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"The City Summit"

ISTANBUL LAUNCHES CITY SUMMIT

On 1 August 1994, the **President of Turkey, His Excellency Mr. Suleyman Demirel**, officially launched the Habitat II Conference in the historic city of Istanbul where the Conference will be held in June 1996. **Dr. N'Dow, the Secretary-General of Habitat II**, attended the launching and met with the President and other high-level Turkish government officials to discuss preparations for the Conference. About 200 government and state officials, members of the diplomatic community, the UNDP Resident Representative and UN Resident Coordinator, Mr. Edward Cain, scholars and members of the media were present.

During his three-day visit, Dr. N'Dow discussed arrangements for the core Conference meetings which will pave the way for organising a range of related roundtables, a Cities' Assembly and a World Fair on "Good Ideas for Cities". Several facilities were visited to determine accessibility and suitability for various Conference functions.

Dr. N'Dow met with government and state officials both in Istanbul

and Ankara. He also presented the "road map" of preparatory activities for the Conference to the representatives of the Turkish Government. The Government of Turkey has assigned the Housing Development Administration to manage the preparations for the Conference.

At the second meeting of the Preparatory Committee for Habitat II, which will take place from 24 April to 5 May 1995 in Nairobi, Kenya, the Secretary-General will present a progress report on international preparations for the Conference and on the arrangements that are being made in the City of Istanbul.



From left to right (front row): Dr. Wally N'Dow, Mrs. N'Dow, Mr. Martti Lujanen, chairman of Preparatory Committee of Habitat II and Mr. Yigit Qulokuz, Director of the Housing Development Administration



UN / INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

PREPARATORY MEETINGS

The secretariat of Habitat II attended the 2nd session of the Preparatory Committee for the **WORLD SUMMIT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**, which took place from 22 August to 2 September 1994 in New York, and submitted its views with regards to urbanisation, social development and the linkages between the two processes. Relevant portions of the Plan of Action resulting from the Social Summit will be integrated within the Global Plan of Action of the City Summit.

The Secretary-General of Habitat II, Dr. Wally N'Dow, delivered a keynote address at the regional Preparatory Meeting for Habitat II of the **ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE** held in Geneva on 12 September 1994. The meeting was also attended by the Executive Secretary of the ECE, Mr. Jean Bartholot.

Mr. Jorge Wilhelm, the Deputy Secretary-General of Habitat II attended the **14TH EUROPEAN WORLD PLANNING CONGRESS** (Eastern Regional Organisation for Planning and Housing) in Beijing, China, from September 15 to 21, 1994. Mr. Wilhelm delivered the keynote address in which he challenged Asian countries to lead the rest of the world in setting up new urban patterns which are equitable and sustainable. The Deputy Secretary-General also met with the Chinese Vice Minister of Housing and Construction to discuss China's contribution to the Habitat II preparatory process.

The Secretary-General of Habitat II addressed delegates at the 2nd

Annual **WORLD BANK CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT** in Washington D.C. on 21 September, 1994. Later, a video on Istanbul produced by the World Bank was shown to delegates affirming the World Bank's commitment to Habitat II.

CAIRO CONFERENCE



Dr. Wally N'Dow, the Secretary-General of Habitat II, attended the **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT** in Cairo, Egypt, which took place from 5 September to 13 September 1994. The Secretary-General delivered a keynote address which highlighted the need to consider urban and housing issues as an integral part of population policies and strategies.

In his speech to the 15,000 delegates attending the Conference, Dr. N'Dow said that global peace and security could not be achieved in a world where more than a billion people live in absolute poverty without adequate food, clothing and shelter. He warned that unless the urban agenda is addressed with the urgency and attention it demands, the consequences may well engulf the 21st century with a vast array of domestic and international

problems, including increasing homelessness, unemployment, ethnic tension, social disintegration and decaying urban infrastructure.

Describing the UN Population Conference as "the first long step on the road to Istanbul", the Habitat II Secretary-General underscored the need to link population issues discussed in Cairo with urbanisation and shelter issues which will be discussed at Habitat II.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

UNESCO has agreed to organise a Habitat II colloquium on the topic of "Prejudice, Intolerance and Violence versus Solidarity" as part of its contribution to the preparatory process for Habitat II.

The **UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY** in Tokyo (UNU), has indicated an interest in organising a colloquium on the Future of Cities for academic, scientific and research institutions as its contribution to the Habitat II preparatory process.

The **UN DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES (DDSMS)** has agreed to undertake a study on Metropolitan Governance as part of its involvement in Habitat II preparatory process.

