

## Cities for Sustainable Building: Developing a Joint Plan for Action

## Casa de America – Madrid, Spain

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#### Synopsis:

The Building Sector can play a significant role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving cities ability to adapt to climate change. While many strategies and guidelines have been produced for the building sector, they often target building practitioners or policy makers without reference to which level of government has the responsibility for their implementation.

# In many countries the responsibility for implementing and enforcing sustainable building strategies falls on municipal government.

#### How well resourced are city governments to succeed in this role?

This event will share lessons learned from cities that are taking action to implement sustainable buildings policy and strategies. Round-table sessions will identify how a partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme, through SBCI, the Urban Environment Unit and key partners such as UN-HABITAT and ICLEI, can support cities in overcoming barriers to implementing sustainable buildings in response to climate-change.

#### Aim:

The objective of this meeting is to explore options for cooperation with municipalities from both the North and the South to support them in promoting climate change mitigation and adaptation in buildings and construction.



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### - AGENDA -

Chairman of UNEP SBCI

Chair: Ike Van Der Putte

Co-chairs: Arab Hoballah, Mohamed El-Sioufi

UNEP DTIE - Chief, Sustainable Consumption & Production UN-Habitat - Chief, Shelter Initiative

- 8.00 9.00 Registration
- 9.00 9.15Opening and welcome, Ike Van Der Putte, Chairman of SBCI
- 9.15 9:30Welcome by Pilar Martinez López Councilor - City of Madrid, Dept. of Town Planning and Housing
- Making the case: The role of sustainable buildings in municipal climate change mitigation and 9.30 - 10.30 adaptation policies Dracantara

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Arab Hoballah,	UNEP DTIE
Mohamed El-Sioufi	UN-Habitat & DTIE Urban Unit
Juan José de Gracia	CEO – EMVS City of Madrid

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee/tea break

11:00 - 12:30 Round-Table 1: Issues & Challenge: faced by cities in promoting sustainable buildings.

> Panelists: -Andrea Moro – ITACA Professor He, Peking University - Beichuan County, China Dr. Atch Sreshthaputra - Chulalongkorn University Bangkok Pablo Viaggione – Secretario General de la Asociación General de Urbanistas, City of Cuenca Manuel Santolaya Meredo - City of Toledo, Spain Anne Walryk – Director of Sustainable Development, City of Bordeaux

- What role should buildings play in their cities sustainable development plans?
- What issues do cities face in implementing sustainable buildings?
- What are the major barriers to mainstream sustainable building practices?

Moderator – Mohamed El-Sioufi UN-HABITAT

12.30 - 13.30 Lunch

#### 13:30 - 14:30 Making a difference: Sustainable Building Programmes in Practice

Richard Morgan – Manager, Austin Green Builder Programme (voluntary programmes) Dr John Keung – CEO Building Control Authority (regulatory programmes) Lluis Fajarí – Chief of Cabinet, Housing City of Barcelona (existing buildings)

Moderator: Birgitte Holter, Hydro - UNEP SBCI Board member

14:30 - 15.00 Coffee/tea break

#### 15.00 - 16:30 Round Table 2: Priorities for Action: Supporting cities to build sustainably

Rick Fedrizzi - CEO US Green Building Council/SBCI Board member Zhang Yue – CEO Broad Air-conditioning/SBCI Board member Roland Zinkernagel - City of Malmo, Sweden Juan Alvaro Alayo Azcrate - City of Bilbao Carmen Pérez Núñez - Managing Director Municipal Housing & Land, City of Grenada Vincent Feltesse – President, Community of Bordeaux

Moderator - Arab Hoballah, UNEP DTIE

- What activities will be most effective to support sustainable buildings in different cities?
- What added value can UNEP and partners bring to cities in addressing SBC issues?
- What are the priorities for action and next steps?
- 16:30 17:00 Summary of discussions, points for action Arab Hoballah/SBCI Secretariat, UNEP & UN-Habitat

Close of the meeting, Camino Alvarez, Production General Director, EMVS City of Madrid