



After Quito: Implementation of the New Urban Agenda Following Habitat III

A dialogue co-hosted by the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, Citisclope, the Wilson Center and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Brooke Mondale Auditorium, HUD

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10:00am – 12:00pm

10:00-10:15am Welcome and Framing Remarks

George W. “Mac” McCarthy, President and CEO, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

10:15-10:30am Presentation I: Monitoring

Alex Blei, New York University

A critical component of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, as well as performance relative to urban-based Sustainable Development Goals, is a scientific understanding of the dynamics of global urbanization. Last month UN-Habitat announced the UN Global Sample of Cities to monitor, report, and advise on world urbanization trends, conditions, and developments, as part of an envisioned worldwide Urban Observatory. The representative sample of 200 cities, tracking land consumption from 1990 to 2015, is drawn from the Atlas of Urban Expansion, an open online resource being developed in a partnership of UN-Habitat, New York University, and the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. Analysis of satellite imagery data includes the character of growth and the presence of arterial grids; housing affordability; and the impact of regulatory regimes. The goal is to make data and analysis openly available to practitioners, academicians and the international community at large, to advance in the efforts of connecting data and information to informed decision-making.

10:30-11:00am Discussion by Respondents

Facilitator: Armando Carbonell, Department of Planning and Urban Form, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

Respondents: **Carey L. Biron**, Citisclope
Solomon Greene, Urban Institute
Amy Liu, Brookings Institution
Frank Shafroth, George Mason University

11:00-11:15am Presentation II: Finance

Lourdes Germán, Lincoln Institute

Sound fiscal performance of local government is fundamental to the achievement of the New Urban Agenda; the financial health of cities enables local governments to invest in the social and economic infrastructure that supports a higher quality of life, sustains economic growth, and helps localities to prepare for and mitigate the effects of natural and financial crises. The Policy Framework on Municipal Finance and Local Fiscal Systems, co-authored by the Lincoln Institute and the World Bank, underscores the critical importance of a well-functioning property tax, access to capital, and the use of land-based financing tools such as value capture to guide more equitable urban development and the establishment of infrastructure, affordable housing, and public amenities such as parks and open space. Monitoring of fiscal health, revenues and expenditures, and the financing of the New Urban Agenda also thus becomes critical following Habitat III.

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11:45-12:00pm Concluding Remarks

Salin Geevarghese, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office for International and
Philanthropic Innovation, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development