The **URBAN MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME for Asia and the Pacific** organised a seminar on housing finance for housing finance institutions in the region. It will also organise a meeting of executive heads of NGOs, academic institutions and local government associations from the region later this year.

IN-COUNTRY ACTIVITIES

At the First Preparatory Committee meeting for Habitat II held in Geneva in April this year, it was decided that focal points or national agencies in each country would be encouraged to establish national steering committees with membership drawn from a broad base of interested groups and representative organisations. **Currently 51 countries have already formed national committees or are in the process of doing so.**

Several countries have also shown keen interest in participating in, and perhaps hosting, the many UNCHS - organised seminars, technical workshops, colloquia and regional meetings that will take place in 1995.

In addition to these in-country initiatives, UNCHS and the Habitat II secretariat have been discussing Habitat II preparations around the world. Recent activities include:

THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION: UNCHS held a meeting devoted to ongoing UNCHS activities in the region as well as to preparations for Habitat II. Eighteen countries were represented including all CIS countries (Confederation of Independent States) except Kazakhstan.

SOUTH AFRICA: A UNCHS team travelled to South Africa, 3 August to 14 August 1994. During this visit, UNCHS staff briefed government officials and other representatives of the South African community on preparations for Habitat II.

JAPAN: A Memorandum of Understanding was signed by UNCHS (Habitat) representing the

United Nations and the Tokyo Metropolitan Government regarding the organisation of the World City Conference Tokyo (WCCT '96) and Expo to be held in Tokyo in 1996. This agreement highlights the linkages between WCCT '96 and Habitat II. Contacts were also established with NGOs in Japan regarding awareness-building activities in preparation for Habitat II.

USA: A meeting was held in Washington D.C. between the Secretary General and the Housing and Urban Development Department on national and regional preparations for Habitat II. The U.S. Government has submitted a detailed work programme which includes a series of national events, meetings, studies and activities involving all key actors and stakeholders in housing and urban development.

BRAZIL: During his visit to Brazil in July 1994, the Deputy Secretary-General spoke about the importance of Habitat II with a variety of representatives from different groups involved in urban development.

LEBANON: The Secretary-General presented Habitat II activities and objectives to the Prime Minister and the Government of Lebanon. In addition, a delegation from Lebanon, led by the UNDP Resident Representative, Mr. Hendrik van der Kloet, visited UNCHS (Habitat) headquarters in Nairobi from 29 August to 2 September 1994.

MEXICO: Members of the Human Settlements Commission of the House of Representatives of

Mexico consulted with the Habitat II secretariat in Nairobi, 30 July to 6 August 1994 regarding the establishment of the Mexican National Committee for Habitat II.

In addition to the above, briefing meetings were held in COLOMBIA, CHILE, ECUADOR, GERMANY, MALAYSIA, NEPAL and the UNITED KINGDOM.

For more information on in-country activities, contact Carol Philips, data-base research officer, at the secretariat.

PREPARATIONS FOR PREPCOM II

The secretariat has prepared a draft proposal for the organisation of work for the second session of the Preparatory Committee for Habitat II. A number of suggestions and recommendations are being submitted to the bureaux of both the Preparatory Committee and the Commission on Human Settlements, as several items of both agendas are inter-related and will require careful scheduling.

FUNDING & SUPPORT

A number of member governments and international lending institutions have recognized the importance of Habitat II, and have pledged their support to the Habitat II process. These include the Asian Development Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, the World Bank, and the Governments of Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and the United States.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES

MAYORS' COLLOQUIUM

UNDP, with UNCHS support, organised a **Mayors' Colloquium on Social Development** in New York from 18 August to 19 August 1994. The meeting was attended by more than 100 mayors, city associations and government officials responsible for local government from 36 countries.

An earlier UNDP survey of mayors from every continent showed that unemployment constitutes the number one urban problem in cities around the world. The second most serious problem urban residents face is inadequate housing, the survey of 135 mayors said.

The results of the survey, which were discussed at the Mayors' Colloquium, will form part of the UNDP contribution to Habitat II as well as the World Summit for Social Development to be held in Copenhagen, Denmark in March next year. The participants pointed out the close relationship between the "Social Summit" and the "City Summit" and further endorsed the importance of active participation of local government in the Habitat II Conference and its preparatory process.

The colloquium resulted in a Mayors' Declaration on Social Development and Sustainable Human Settlements which, among other things, encouraged all those

present to take part in the preparation, proceedings and follow-up work for the Social Summit and Habitat II.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

The city of **ABU DHABI** hosted a regional seminar for Habitat II on decentralisation and participation in urban development and management from 9 October to 12 October 1994. The seminar was intended for national focal points of Habitat II, local government representatives and representatives from NGOs to prepare for Habitat II.

