



## CREATING AN URBAN VISION

# COUNTY GOVERNORS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT EXECUTIVES' LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The upcoming United Nations Habitat III Conference in 2016 has the ability to transform the urban agenda for the coming decades. This conference presents an opportunity for the County Governors of Kenya and the respective Urban Development Committee Members to unify their voices, ensuring an urban agenda that empowers the role of devolved governments.





## What is your urban vision for Kenya?

UN-Habitat, the Kenya Council of Governors, and the International Centre for Local Democracy have joined together to provide the **Governors of Kenya and their Urban Development County Executive Committee Representatives (CECs)** the opportunity to focus on the urgent challenges and opportunities of Urbanization. This conference will provide the Governors and CECs the platform and knowledge to create a better Kenya.

As participant in this conference, Governors and CECs will create the urban vision for Kenya during:

- **Two one-day conferences** of interactive dialogue on urban issues with expert facilitators
- **One two-day conference** formulating a national statement at UN-Habitat's Headquarters
- **One half-day presentation** of the Unified Statement before the National leadership of Kenya

## Why a conference on urban issues for Governors and CECs?

Cities are facing unprecedented demographic, environmental and economic challenges. Kenya is expected to grow by 25 million people in the next 15 years. The percent of Kenyans living in cities is expected to grow from 25% to 50% by 2030.

Governors and CECs are in the unique position to make a vital difference in how cities and towns develop. Through this urban conference, the Governors and CECs will tackle the challenges their counties face and create a vision to enhance the opportunities that exist.

## Why include Governors and CECs from rural areas?

It is important that the Governors and CECs understand each other's challenges and opportunities. Seasonal migration and rural issues have a direct impact on urbanization. Kenya is one interdependent country, not one city or group of cities.

## What is expected of the Governors and the CECs?

- Active participation in the conference events (see dates on the next page)
- Willingness to contribute examples from the Counties, including successes and failures
- Agreement to work with other Governors and CECs to create a Unified Urban Statement and contribute to the Habitat III process





## What will Kenya's urban landscape look like in 20 years?

### What are the expected outputs of this conference?

- **Printed booklet summarizing the consultations and detailing the resulting Unified Statement**
- **Video documentation of the Governors contributions and vision for Kenya**
- **Diploma for Governors for their Contribution to the Habitat III process**

## Creating a Unified Urban Agenda for Kenya

### **1 Urban Leadership: Governors (1 day)**

Governors' introduced to the Habitat III process and why it is important for their contribution to the New Urban Agenda. Best practices of Urban Municipal Finance and Land Management, among other issues, will be discussed.

### **2 Urban Leadership: CECs (1 day)**

CECs address the urban challenges and opportunities that exist within Kenya's counties and engage with experts in a practical discussion to create a strategy for Kenya's urban agenda and future.

### **3 Creating a National Unified Statement (2 days)**

Governors, together with the CECs, create a national statement that contributes a unified urban vision for Kenya. The results will be featured in a film taken from these sessions (interviews) and a printed booklet.

### **4 Presentation of the Unified Statement and Film to National leadership (1 half-day)**

Governors will be given a platform to share their vision for Kenya with the National leadership of Kenya. This will be summation of the Governors and CECs contribution to the historical Habitat III process.

## WHEN AND WHERE?

**GOVERNORS:** September 28, 2015: The Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi 9 AM - 5 PM

**CECs:** September 30, 2015: The Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi 9 AM - 5 PM

### **GOVERNORS AND CECs TOGETHER**

November 2, 2015 UN-Habitat Headquarters, Nairobi, (Gigiri) 9 AM - 5 PM

November 3, 2015 UN-Habitat Headquarters, Nairobi, (Gigiri) 9 AM - 1 PM

December 7, 2015 InterContinental Hotel, Nairobi, 1 PM- 5 PM



# United Nations Habitat III Conference

Habitat III will be one of the first global conferences after the Post 2015 Development Agenda. This conference will provide a forum to discuss and chart new pathways in response to the challenges of urbanization and the opportunities it offers for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The conference promises to be unique in bringing together diverse urban actors such as governments, local authorities, civil society, the private sector, academic institutions and other relevant interest groups to review urban and housing policies. The goal is to generate a 'New Urban Agenda' for the 21st century which recognizes the ever-changing dynamics of human civilization.

## UN-HABITAT

The United Nations Human Settlements Program (UN-Habitat) – the United Nations agency for sustainable urban development is mandated to promote socially, economically and environmentally sustainable towns and cities while advocating adequate shelter for all.

## ICLD

International Centre for Local Democracy (ICLD) works to alleviate poverty through promoting democracy and democratic processes at local levels. ICLD uses International Training Programmes, Municipal Partnership Programmes; and Research to combine knowledge, experiences, and relationships to create opportunities for promoting best practices for local democracy.

## COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

The Kenyan Council of Governors (COG) is a non-partisan organization that comprises of the Governors of the 47 counties of Kenya. The COG facilitates the sharing of information on the performance of counties in the execution of their functions. The COG works through committees that focus on issues including urban development.

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