



A GLOSSARY OF TERMS YOU WILL HEAR

A. IN CANADA

1. HABITAT: The short name for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements to be held in Vancouver May 31-June 11, 1976.
2. HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: The man-built environment where people live, learn, work and play. This includes rural settlements as well as towns and cities.
3. HABITAT FORUM: A parallel conference of NGO's to run in Vancouver at the same time as the United Nations Conference. More than 5,000 people are expected to take part.
4. NGO's: The abbreviation for Non-Governmental Organizations, of which there are more than 250 national ones in Canada. Regional branches and local organizations run into the thousands. These include service clubs, religious organizations, special-interest groups, professional organizations, etc.
5. ACSOH: The acronym for the Association in Canada Serving Organizations for Human Settlements, a group specially created to organize facilities for Habitat Forum and other NGO activities in Vancouver. It is the NGO equivalent of the Host Secretariat.

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6. HOST SECRETARIAT: The administrative organization established within the Department of External Affairs to plan the housing and meeting facilities for the official delegations, and the other arrangements for which Canada is responsible as the host country of Habitat.
7. CANADIAN PARTICIPATION SECRETARIAT: The administrative organization created within the Ministry of State for Urban Affairs to lead the development of Canada's contribution to the UN Conference on Human Settlements.
8. FEDERAL INTERDEPARTMENTAL TASK FORCE FOR HABITAT: Includes representatives of 22 Federal Departments and Agencies that are involved in Habitat preparations and planning. It meets regularly in Ottawa.
9. FEDERAL/PROVINCIAL PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR HABITAT: Provincial and federal officials who meet regularly in different locations across Canada to co-ordinate overall planning.
10. SYMPOSIA: A series of 14 meetings held across Canada in the fall of 1975 to enable concerned citizens to hear the views of specialists on settlement problems and discuss them.
11. PUBLIC MEETINGS: A series of 16 meetings held across Canada from September 11 to October 30, 1975 to enable groups and individuals to contribute to Canada's position at Habitat by submitting briefs on what they consider to be the critical human settlement issues. The meetings are being convened by the CNC (see below).
12. CNC: Abbreviation for Canadian National Committee, a group of 16 prominent

Canadians headed by Senator Sidney Buckwold, which will convene the "PUBLIC MEETINGS" and then report to the Minister of State for Urban Affairs on the principal human settlement issues in Canada.

13. CANADIAN NATIONAL REPORT: The Canadian report to the United Nations Habitat Secretariat on the present state of human settlements in the country. One of more than 100 such reports submitted as part of the preparations for Habitat by member nations of the UN. An interim version of the report was submitted to the UN in May 1975. The final version is due for completion by December 31, 1975.

B. OUTSIDE CANADA

14. UN HABITAT SECRETARIAT: A specially created organization at UN Headquarters, New York, that serves the Secretary-General for Habitat. Its offices, part of UN Headquarters, are at 485 Lexington Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017.
15. SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR HABITAT: Señor Enrique Peñalosa of Colombia. Mr. Peñalosa is responsible for all Habitat preparations undertaken by the United Nations. His deputy is Duccio Turin of Italy.
16. PREP COM: A UN committee of 56 nations appointed by the UN General Assembly to assist the Secretary-General for Habitat in preparations for the Conference. The main meetings of the committee took place in New York in January and August 1975 and will take place again in January 1976.
17. REGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETINGS: A series of meetings of governments held in June-July 1975 - Asian countries in Tehran, African ones in Cairo, Latin American in Caracas, North American and European countries in Geneva, to stimulate national and international interest in Habitat, and discuss regional

issues in human settlements.

18. HABITAT AUDIO-VISUAL PRESENTATIONS: Some 200 film and slide shows are being prepared by countries around the world showing responses to local settlement problems. They will be shown in Vancouver during the Conference, and, in capsule form, will be available on television monitors at the Conference sessions, so that delegates may use them to illustrate their speeches.
19. CANADIAN AUDIO-VISUAL PRESENTATIONS: Canada's official contribution to the audio-visual program at Habitat. Films or slide presentations are being prepared on four topics: (1) Management of Urban Growth and Land Use (2) Design Innovations for Settlements in Cold Climates (3) Governing Human Settlements (4) Community Rejuvenation.
20. HOST BROADCASTER: These services will be provided by CBC/Radio Canada, including all electronic media and installation of equipment and crews.