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## Weekly Urban News Update

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### **World Bank Approves New Social and Environmental Framework**

The World Bank approved a new environmental and social framework on August 4th. The framework will allow greater protection to people and the environment in Bank-financed investment projects. It will bring the World Bank's social and environmental policies closer to those of other development institutions, and improves upon issues in transparency, non-discrimination, social inclusion, public participation, and accountability. Under the new framework, roles for grievance redress mechanisms will be expanded as well. The World Bank hopes to increase funding to achieve this ambitious new framework, but is [already facing criticism from some activists.](#)

Click [here](#) to read more.

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### **IHC Networking Event Accepted for Habitat III**

A networking event proposed by IHC Global for Habitat III has been approved, and will be held during the conference from October 17-20! We are pleased to say that our networking event 'Triple Win' will focus on people, public, private partnerships for city and neighborhood development. We will be sharing perspectives from representatives from each stakeholder - featuring SECOVI from Brazil, HFHI in Slovakia and NAR in the US- and will identify variables critical to success from each stakeholder. IHC Global believes PPPs can be powerful engines for equitable urban development.

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## Africa Human Development Report to be Released August 28

The 2016 Africa Human Development Report will be released on August 28th, during the Sixth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD6) in Nairobi, Kenya. This will be the first time the conference will be held in Africa since its inception in 1993. The report promises to heavily feature gender equality and women's empowerment in Africa. Many countries in Africa are still plagued by a range of issues in gender inequality, including equal access to land. As one of our key policy topics, equal access to land for urban women in Africa is still a glaring problem, and the report released during the conference will give insight into how the issue will be covered at Habitat III.

Learn more about the TICAD6 conference [here](#).

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### Habitat III News

- As the debate over the future of UN-Habitat continues, there is talk about a rumored proposal for an intergovernmental entity that would oversee the implementation of the New Urban Agenda. To learn more, read a Citiscope article [here](#).
  - Click [here](#) to read the newest draft of the new Urban Agenda, completed at Prep Com 3 in Surabaya Indonesia last month.
  - To register for Habitat III, click [here](#). The deadline for individual registration is October 1, 2016. For more information, visit our website's Habitat III page [here](#). To become a partner in the Habitat III implementation plan, sign up [here](#).
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### In the News and Around the Web

- Researchers are now using satellite imagery and data to predict poverty's trek across the world. Find out how [here](#).
- Louisiana is facing its largest natural disaster since Hurricane Katrina, and it has left a massive housing crisis in its wake. Read more [here](#).
- Habitat for Humanity's Director of International Affairs and IHC Global Management Committee Member Jane Katz has written a blog for the Solid Ground Campaign- of which IHC Global is a supporting partner- describing her experience at Prep Com 3. Read the blog on their website [here](#).
- "Arrival Cities," or cities that emerge out of mass migrations, are becoming more and more important to the urban areas surrounding them. Find out why [here](#).



The urban sprawl of Mexico City, with a population of 20 million and a population density of 24,600 people per mile. *Source: Pablo Lopez Luz, Guardian Cities*

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