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2016 World Cities Report

This week, UN Habitat released their annual World Cities Report, the Agency's flagship publication on the state of the world's urban centers. This year's report is particularly salient as the global community heads into Habitat III in October to discuss and agree on global commitments on sustainable and equitable urban development.

The report is quite long, and delves into topics such as sustainability, governance, planning and finances. IHC is very pleased to see that both housing and urban equity are at the very forefront of the report, each receiving their own chapter. The report frankly acknowledges the global community's disengagement on housing, presents the effects of this shift as well as recommendations for the future.

The report provides examples of where progress has been made on many fronts, and recommendations for further work and research.

Read a press release about the report [here](#). Read the full report [here](#).

2016 Global Multidimensional Poverty Index Launch

The Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative (OPHI) at Oxford University releases a Multidimensional Poverty Index each year. This index is

an "international measure of acute poverty covering over 100 developing countries. It complements traditional income-based poverty measures by capturing the severe deprivations that each person faces at the same time with respect to education, health and living standards."

Please join OPHI and the George Washington Elliot School of International Affairs for the launch of the 2016 index. The event will focus particularly on updates from Sub-Saharan African countries. Panelists will discuss the differences between monetary and multidimensional measures of poverty, as well as subnational differences within countries.

WHEN: Monday June 6th, 10am - 12pm
WHERE: George Washington University Elliott School
1957 E St NW, Washington D.C.

Find more information about OPHI and the Index [here](#). RSVP directly to ophi@qeh.ox.ac.uk.

Global Alliance for Urban Crises to Launch at Humanitarian Summit

The first ever Global Humanitarian Summit will be held next week in Istanbul Turkey, with the aim of setting a new agenda for global humanitarian action. The summit will bring together the humanitarian community along with those engaged in development, and peace and conflict resolution, to agree on common approaches to delivering emergency assistance.

At the Summit, a Global Alliance for Urban Crises will be launched, bringing together U.N. agencies, international aid groups, the private sector and researchers to address the unique challenges of providing aid in urban areas. Gang violence and security, as well as strategies to more effectively involve local government will be initial topics addressed by the Alliance.

IHC is encouraged to see that the need for aid groups to adapt to fast-changing realities in growing cities in the developing world will be a key issue addressed at the Summit.

Read more about the Humanitarian Summit [here](#) and about the Global Alliance [here](#).

InterAction Urban Learning Initiative

Last year, through a structured dialogue with the UN High Commission on Refugees (UNHCR), urban programming was selected as a topic area that needed greater collaboration between the the agency and NGOs.

To address this need, UNHCR and InterAction are facilitating two regional

urban learning visits. One was completed in November 2015, and and the call for applications is now open for the second, to take place in the spring/summer of this year. The goal of these visits is to connect program staff working in non-camp urban settings with successful projects that demonstrate good practices, facilitating peer-to-peer learning.

The call for applications to join the learning visit will remain open until
May 30, 2016.

Learn more [here](#).

Note: there is a discrepancy in attached document, May 30 is correct.

In the News and Around the Web

- Read a press release on the implication of 1 in 2 refugees now living in cities [here](#).
- Read an article about a new tool for cities to measure their level of resilience [here](#).
- Read an article on the World Bank's Climate Action Plan for cities and the urban poor [here](#).
- Read an article on the serious gaps in data to fully measure SDG indicators [here](#).



85% of Mumbai's recycling passes through the Dharavi area.

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