

Habitat II

How to attend the Istanbul Conference

**The City Summit
3-14 June 1996
Istanbul**



United Nations Conference
on Human Settlements
Istanbul, Turkey
3-14 June 1996

(3 May 1996)



I. THE CONFERENCE ITSELF

(3 to 14 June)

Habitat II, the second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, will take place in Istanbul, Turkey from 3 to 14 June 1996. Pre-Conference consultations for participating States will be held in the Kirdar Conference Centre on 1 and 2 June. The opening session of the Conference will be held at 10.00 a.m. on 3 June 1996. The Conference itself will consist of a Plenary and two main Committees, and will be complemented by a series of parallel events. **Committee I**, dealing with the Habitat Agenda, will start on Monday afternoon, 3 June, as will **Committee II**, "the hearings committee", which will consider presentations from the partners' Forums and Habitat Dialogues described in Part II of this brochure.

Committee I will meet in the Hilton Convention Centre, **Committee II** at the C. Rey Concert Hall. The first segment of the **Plenary**, to be held at the Istanbul Kirdar Conference Centre, from 3 to 11 June, will allow for a general exchange of views on the main themes of the Conference. The second or "high-level segment" from 12 to 14 June will provide a forum for world leaders to make commitments on actions to make cities, towns and villages in their countries healthy, safe, just and sustainable.

Participation

As decided by the General Assembly in its resolution 47/180, the Conference will be convened "at the highest possible level of participation". Government delegations have therefore been encouraged to be represented at the Conference by their Heads of State or Government who will make the specific commitments referred to above. With regard to the composition of delegations to the Conference, in addition to Ministers and government officials, the General Assembly, in its resolution 49/109, has recommended that national delegations should be broadly based, representing all the key actors, namely grassroots community leaders, civic leaders, prominent personalities, politicians at all levels of government, mayors, local authorities, non-governmental organizations, the business community, trade unions, the academic and scientific community, youth, the media, and human settlements professionals from the public and private sectors.

National delegates will be registered after presentation of their credentials, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Conference.

Local authorities: In accordance with Rule 62 of the Rules of Procedure, accredited international associations of local authorities will designate the representatives of local authorities at the Conference. All other representatives of local authorities will be registered for the World Assembly of Cities and Local Authorities on the basis of lists sent to the Conference Secretariat by the G4+ Local Government Habitat II Steering Committee.

To be included in the list for the Cities Assembly, please contact:

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To seek accreditation as a regional or international local authority association, please contact:

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NGOs and CBOs will be accredited to the Conference through the Habitat II secretariat. The Non-governmental organizations' classification includes partners such as NGOs and community-based organizations (CBOs), Parliamentarian groups, academic, scientific and research organizations, professional associations, foundations, labour unions, women's groups and youth groups.

The Habitat II Secretariat is responsible for receiving applications for accreditation, evaluating them on the basis of information submitted with the application, and for making a recommendation to the Conference on whether accreditation should be granted. Please note that accreditation is subject to approval of the Conference.

In accordance with the "Rules of Procedure", NGOs which have consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council or are accredited to the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) and who wish to be accredited to Habitat II need only indicate their wish to attend the Conference.

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Please note that a **journalists' encounter**, providing information on both the substantive issues and the practical arrangements, will take place 1 and 2 June, in Istanbul.

For further information please contact:

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All persons who will have been duly registered and wearing special photo-badges will have access to the Conference site, as will the representatives of the partners' Forums, and of the Dialogues, who will be presenting their reports to Committee II (the "hearings committee").

Registration

Registration for national delegates, accredited local authorities, members of the media and accredited non-governmental organizations will take place at the Sali Pazari Docks area, daily from 9.00 to 18.00 beginning Monday, 27 May. Badges for the Conference itself will be distributed there. Shuttle buses will operate between the airport, the docks, the Conference site and the hotels at frequent intervals.

II. PARALLEL EVENTS

(30 May to 11 June)

Conference partners will present a number of activities parallel to the Conference proper. Information on these Forums, Dialogues, Best Practices, youth activities, Habitat II Secretariat-related activities, those of United Nations agencies and organizations, plus part of the cultural activities follows.

A. Forums

Representatives of these forums will present their statements and commitments to Committee II on specified dates. To register, and for further information, please contact the focal points.

TITLE	DATE	FOCAL POINT
World Assembly of Cities and Local Authorities	30 and 31 May 1996	Ms. Andrea Connell Habitat II Coordinator G4+ Local Authorities Habitat II Steering Committee c/o IULA Wassenaarseweg 39 2596 C G The Hague The Netherlands Tel: 31 70 324 4032 Fax: 31 70 324 6916 e-mail: iula@iula-hq.nl
The World Business Forum	30 May to 2 June 1996	Mr. Marcello Palazzi Progressio Foundation Parklaan 51 3941 RD Doorn The Netherlands Tel: 31 65 313 2441 Fax: 31 34 302 0030
The Forum of National Academies of Science and Engineering	31 May to 1 June 1996	Mr. John Campbell Office of International Affairs National Academy of Sciences 1050 Thomas Jefferson Street Suite 2050 Washington D.C. U.S.A. Fax: 1 202 334 3094
The NGO Forum	30 May to 11 June 1996	NGO Forum '96 Istanbul Mr. Jan Birkat-Smith Forum Director Istanbul Teknik Üniversitesi Mimarlık Fakültesi.

