable urban development and social cohesion.

Completed SGDs :

b. The city we need

The City We Need Now Action Area	94
Health and Well-being	X
Peace and Safety	X
Climate Adaptation and Resilience	
Inclusion and Gender Equality	X
Economic Opportunities for Al	X
Culture and Identity	
Local Governance	X
Urban Planning and Design	X
Housing, Services and Mobility	X
Learning and innovation	X

IV. Event result

1. <u>Impacts</u>

Here are some of the Key results of our Urban Thinkers Campus

1. **Understanding Circumstances**:
The participants recognized that individuals are influenced by circumstances beyond their control and the need for empathetic policymaking.

2. **Equality and Safety for Women**:
The discussions reinforced the importance of ensuring equality and safety for individuals across all sectors highlighting the necessity for creating safe environments tailored to the specific needs of vulnerable people and their dependents.

3. **Addressing Inclusivity**:

The tendency to overlook inclusivity in housing and community planning was identified as a significant issue and participants envisioned and shared their ideas of inclusive housing that considered the diverse needs of all community members.

4. **Rethinking Safe Spaces**:

The participants challenged the assumption that home is always a safe space, and that many homes can be sites of violence. This necessitated a broader definition of safe spaces.

5. **Mindset Shift:**

The importance of shifting societal attitudes toward safety and inclusivity emerged as crucial in designing supportive spaces.

6. **Community Building and Sensitization:**

The participants realized that educating individuals, particularly students, about the challenges faced by vulnerable groups fosters a more inclusive mindset. As future designers and policymakers they began to understand the importance of creating safe, inclusive spaces and cultivating empathy to strengthen diverse communities.

2. Exposed Solutions

Strengthen Safety and Building Standards				
Who ?	Where	What ?	How ?	Impacts
Led by urban planning authorities and building regulators, targeting vulnerable urban populations living in older housing units.	Mumbai ,India	To improve housing safety and resilience in densely populated urban areas.	By advocating for stringent safety regulations and retrofitting older buildings to enhance structural integrity and fire safety. Collaboration between the government, local authorities, and private developers was key.	Enhanced safety in high-risk areas, reducing fire hazards and structural risks.

Promote Affordable Housing

Who ?	Where	What ?	How ?	Impacts
Urban planners and Stake holders	Mumbai ,India	Increase the availability of affordable housing to address urban housing shortages	Implement rent control policies and housing subsidies, along with developing mixed-income housing projects. Public-private partnerships facilitate affordable developments.	Reduced housing inequality and improved access to affordable living spaces, helping to prevent displacement and segregation.

Foster Community Engagement through Participatory Urban Planning

Who ?	Where ?	What ?	How ?	Impacts
Local government bodies and NGOs working with urban poor communities.	Mumbai ,India	Engage marginalized communities in urban planning to ensure their needs are met in housing and infrastructure projects.	Through participatory planning workshops and public consultations, vulnerable marginalized groups, such as low-income families, sex workers, NGO working with crisis shelters and slum residents are involved in decision-making for new housing developments.	Empowered communities and more inclusive urban planning processes lead to housing solutions that reflect the needs of all residents, and promote social inclusion.

Implement Inclusive Zoning

Who ?	Where	What ?	How ?	Impact
Urban Planning Departments, housing developers, and NGOs focusing on housing for the vulnerable	Mumbai ,India	Encourage diverse housing options, including homes for people with disabilities and low-income families	Zoning policies are revised to mandate accessible and affordable housing in new developments. Collaboration	Increased availability of accessible and affordable housing options, fostering social inclusion and reducing inequalities

			between city planners and advocacy groups ensures the inclusion of all communities.	

3. Commitments

1. Strengthen Safety and Building Standards:
Enforce stringent safety regulations, ensuring all new and existing housing meets modern safety standards. Commit to retrofitting older buildings for improved structural integrity and fire safety measures

2. Promote Affordable Housing:
Implement policies to increase affordable housing through rent control, subsidies, and mixed-income developments. Ensure every new housing project dedicates a portion of units for low-income families.

3. Implement Inclusive Zoning:
Advocate for inclusive zoning regulations that provide accessible housing for vulnerable groups, people with disabilities and affordable units.

4. Foster Community Engagement:
Establish participatory urban planning processes where residents, especially marginalized groups, have a direct role in shaping housing developments.

4. Action Plan

The participants (urban planners, designers, architects, government officials, NGOs and civil society) will work together with to implement the commitments and areas that were focused on during the Urban Thinkers Campus.

V. Improve the New Urban Agenda

1. RECOMMENDATIONS - NEW URBAN AGENDA

Short/ Medium term (Next 5 years)
1. Affordable Housing and Slum Rehabilitation
Expand Slum Rehabilitation Authority (SRA) projects to provide mixed-income housing, reducing overcrowding in slums. Prioritize inclusionary zoning to ensure affordable housing in all new developments.

2. Participatory Planning and Community Engagement

Strengthen participatory planning in urban renewal projects, ensuring slum residents have a voice in housing and infrastructure decisions. This fosters equitable development, community ownership, and minimizes displacement.

Long-Term Priorities (Next 15 Years)

1. Sustainable and Climate-Resilient Infrastructure

Upgrade drainage systems and create green spaces to combat flooding and enhance climate resilience. Integrate eco-friendly urban designs like rainwater harvesting and energy-efficient buildings.

2.Universal Design and Accessibility

Ensure public buildings, spaces, and transportation adopt universal design principles for people of all abilities. Enhance accessibility by implementing ramps, tactile paving, and inclusive public services.

2. STRENGTHENING - NEW URBAN AGENDA

Short/Medium-Term (Next 5 Years)

1. Enforcement of Affordable Housing Regulations

Strengthen the enforcement of inclusionary zoning laws that mandate affordable housing in all new developments. This will ensure equitable access to safe housing for low-income and vulnerable communities in urban areas.

2. Upgrading Informal Settlements

Expand slum rehabilitation programs to upgrade informal settlements with basic infrastructure, sanitation, and safety measures. Ensure community participation to maintain affordability and inclusivity during redevelopment.

Long-Term (Next 15 Years)

1.Integrated Social Housing Policies

Strengthen policies that integrate affordable housing into mixed-use and mixed-income developments, creating socially diverse neighborhoods. Promote public-private partnerships to ensure sustained development of inclusive housing.

2.Climate-Resilient and Safe Housing Design

Implement stricter building codes focused on climate resilience to ensure long-term safety and durability of housing. Prioritize green building practices that improve living conditions for vulnerable populations in hazard-prone areas.