



THE NINTH SESSION OF  
THE WORLD URBAN FORUM  
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
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## TEMPLATE FOR WUF9 SESSION CONCEPT NOTES

### 1. Session's official title

High level Roundtable: An integrated territorial approach to sustainable development

### 2. Subtitle of the session (if any)

Putting the New Urban Agenda into practice: concepts of integration and territory

### 3. Leading Branch/Unit

Urban Planning and Design Branch

### 4. Focal Point (Name and email)

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

### 6. Focal Points in the partner organizations (Name and email), if any

### 7. Key words

Spatial development, territorial development, regional planning, metropolitan governance, urban corridors, green and blue infrastructure, National Urban Policies, urban-rural linkages, small towns, urban sustainability, climate resilience, effective implementation

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

The objective of this session is to demonstrate why policy-making should no longer be spatially blind as well as how (and with whom) can integrated territorial approaches be successfully deployed in national and local urban agendas in order to achieve the SDGs.

At a conceptual level, the session will clarify what is meant by the notion of the territory and why is it a necessary perspective for sustainable urban development. Different interpretations of "integration" will be unpacked, ranging from horizontal integration (sectors), to vertical integration (scales). Justifications for looking at different forms of human settlements as well as their linkages will be discussed.

At a policy level, the session will examine the conditions that make integrated territorial approaches a success. Enabling governance and financing mechanisms will be fleshed out. In the end, participants will reflect on how they can introduce these lessons in their contexts.

### 9. Introduction of the topic (max. 300 words)

*\*Brief concept with focus on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda*

At least three dimensions of **integration** emerge in the NUA when looking at sustainable development of a given territory:

- A territory is influenced by policies and strategies made at higher government levels. Thus emerges the need for coordination among various ministries, government departments and planning levels for integration between various spatial strategies and sector policies (NUA paragraph 92 – policy and planning processes) at different scales.
- Activities and investments in a territory not only rewrite the geography of space but also relations in society, economy and environment. Territory is thus an organizing factor for both spatial and non-spatial relations. In particular, spatial integration requires coordination across scales and effective urban-rural linkages (NUA paragraph 136: spatial integration).
- Restructuring of space is a key tool to increase value and revenues from land. However, this requires effective integration between project design and implementation plan. Thus a spatial strategy must be supported by governance and financing mechanisms (NUA section – effective implementation).

Q1-Q3 will excavate the political justifications and diversity of perspectives and policy tools supporting different integrated territorial approaches. While Q3-Q6 will focus on effective means of implementation.

**10. Linkages to the New Urban Agenda, Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals (max. 250 words)** *\*Including to indicate the commitments or effective implementation actions of the New Urban Agenda, and related Sustainable Development Goals, targets or indicators related to this Dialogue*

In the New Urban Agenda, the word “territorial” repeats 36 times, with references to territorial development (12 mentions), territorial planning (13 mentions), territorial policies (paragraph 38), territorial transport infrastructure and service funds (paragraph 141), territorial scales (paragraph 72), territorial cohesion (paragraph 50), territorial systems that integrate urban and rural functions (paragraph 49) etc.

Similarly, the word “integrated” repeats 29 times. Paragraphs 13e and 15iii specifically refer to “integrated urban and territorial” approaches as do paragraphs 38 (TC1 - inclusion), 50 (TC2 - prosperity), 88 (effective implementation - governance), 98 (effective implementation - planning), 119 (effective implementation - planning) and 156 (means of implementation).

Integrated planning is a key focus of SDG 11 with very specific targets such as 11.3 (integrated planning), 11.a (rural urban linkages). The session will demonstrate that the task at hand is



not only to plan for more sustainable territories (SDG 11) but also that territorial approaches support the 17 SDGs through the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, such as SDG 1 (poverty), SDG 3 (health), SDG 6 (water & Sanitation), SDG 7 (clean energy), SDG 8 (economy), SDG 10 (inequality), SDG 13 (climate action), SDG 14 (oceans), SDG 15 (terrestrial ecosystems) and SDG 17 (partnerships).

Relevant subtopics mentioned in the NUA paragraphs include development of integrated and participatory urban spatial frameworks and strategies (15ciii, 51, 52, 93, 94), polycentric and balanced territorial development (95, 98), metropolitan and city-region planning and management (90, 96), planned urban extension, urban infill urban and slum upgrading (52, 97), integrated mobility, infrastructure and basic and energy services planning (113-122, 141), safe public and green spaces and streets (53, 97, 100), territorial resilience and urban safety planning (101, 103), cross-border planning (96) and urban-rural linkages (49, 50, 95, 123).