The "**GROUP OF FOUR**" associations of local governments (United Towns Organizations, METROPOLIS, SUMMIT and International Union of Local Authorities) held a meeting in New York on 17 August 1994. The four associations agreed to a common platform, position and participation in Habitat II. The meeting was attended by Mr. Jorge Wilhelm, the Deputy Secretary-General of Habitat II, and was followed-up in the course of the Mayors' Colloquium on Social Development (See above).

BEST PRACTICES IN IMPROVING LIVING ENVIRONMENTS

In 1996, the Habitat II secretariat will organise an international panel

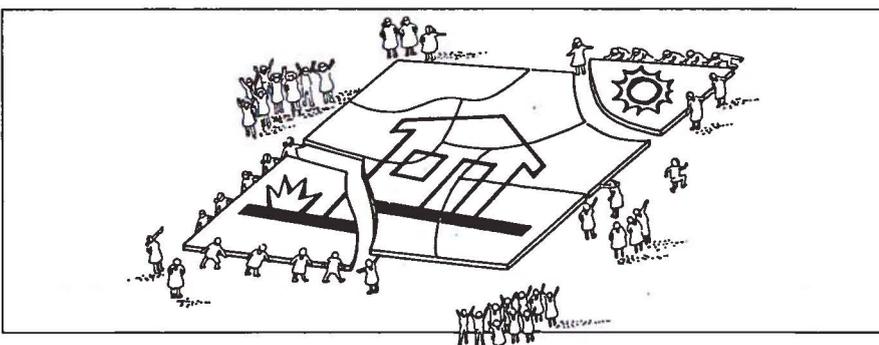
of experts to select **BEST PRACTICES** which will form part of a dedicated exhibit of Good Ideas for Better Cities at Habitat II in Istanbul. They will also be documented and published by UNCHS (Habitat).

BEST PRACTICES are examples of actions which could serve as useful models from which others could learn and adapt to their own situations. They are actions, initiatives or projects which have resulted in tangible and measurable improvements in the quality of life and in the living environments of people in a sustainable way. These actions may have been initiated by NGOs, local governments, central governments or the private sector.

The actors involved in the selected BEST PRACTICES will be invited to participate in the City Summit and have the opportunity to share their experiences with representatives of governments, local governments, NGOs and CBOs and the private sector attending the Conference.

The selected BEST PRACTICES will be disseminated through Internet, and will be accessible to over 20 million users worldwide.

For more information on Best Practices, contact Nicholas You, Manager of Operations, at the Secretariat.



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NGO ACTIVITIES

A total of 35 NGOs were granted accreditation by the First Preparatory Committee meeting held in Geneva in April this year. An additional 40 NGOs are in various stages of being granted accreditation. Numerous other NGOs and CBOs have expressed an interest in Habitat II, and many have initiated Habitat II preparations in their cities, countries and regions. Often this has meant establishing partnerships with the private sector, with local authorities, with national government and with other NGOs and community groups. Following is a sample of these activities:

COLOMBIA

Following the Global Forum 1994 in Manchester, UK, members of the Colombian delegation to this Forum committed their organizations to enlist broad-based participation in Colombia's national preparatory activities for Habitat II. This delegation included representatives of the National University of Colombia and of a variety of Colombian NGOs. Through their networks, these NGOs and academics will disseminate Habitat II information, informing Colombians about what is happening worldwide, and about what they can do to become involved in Habitat II preparations within Colombia. The Third International Convention of Habitat Colombia in Pereira this September was the starting point for these activities.

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INDIA

A 3-day All India Consultation on Habitat II will be hosted by Habitat International Coalition (Mexico) and the Asian Coalition for Housing Rights (Bangkok), and will be coordinated by Youth for Unity and Voluntary Action. The consultation, scheduled for 4 January to 6 January 1995, is supported by UNCHS (Habitat) and the Urban Management Programme/Asia Pacific 2000. The national government of India will take part in the consultation and has assured its support for five sub-national consultations on Habitat II.

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KENYA

On 26 August 1994, the Kenya Youth and Habitat Organization (KYHO) hosted a seminar entitled "Bridging the Gap". The purpose of this seminar, supported by the Norwegian mission to UNCHS, was to create a simplified version of Habitat II documentation, to "bridge the gap" between grassroots organizations and communities and the inter-governmental City Summit.

The five-page document resulting from this partnership approach will be used throughout Kenya to facilitate discussion of urban issues and to enhance community involvement in Kenya's preparations for the City Summit. Additionally, KYHO has begun dissemination of Habitat II information by using simple fact sheets and holding informational seminars for Kenyan youth. They

plan to begin production of a Habitat II newsletter, and to coordinate training of trainer workshops, to help community leaders take an active role in the Habitat II preparatory process.

