

DAY 1

22 February 2015

Session 1: Urban Indicators for Decision Making and better Quality of Life in Cities

9:00 – 10:30 hrs

This session develops a common understanding about indicators and makes an in-depth analysis of urban indicators and how they are designed and applied. The session is introductory and explores the notion of indicators, what it means, what it serves and what they help define.

The second part of the session illustrates the experience of UN-Habitat with urban and housing indicators, how it set up the infrastructure and methodology to collect, retrieve and monitor housing and slums. At the end of the session, participants will have an in-depth understanding about indicators and will have developed a basic knowledge about the 'DNA' of an indicator which will enable them to design a particular indicator to measure a specific phenomenon or development outcome.

SESSION BREAK for coffee and snacks

10:30 – 11:00 hrs

Session 2: Indicators and Indexes for Monitoring Urban Policies and City Performance

11:00 – 12:20 hrs

This session draws on international experience with urban indicators and provides a wealth of illustrations of different set of indicators to measure particular aspects of urban development such as the Global City Indicators Facility-GCIF, the ISO 37120 Initiative, the UKID Index on Urban Child Development, the Green City Index of Siemens, and the European Union's Urban Audit.

The session illustrates the meaning of these indexes and indicators and provides evidences of the policies behind these metrics. At the end of the session, participants will have acquired a broad-based set of information about practical experiences and their implication.

SESSION BREAK for coffee and snacks

12:20 – 13:00 hrs

Session 3: Case Study Presentations

13:00 – 15:00 hrs

This session presents a case study illustrating the performance of cities measured by a set of indicators, some of which had been illustrated during the previous sessions. The session focuses on cities that demonstrate the importance of information for city planning and urban management while showing practical examples about how they successfully addressed issues such as economic development, public transport, urban revitalization, urban environmental management, urban planning strategies. The session will further illustrate different approaches and strategies used by different cities to achieve improved quality of life and high level of residents' satisfaction. For this sessions cases and examples will be drawn from Curitiba, Brazil and Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

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DAY 2

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9:00 – 10:30 hrs

This session focuses on the City Prosperity Index-CPI developed by UN-Habitat and applied to the analysis of 70 cities in the world. The CPI was launched in 2012 with the publication of the State of the World Cities Report 2012-2013. At first, the session develops a common understanding about city prosperity and discusses the dimensions that comprise the prosperity index, revealing the results of a global survey that determined these five most important dimensions based on which UN-Habitat measured urban prosperity in the first set of cities around the world e.g. (1) environmental sustainability, (2) urban governance and legislation, (3) productivity, (4) infrastructure development, (5) quality of life, and (6) equity and social inclusion. The session will show how the CPI evolved from 5 to 6 indices by including urban governance and legislation as an additional indices. The session develops an in-depth knowledge about the notion of prosperity helping participants to reflect about ways to look at urban prosperity that goes beyond the common measure based on economic growth. At the end of the session, participants will have acquired better understanding of the definition of urban prosperity and the set of indicators that are required to measure it and monitor in city. Participants will develop greater understanding about the meaning, and description of each indicator that comprise the index are further analyzed.

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10:30 – 11:00 hrs

Session 2

11:00 – 12:20 hrs

This session will focus on the findings and reflection on the policy implications of such findings. The session will provide evidences drawn from performance indicators of the CPI such as quality of life, public space, street connectivity, and bring to the discussion issues related to spatial planning, urban planning, city development strategies. Findings from CPI research in cities from Colombia and Mexico will be presented and issues related to the Saudi Cities will be and reflect on these findings in relation to the situation found in the cities participating in the Future Saudi Cities Programme. At the end of the session, participants will have acquired improved knowledge about the practical application of CPI and its relation to urban policy analysis and performance assessment. Participants will have acquired greater understanding of the suitability of CPI and the data requirements for the Saudi Cities participating in the Future Saudi Cities Programme.

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12:20 – 13:00 hrs

Session 3

13:00 – 15:00

This session provides a reflection about the urban challenges of Saudi Cities. It first makes a presentation about the urbanisation challenges in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the current

efforts to develop a set of indicators to measure policies and its outcomes in the different cities. The session will address the challenges of data collection and have an interactive environment to debate with participants the various dimensions of the CPI in the country. The session will end with a brief oral evaluation and discussions about the way forward. At the end of the session, participants will have acquired improved knowledge about the urban challenges facing the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's cities, develop a greater understanding about the requirements for developing and applying the CPI in the Saudi Cities that are participating in the Future Saudi Cities Programme.