#### 11. Guiding Questions (min. 4 - max. 6 questions)

1. **Why** are countries looking at integrated territorial approaches?
2. What are the **different approaches** to integrated territorial development both in theory and practice? What does integration entail, from which perspectives?
3. Which **tools** support coherence between spatial strategies and sector policies?
4. **Governance**: Who are the key players? How are the governance challenges being solved? Which partnerships can support the effective implementation of territorial development plans and policies? What specific capacities need to be developed?
5. **Financing**: How can integrated territorial strategies be financed and by whom? What makes them attractive to various banks and other financing agencies and potential investors? What are the caveats?
6. **Measuring Success**: What makes integrated territorial approaches work? What are the political and financial imperatives? How do we measure success (data and indicators)?

#### 12. Indicate expected outcomes for this session (max. 50 words)

- a. High level-buy in: Political commitments to integrated territorial approaches
- b. Increased demand: Expressions of interest to finance and support innovations
- c. Linking theory to practice: Mainstreaming conclusions into partner practices

#### 13. Describe monitoring and follow-up mechanisms for this session and its outcomes, including innovations (max. 100 words)

- a. Report to the Governing Council in 2019 on Resolution 25/6: Implementation of the International Guidelines on Urban and Territorial Planning (and similar reporting on





- fulfilment of UN-Habitat mandates on urban-rural linkages, National Urban Policies, Urban Labs).
- A communication to the participants will follow post the event documenting key highlights and acknowledging partner commitments.
  - Bilateral meetings will be set up after the event to identify partners who could support continued advocacy on integrated territorial approaches

#### 14. Outline the format of the debate (max. 150 words)

30"	Opening Session with keynote speech <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome remarks</li> <li>Opening remarks</li> <li>Session objectives</li> <li>Keynote speech (20")</li> </ul>	Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Govt of Malaysia</li> <li>Co-chair 1</li> <li>Moderator</li> <li>Keynote</li> </ul>
60"	Panel Discussion	Panelists
30"	Q&A	Open
15"	UN-Habitat tools and support	Raf Tuts
15"	Discussion on how partners can support	Open
30"	Closing statements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commitments</li> <li>Closing remarks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Panelists &amp; Partners</li> <li>Co-chair 2</li> </ul>

#### 15. Proposed key speakers and moderator(s)

*\*Take into account the balance in gender and age, region and partner type*

##### Opening and Closing

#### 1. Keynote speaker:

- Eugenie L. Birch FAICP, Department of City and Regional Planning, co-Director, Penn Institute for Urban Research, University of Pennsylvania

#### 2. Moderator (TBC)

- Shipra Narang Suri, Coordinator, Urban Planning and Design Branch, UN-Habitat

#### 3. Co-chair – national government (1)

- Minister, Public Works and Housing, Indonesia

#### 4. Co-chair – national government (2) (TBC)

- Options: Czech Republic, Mauritania - F, Ghana - F

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## 5. UN-Habitat

- Raf Tuts, Director, Programme Division

## 6. Host Country (TBC)

- Minister, Malaysia

### Panel discussion

#### 1. Local/regional experience - China

- Shi Nan, Vice President and Secretary General of the Urban Planning Society of China  
+ Xu Lin, Director China Centre for Urban Development

#### 2. Local/regional experience - Paris

- Nicolas Buchoud, President and co-founder, Grand Paris Alliance for Metropolitan Development

#### 3. Private sector

- Varad Pande, Partner, Dalberg; co-leads Dalberg Advisors' Financial Inclusion Practice Area; Principal Advisor to Abhijit Banerjee on the UN's High Level Panel on the Post-2015 Agenda and sherpa on the UNSG's Global Sustainability Panel.

#### 4. Development Bank

- Ede Ijjasz-Vasquez, Senior Director of Social, Urban, Rural and Resilience Global Practice, The World Bank

#### 5. Donors / Foundations - may need funding

- Don Chen, Director, Metropolitan Opportunity, The Ford Foundation

#### 6. Professional

- Christine Platt, Former President of the Commonwealth Association of Planners

#### 7. Mayor (TBC)

- Latin America – Mexico: Colonia Doctores, Quito, Medellin, Quelimane, Johannesburg

### Interventions from partners in the floor / commitments

#### 1. Government



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- Franz-Birger Marré, Head of Division 312 (Water; Waste; Urban Development; Transport), German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development. Germany

## 2. Foundations - TBC

- Prince Charles Foundation
- The Asia Foundation

## 3. EU - TBC

- Nicholas Garby, EU, DG

## 4. Rapporteur

- Partha Mukhopadhyay, Centre for Policy Research

## 16. Indicate any necessary facility and equipment

Seating arrangement to be flexible in accommodating different formats of debate

- Keynote speech
- Panel discussion
- Possibility for dedicated space in the floor for partners not on the panel

Video camera facility for preparing report of the event in a video format

To be discussed with WUF Secretariat – based on expected audience size

- I-clicker for interaction and assessment of audience

## 17. Comments/Additional information

It would be great if the WUF Secretariat could communicate with event focal point if proposed speakers are not available and other options need to be explored.

It would be useful to have a meeting with the WUF Secretariat before preparing the venue, looking at seating arrangement and possibilities of using technology and WUF app etc.



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