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## Weekly Urban News Update

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### IHC Global News

IHC Global is beginning a project related to tracking commitments and progress on implementation of the New Urban Agenda. We plan to create a catalog of actions that local and national governments, civil society organizations, private and nonprofit sector organizations within IHC Global's network are planning to carry out in order to implement the New Urban Agenda. Our hope is that it will serve as a source of knowledge within our network and can help organizations wanting to collaborate, learn or align their commitments and actions with those of other organizations.

We want to hear from you. How is your organization working towards implementing of the New Urban Agenda? Please share your organization's commitments and actions related to the New Urban Agenda with us by filling out a [brief survey!](#)

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### Empowering Families on World Toilet Day

Tomorrow is World Toilet Day, a global campaign to mobilize people on sanitation issues. Many communities around the world still have rudimentary sanitation systems, and in some, like the state of Bihar in India, more than 80% of the population practices open defecation. As part of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation-funded Supporting Sustainable Sanitation Improvements (3SI) project, PSI has partnered with Unilever's Domestos Toilet Academy to increase access to toilets by developing the sanitation market in Bihar. Through this partnership, and others like it, families in Bihar and around the

world will have access to toilets and better sanitation for their children.

IHC Global is an advocate for sustainable sanitation as a key element in advancing equitable and sustainable urban development and a proud part of the Urban WASH campaign. One of our events at Habitat III, [Intersections](#), focused on urban sustainable sanitation strategies. IHC Global will be celebrating our dedication to sustainable urban sanitation this #WorldToiletDay, and all of the partnerships that are working to provide sustainable sanitation for all.

Learn more about the situation in Bihar [here](#), and celebrate #WorldToiletDay tomorrow on Twitter.

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## **UN Recognizes Local Governments' Power in Sustainability**

Throughout the road to Habitat III and the New Urban Agenda, one of the big questions has been where mayors and local governments fit in the new implementation discussion on climate and sustainability. In an interview with Citiscope's Greg Scruggs, the UN Point Person on Sustainable Development David Nabarro may have settled this question once and for all. Nabarro said that in sustainable development, "it's through local government that you can get big shifts," a statement that reaffirms the global city's placement in international affairs, and where the New Urban Agenda could go if local governments take precedent.

To read the full interview, click [here](#).

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## **Event: Beyond Habitat III, What Comes Next?**

Citiscope will be hosting *Beyond Habitat III, What Comes Next?*, a webinar focusing on the actions local and state governments need to take to implement the New Urban Agenda, and what city leaders and civil society can do on their own. The webinar will be moderated by Christopher Swope, managing editor at Citiscope, and will feature Eugenie L. Birch, Nussdorf Professor of Urban Research at the University of Pennsylvania and president of the General Assembly of Partners toward Habitat III; Nicholas You, Director of global partners and programs at the Guangzhou Institute for Urban Innovation; and Christine Platt, Former president of the Commonwealth Association of Planners.

When: Tuesday, November 22  
10:00 AM EST

This webinar will be live, and is open to all. Click [here](#) to register.

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## **In the News and Around the Web**

- Will the 2016 U.S. election change our thinking on cities? Find out [here](#).
- Read why ending malnutrition starts with looking at rapid urbanization [here](#).
- Citiscope explores the new urban imperative for secondary cities [here](#).
- Gridlock in West Africa: learn about Accra's traffic crisis [here](#).



Traffic heads into Accra's central business district- a route taken by nearly 2 million people each day. Traffic congestion in West Africa is becoming an increasingly urgent issue. *Source: Guardian Cities*

## Spread the Word!

Help IHC Global spread our message by forwarding our newsletter to organizations and people who want to help create inclusive and sustainable cities. Support IHC Global further by becoming a member of our growing coalition. Please join us either as an individual or as an organization! With your membership you will provide meaningful help in addressing the worldwide challenges of urban poverty and inequity. Help IHC Global "change cities for good" and secure a better urban future for us all!

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