Habitat 3: Finding sanitation in the New Urban Agenda

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Habitat III

- United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development to reinvigorate the global commitment to sustainable urbanization, to focus on the implementation of a **New Urban Agenda**, building on the Habitat Agenda of Istanbul in 1996

- Habitat I: Vancouver Declaration on Urban Settlements (1976)
- Habitat II: Istanbul Declaration (1996)
- Habitat III: New Urban Agenda
  
  (Quito, Ecuador, from 17 – 20 October 2016)
International policies on sanitation

- **1976**: Vancouver Declaration on Urban Settlements (Habitat I)
- **1977**: Mar del Plata Action Plan
- **1977**: International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade
- **1978**: Mar del Plata Action Plan
- **1992**: Agenda 21 (1992)
- **1996**: Istanbul Declaration (Habitat II)
- **2008**: International Year of Sanitation (2008)
- **2011**: World Health Assembly Resolution 64/24 (2011)
- **2015**: Ngor Declaration (2015)
- **2015**: Agenda 2030 / SDGs
- **2015**: UNGA Resolution A/C.3/70/L.55
- **2016**: Dhaka Declaration (2016)
- **2016**: Lima Declaration (2016)
- **2016**: New Urban Agenda (Habitat III)
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- **2016**: New Urban Agenda (Habitat III)
The New Urban Agenda (Surabaya Draft, from 28 July 2016)

- The New Urban Agenda is aimed to be “an action-oriented document which will set global standards of achievement in sustainable urban development”

- **Shared vision:** “(…) right to an adequate standard of living, without discrimination, the right to safe and clean drinking water and sanitation, as well as equal access for all to public goods and quality services (…)” (p.2)

- **Implementation:** “We will promote adequate investments in accessible and sustainable infrastructure and service provision systems for water, hygiene and sanitation, sewage, solid waste management, urban drainage, reduction of air pollution, and storm water management, in order to improve health (…), as well as access to **adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene for all**; and **end open defecation**, with special attention to the needs and safety of women and girls and those in vulnerable situations.” (p.15)
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- Indirectly associated with several sections of the document on urban infrastructure, such as “Environmentally Sustainable and Resilient Urban Development” and “Building The Urban Governance Structure: Establishing A Supportive Framework”.

- In Policy Papers:
  - “The Right to the Cities and Cities for All”:
    - describes metrics for measuring sanitation levels (p.29); whilst the third discusses the
  - “Urban Services and Technology”
    - calls for fully recoverable operational costs of sanitation systems (taking into account social impacts of pricing) (p.16)
    - reinforces the cyclical nature of water and its relation to health (p.18);
  - “Housing Policies”
    - discusses challenges on achieving goals regarding sanitation (e.g. lack of agreement on concepts and proper data
Thank you!

WG 6 meeting in Quito?