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Habitat III News

- Following failure of negotiators to reach agreement at the Habitat III Prep Com 3 in Surabaya, Indonesia a further draft of the New Urban Agenda has been released. Click [here](#) to read it. Negotiations prior to Habitat III will continue.
- An important modification is the elimination of the proposed Multi-Stakeholder Panel for sustainable urbanization. Read more about what this might mean [here](#).
- In the aftermath of Prep Com 3 many observers and participants are concerned about what the negotiations will mean for Habitat III. For more on this issue, read a Citiscope article [here](#).
- 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](#).

Event: Habitat III and the One Billion Coalition

InterAction is hosting a meeting next Friday to discuss the U.S. involvement in Habitat III. The Department of Housing and Urban Development and the State Department serve as lead negotiators for the U.S. in Habitat III, and Assistant Secretary of HUD Salin Geevarghese and his team will brief

attendees on the process and issues leading up to Quito. The meeting will also feature the American Red Cross introducing the One Billion Coalition, a new network for community resilience.

WHEN: Friday, August 12, 10:30AM-12PM EDT

WHERE: InterAction Office
1400 16th St. NW, Suite 201
Washington, DC 20036

To RSVP, click [here](#).

How Cities are Rewiring International Affairs

"If the 20th century belonged to nation-states, then the 21st will belong to cities." A new report from Devex makes the case that the fate of the world lies in the hands of cities, from climate change to international relations. This argument is at the core of IHC Global's advocacy agenda and so we are pleased to see this analysis. Cities have skyrocketed in population over the last 50 years- there are hundreds of cities with one million residents or more, and 29 megacities (cities with over 10 million people). Such steep population growth has brought opportunities to jump start the international economy, rethink political and social structures, and connect the world in new sustainable ways.

Read the full article [here](#).

Young Entrepreneurs are Trying to Help South African Townships

BBC News has done an in depth report on the young urban entrepreneurs who are trying to change lives in South Africa's informal settlements. In an innovative take on inclusiveness, the report focuses on several young people using their business skills to provide a voice to youth in informal settlements and to lift up their entire communities. From a DJ to a cafe owner, these entrepreneurs are turning their frustrations at their communities' lack of resources into opportunities to address poverty, improve access to goods and services, and eliminate violence in their communities.

Read the full article [here](#).

In the News and Around the Web

- What happens when climate adaptation hurts the urban poor? IHC Global Member Research Triangle Institute with MIT and others have done interesting research that shows how well-intentioned adaptation can have unanticipated, negative impact on the most vulnerable. Read an article [here](#) to find out how and why this has

happened and the published research here.

- Read a Next City article that discusses whether an international agreement for sustainable urbanization is possible after Prep Com 3 [here](#).
- Find out how Barcelona is taking city streets back from cars [here](#).
- Read this interesting take on the future of the Olympics in cities [here](#).



Residents of Lahore, Pakistan, cool off in a canal during the heatwave of June 2015. The country's urban population expanded sevenfold from 1950 to 2014. *Source: Guardian Cities*

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