Implementation of the 2030 agenda and achieving the SDGs towards the New Urban Agenda

Date: 16 March 2016
Time: 12:30 to 14:00
Venue: Club H (first floor)
Language: English

Background and the side event objectives

The United Nations Summit for the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2030 Agenda) was held from 25 to 27 September 2015 in New York, and was convened as a high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly. It adopted the 2030 Agenda, including SDGs, and discussed global indicators to review their implementation. Further the UN has elaborated a global list of 231 SDG indicators, which will be complemented by others at the regional and national levels. For the 10 targets of “Urban” SDG 11 there are 13 “green” (agreed) indicators. In addition to the SDG 11, there are also other SDGs, 7, 9, 11, 12 & 17 which concern housing and urban development. Their indicators should be taken into account in developing a monitoring system of the SDGs in housing and urban development. In addition, Priority Goal 5: to integrate transport, health and environmental objectives into urban and spatial planning policies of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) will be considered.

Objectives of the side event are:

- To discuss the linkages between energy, cities, and industrialization, and sustainable patterns of consumption and production for the implementation of the Agenda, and the achievement of the SDGs

- To collect proposals for the development of the system of the monitoring of the SDGs related to housing and urban development at the national and regional levels based on the ongoing processes in the region.

Habitat III will provide an opportunity to complement the set of SDG indicators that are relevant for urbanization and housing with additional indicators that are required to monitor the New Urban Agenda.

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Panel discussion on the approaches by member States

- Andrey Chibis, Deputy Minister of Construction, Housing and Utilities of the Russian Federation
- Annette Gogneau, Head of Unit, Ministry of Environment, Energy and the Sea, France

Keynote

- Joan Clos, Director, UN-Habitat and Secretary-General of Habitat III
- Christian Friis Bach, Executive Secretary and Under-Secretary General, UNECE

Interventions from UN Agencies/Programmes

- Jan Dusík, Director and Regional Representative, Regional Office for Europe, UNEP
- Eduardo Moreno, Director of Research and Capacity Development, UN-Habitat (by video)
- Francesca Racioppi, Senior Policy and Programme Adviser, Regional Office for Europe, WHO
- Luca Rossi, Programme Officer, Regional Office for Europe, UNISDR

Discussion Conclusions by the Moderator