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MEXICO

On 19 May 1994, the Mexican Habitat Coalition organized "Mexico Towards Habitat II," an information meeting including representatives from NGOs, CBOs, local and national government, and the private sector. At this gathering, four key subjects were identified for discussion: rights and legal issues, democratic planning and decentralization, economics and sustainability, and finance.

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SENEGAL

Environnement et Développement du Tiers-Monde (ENDA TM) has established a broad-based Support Unit, following last Spring's roundtable discussions of NGOs, CBOs, the private sector, national government and local authorities throughout Senegal. This Unit includes representatives from NGOs, CBOs, a professional association and the private sector. These representatives will work together to form a consensus position from the output of the local roundtables, and will prepare a plan of action to support local initiatives connected to Habitat II. In addition, ENDA TM provided substantial funding and substantive support to a Forum



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organized by the Mayors Association of Senegal: a Forum of African Mayors and NGOs, held in Dakar from 28 September to 30 September 1994. The Forum, which included NGO representatives from six West African countries, focused on the issues of poverty and of sustainable development in Africa.

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UNITED KINGDOM

The UN Environment and Development UK Committee (UNED-UK) held a seminar entitled New Directions for Urban Action on 2 July to 3 July in Manchester, following the Global Forum 94. The Director of The Habitat II secretariat, Pietro Garau, participated in this seminar and presented the Habitat II preparatory process. Currently, UNED-UK is preparing a Conference on Sustainable Human Development, scheduled for 14 December 1994. This Conference will address the implications of both the World Summit on Social Development and Habitat II (The City Summit) for a wide spectrum of organizations and perspectives in the UK.

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REGIONAL/INTERNATIONAL NGO ACTIVITIES:

The Habitat International Coalition's Women and Shelter Network (WSN) hosted a regional meeting in Peru in August. WSN is

also planning a meeting in New York in March 1995 to prepare for Habitat II and the Women's Conference in Beijing. WSN hopes to collaborate in the planning of this meeting with other women's networks, including the International Council of Women.

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The European Section of HIC organized an NGO Conference on Habitat II preparations, held in Geneva immediately prior to the regional meeting on Habitat II convened by the UN Economic Commission for Europe. The agenda of this NGO meeting included a discussion of experiences of NGOs in the Habitat II preparatory process to date, and preparation of strategies for strengthening NGO participation in Habitat II at the national, local and international levels. A draft statement was submitted to the ECE meeting of 12 September.

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Following recommendations of the NGO meeting held last April in Geneva (prior to PrepCom I), the Executive Committee of Habitat

International Coalition has established a Habitat II NGO Secretariat. The work of this Secretariat will be coordinated by an International Planning Committee, and will focus on promoting NGO and CBO involvement in Habitat II preparations at the local, national and international levels.

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The Habitat International Coalition (HIC) will hold its annual global meeting in Cuba from 4 to 8 March, 1995. In conjunction with this meeting, a special one and a half day workshop entitled "People Towards Habitat II" will be held to focus on issues that NGOs and CBOs wish to address at the upcoming Second Preparatory Committee Meeting for Habitat II which will take place in Nairobi, Kenya in April/May, 1995. The HIC Global meeting is open to all NGOs and CBOs interested in playing an active role in the Habitat II process. (Organisations need not be members of HIC to attend).

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If your organization is involved in Habitat II preparations and you would like these activities to be included in our next Bulletin, please contact Marni Rosen, NGO Liaison Officer, at the Secretariat.

SUBSTANTIVE PREPARATIONS, INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

DOCUMENTATION

The following Guides designed to facilitate in-country preparations are now available from the Secretariat and are being disseminated to Governments, national committees, international and regional associations of local government, NGOs and CBOs and special interest groups.

- **A Guide to The City Summit** (available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish)
- **A Guide for Local Governments to The City Summit** (available in English, French and Spanish)
- **A Guide for NGOs and CBOs to the City Summit** (available in English, French and Spanish)
- **Advance Information on Best Practices in Improving Living Environments** (available in English, French and Spanish)
- **Advance Information on preparing National Plans of Action** (available in English, French and Spanish)
- **Brochure** (available in Arabic, French and English)
- **General Information on shelter and urban Indicators** (available in English and French)

Translations in other official languages of the UN are forthcoming.

For more information on available documentation contact Peter Swan Coordinator of Information and Communication, at the secretariat.