Tel: 90 212 251 5170
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The Parliamentarians Forum
 31 May to 1 June 1996
Venue
 Muhsin Ertugrul Theatre

Global Parliamentarians on Habitat
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 Senate of the Republic of Mexico, Reforma No.10, Piso 11, Privado 9, Col Centro, Deleg. Cuauhtemoc 06018, Mexico, D.F. Mexico
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The Trade Unions Forum
 31 May to 1 June 1996
Venue
 Istanbul Technical University Gümüssuyu Campus

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The Foundations Forum
 31 May to 1 June 1996
Venue
 Sphair Centre

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 Third Sector Foundation of Turkey (TUSEV)
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The Professionals and Researchers Forum
 30 and 31 May 1996
Venue
 Yildiz University

Mr. Haluk Atacan
 President-elect
 ISOCARP, Ankara
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The Forum on Human Solidarity
 8 June 1996
Venue
 Ciragan Palace

Mr. Peter Oberlander
 Senior Advisor to the Secretary-General of Habitat II

B. Habitat Dialogues for the 21st Century

This series of thematic dialogues for the 21st century which is open to a wide audience, including international media, will bring together eminent thinkers, public personalities, business leaders, practitioners and professionals to discuss and exchange ideas on trends for the future of human settlements. Each dialogue is designed to capture attention and raise awareness on crucial issues which will affect how we shall live on our urbanized planet. Although this is a Habitat II parallel activity, it is linked to the Conference through the presentation of the findings to Committee II.

All these meetings will be held at the Marmara Hotel, Istanbul, next to the Atatürk Cultural Centre, from 10.00 to 18.00 on the day indicated below. Dialogues will be open to delegates and the general public with ticketed seating for 500. Tickets for each Dialogue will be made available to the public the day before that Dialogue at the Marmara Hotel.

TITLE	DATE	UNCHS FOCAL POINT
1. How cities will look in the 21st century	Tuesday 4 June 1996	Mr. Alberto Paranhos Fax: 245 2 624263 e-mail: albertoparanhos@unep.no
2. Finance and cities in the 21st century	Tuesday 4 June 1996	Mr. Don Okpala Fax: 254 2 624265 e-mail: don.okpala@unep.no
3. Water for thirsty cities	Wednesday 5 June 1996	Mr. Kalyan Ray Fax: 254 2 624265 e-mail: kalyan.ray@unep.no
4. The future of urban employment	Wednesday 5 June 1996	Mr. Rolf Wichmann Fax: 254 2 624250 e-mail: rolf.wichmann@unep.no
5. Transport in the city of tomorrow	Thursday 6 June 1996	Mr. Inge Jensen Fax: 254 2 624265 e-mail: inge.jensen@unep.no
6. Land and rural/urban linkages in the future	Thursday 6 June 1996	Mr. Brian Williams Fax: 254 2 624265 e-mail: brian.williams@unep.no
7. Energy for the 21st	Friday 7 June 1996	Ms. Sylvia Lacroux Fax: 254 2 624265 e-mail: sylvia.lacroux@unep.no
		Mr. B. Der-Petrosian Fax: 254 2 624265

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| 8. Citizenship and democracy in the 21st century | Friday
7 June 1996 | Ms. Catalina Trujillo
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| 9. Cities, communications and the media in the information society | Monday
10 June 1996 | Ms. Susan Francis
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| 10. Creating healthy cities in the 21st century | Monday
10 June 1996 | Mr. André Dzikus
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For general information on these dialogues, contact:

Mr. Jorge Wilhelm Deputy Secretary-General Habitat II Conference P.O. Box 30030 Nairobi, Kenya Tel (254 2) 623719 Fax: (254-2) 623080 E-mail: jorge.wilhelm@unep.no	or	Ms. Jane Jopling Habitat II New York Office Room DC2-943, United Nations New York, NY 10017 USA Tel: (212) 963-4200 Fax: (212) 963-8721 E-mail address: Habitat.NY@together.org
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C. Youth Activities

Several International and national youth organizations are planning to actively participate in the Conference. Under the leadership and co-ordination of Youth for Habitat II (the umbrella group voluntarily formed to organize youth involvement in the Habitat II process) the following activities — which will be open to public — are planned for the Conference period in Istanbul:

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| Youth Business Forum
(organized by AIESEC) | 30 May - 3 June |
| Youth Café Arion
(central meeting point for all youth coming to Istanbul) | 30 May - 14 June |
| Youth for Habitat II Round Table:
Building the Road Beyond Istanbul | 31 May - 2 June |
| Youth Forum (continuous activities including skill-building workshops, youth best practices, etc.) | 31 May - 14 June |
| Andon Youth Café
(Cultural and arts centre) | 3 - 14 June |
| Youth Caucus (daily meetings) | 3-14 June |
| Vision Committees | 3-7 June |
| "Enjoy your City" Youth Day
(Boat cruise, press conference, panel discussion, award ceremony, community services activities, painting of murals, etc.) | 9 June |

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Mr. Sezai Hazir/Mr. Berk Dinçmen Youth Host Committee, Istanbul Tel: 90-212-2412452/2436354 Fax: 90-212-2435162	

D. Habitat II Secretariat

The **Best Practices Initiative** is an effort by the international community to share and learn from each other's success stories in solving some of the world's most pressing social, economic and environmental problems. More than 600 case studies from over 90 countries had been submitted to UNCHS. An international jury has selected twelve initiatives to receive the 1996 "Awards of excellence in improving the living environment" on 4 June.

There will be a **Best Practices exhibition**, a series of "town hall" meetings and video forum, open to the public, at the Sali Pazari Docks area from 30 May to 14 June.

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The development and collection of **urban and housing indicators** has been one of the major preparatory activities for Habitat II. Decisions of the first and second sessions of the Preparatory Committee and Resolution 15/6 of the Commission on Human Settlements endorsed a list of 46 key indicators as the minimal set to be collected as part of in-country preparations for Habitat II, and recommended that these and other indicators should be used as the quantitative basis for country reporting on the status of human settlements for the Conference.

Some 113 countries have participated in the Indicators Programme, of which 97 had submitted their results by 31 March 1996, including 30 Least Developed Countries. The resulting Global Urban Indicators Database, which is being improved and refined, is a unique resource for examining the problems and conditions of human settlements, and will provide baseline data for future monitoring of the Habitat Agenda and national plans of action.

Below is the planned schedule of regional and global meetings for the Indicators Programme at Istanbul, all to be held at the Sali Pazari Docks Exhibition Centre.

Meeting	Date
1. Economies in Transition	10 June
2. Francophone Africa	10 June
3. Anglophone Africa	10 June
4. Asia	11 June
5. Latin America	11 June

Those interested please contact:

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Habitat II films will also be shown together with one-minute video spots on cities around the world.

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E. United Nations Agencies and Organizations

Over 20 United Nations agencies and intergovernmental organizations are planning events including roundtable meetings, workshops and panel discussions on human settlements and development topics. These activities will be held either at the Muhsin Ertugrul Theatre, the Gümüssuyu Campus, or Sali Pazari Docks area. While some will be open to the public, others will be by invitation. Many of these agencies and organizations are also planning to organize exhibitions at the Sali Pazari Docks Exhibition Centre.

Amongst these activities will be the celebration of World Environment Day, with the presentation of World Environment Awards dedicated to the urban environment on 9 June.

UNCHS (Habitat) will also be presenting a number of special events including public fora debates, panel discussions and interactive workshops. All of these United Nations system activities will give an opportunity to the general public to become more familiar with the way the United Nations addresses human settlements development issues of priority concern to the international community. Many of these events will be jointly organized by several UN agencies and organizations. A full programme will be circulated at the Conference and incorporated in the daily schedule which will be part of the Conference Journal.

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F. Cultural Activities

A number of cultural events are being planned including music and dance on the evening of 2 June at the Open Air Theatre, a ballet (Spartacus) at the Atatürk Cultural Centre on 6 June and a closing festival on the Bosphorus. There will also be exhibits such as:

TITLE	DATE	FOCAL POINT
Istanbul - World City exhibition at the Daphne-i Amine (Imperial Mint) building Topkapı Palace,	June/ July 1996	Habitat II Project Coordination Unit Abdi İpekçi Cad. No. 65 Kat 2 Macka 80200 Istanbul, Turkey

"Housing and Settlements in Anatolia: A Historical Perspective" as above

A complete daily programme of cultural activities will be distributed in Istanbul.

An International trade fair

An international trade fair on managing urbanization and improving our living environment will take place 3 to 10 June 1996. Displays will focus on housing, construction technologies and human settlements. For information contact CNR.

Habitat II International Fair at the Istanbul World Trade Centre	Monday 3 June - Monday 10 June 1996	CNR International Fair Trade Organizations Inc. Atatürk Havalimanı Karsal Yeşilköy 34380 Istanbul, Turkey Tel: 90 212 663 0881 Fax: 90 212 663 0975
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III. TRAVEL/ACCOMMODATION

For all your travel and accommodation arrangements, please contact the official agent of the Habitat II Conference:

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The deadline for hotel reservations is 15 May. Whilst it is preferable to make advance payment, it has now been agreed with the host country authorities that it is also possible to pay upon hotel registration.

Turkish Airlines is supporting Habitat II by providing discounts on all published fares for the Habitat II "City Summit". In contacting Turkish Airlines kindly present documents substantiating your participation in the Conference.

Lufthansa is also supporting Habitat II by providing discounts on all published fares for all conferences, meetings and workshops in connection with the "City Summit". In contacting Lufthansa kindly present your invitation and refer to code "gg-ah-ii kong.253".

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