VIDEO

The Secretariat has produced a 6-minute video entitled "**Launching the City Summit**". The video covers the rationale for the Habitat II

Conference, provides a summary of the First Preparatory Committee meeting in Geneva and the launching of the preparations for the City Summit in Istanbul. It is available on PAL and NTSC systems (Betacam and VHS format) in English and French. The Arabic version will be available soon.

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"SOCRATIC DIALOGUE"

On September 19, Dr. Wally N'Dow, the Secretary-General of Habitat II, participated a "*Socratic Dialogue*"-- a two-hour video event organised by the World Bank which engages distinguished panellists and a moderator in a hypothetical situation to examine the complexities of an issue. The goal of this particular Dialogue was to make the viewing public more aware of the complexity of urban environmental problems and to illuminate the dynamics of policy-making.

The video will be shown to the staff of the World Bank and other development agencies and institutions, and possibly, broadcast on in the U.S.A.

GLOBAL FORUM REPORT

The *International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)* prepared a background paper for the workshops and presentations of the Global Forum on Sustainable Development which took place in Manchester, United Kingdom, at the end of June 1994. Delegates representing four sectors of society - local

authorities, industry, trade unions and local communities - attended a variety of workshops and presentations, and the final report from Global Forum '94 (available later this year), will be presented to the UN Commission on Sustainable Development and provide insights for Habitat II Conference documentation.

FINANCING STRATEGIES

A first draft of an initiating brief on developing *sustainable financing strategies* for shelter and urban development as an integral part of the Habitat II preparatory process was sent to a small number of institutions targeted as potential lead institutions in each region.

The key objectives are: to document successful and/or promising financial instruments to stimulate the flow of resources to meet shelter and urban infrastructure capital requirements beyond Habitat II, and to engage the private sector, external support agencies, international financial institutions, and domestic financial intermediaries in improving financial systems both for housing and urban development by opening new avenues of finance. Copies available for review from the Habitat II Secretariat.

EXTERNAL PARTNERS

Habitat II has begun a unique participatory process to prepare the documentation for PreCom II. Using a worldwide pool of experts from governments, municipalities, NGOs, private sector, academia and the scientific communities, the Secretariat will incorporate a broad range of comments and ideas into the preparation of these documents.



PRESS CLIPPINGS

Two Kenyan dailies (the *Nation* and the *Standard*) carried op-ed pieces on urbanisation and the population equation in September 1994, during the week of the UN Population Conference in Cairo. The articles highlighted the link between urbanisation and fertility in developed and developing countries. The *Nation* also carried an article on housing as a basic human right on World Habitat Day.

The *Far Eastern Review* quoted Dr. Wally N'Dow in an article on population management in the issue of September 22, 1994.

THE *Earth Times* carried a profile of Dr. Wally N'Dow in its issue of August 26, 1994.

The *Turkish press* gave wide coverage to the launching of the City Summit in August this year in both their Turkish and English dailies.

The *Pioneer* newspaper (New Delhi) carried a feature on Habitat II on July 28, 1994.



Has there been any press coverage on Habitat II in your country? If so, please send the copies of press clippings etc. to: Peter Swan/Rasna Warah, Habitat II secretariat, P.O. Box 30030, Nairobi, Kenya; Fax: 623080 or 624266/7.

NEW INFORMATION CHIEF

Ms. Christlina Engfeldt has joined UNCHS as the new head of the Information, Audio-visual and Documentation Division. Ms. Engfeldt will be responsible for the overall information activities of the Centre and also of Habitat II (in collaboration with the Habitat II secretariat). She will additionally be in charge of Public Affairs.



Ms. Engfeldt most recently served in New York as the Deputy Consul General of Sweden and the Director of Swedish Information Service which is in charge of instituting and promoting an informational, cultural and academic dialogue between Sweden and the United States.

Her academic background includes a degree in French, political science, history and social anthropology from Uppsala University and graduate studies in social anthropology at New York University.

GUEST COLUMN

The secretariat of Habitat II has decided to include a guest column in its bulletin which will allow organisations in the public, private and NGO/CBO sector to air their views on the goals and outcome of the Habitat II Conference and on the role of their organisation /community in the preparatory process leading the Conference.

The Habitat II bulletin is designed to be interactive. As well as keeping readers up-to-date with Habitat II developments, it also strives to gather information and ideas from all those involved in the Conference preparations.

Readers are, therefore, requested to submit a 500-700 word article for possible publication in a future issue of Habitat II bulletin. The article should cover one, if not both, of the following:

a) how your organisation approaches human settlements issues and how you view these issues in the context of Habitat II;

b) what the avenues are for your organisation to be involved in Habitat II or what avenues (other than funding) you would like to see opened up to facilitate your participation in the Conference;

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