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## Weekly Urban News Update

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### **Habitat III Round Up**

After negotiations at Habitat III this week in Quito, Ecuador, the United Nations adopted the New Urban Agenda at the closing plenary session on Thursday, October 20. The Habitat III secretariat released a press release praising the agenda as a resonating commitment of governments, stakeholders and all Habitat III citizens.

IHC Global had a busy week at Habitat III, hosting and participating in several events and promoting equitable urban development. Highlights of our activities at Habitat III include a panel called "Triple Win," which featured people, public, private partnerships in the services of sustainable urban development; another panel focusing on the "Intersections" among systems, programs, policies, practices and cultural contexts that must be considered together if the challenges of adequate urban sanitation are to be met; and an event on the Next City's World Stage in which we presented research findings on the key elements necessary to housing policy based on examining and synthesizing lessons from existing evidence Rojas's. Stay tuned for photos and summaries of these three and our other events, as well as a photo series of Habitat III presenting a variety of perspectives.

We welcome comments and reactions to Habitat III and the New Urban Agenda from IHC Global members and our network members.

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### **Citiscopes Asks, What's Next For The Urban Movement?**

Now that Habitat III is over and the New Urban Agenda has been adopted, the future of the urban movement lies in the hands of the governments, organizations, and individuals that will choose whether or not to carry it on. There is no denying that the urban movement has grown quite a lot in the last 20 years, but implementing the goals of the New Urban Agenda will require massive international cooperation like never before. Citiscope reports positive reactions to the outcomes of Habitat III, even if some organizations and governments did not get entirely what they wanted. Another question revolves around the future nature of the General Assembly of Partners (GAP), an umbrella coalition of stakeholders brought together in anticipation of Habitat III and who advocated for specific proposals in the New Urban Agenda on behalf of civil society. Citiscope reports on how this mechanism will prod forward change.

Click [here](#) to read the article.

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### **Cities and the New Urban Agenda**

One fundamental change between Habitat II and Habitat III was the introduction of local governments into the political conversation surrounding urban development. Mayors and local officials around the world have done a lot of work for their cities and others to be represented at Habitat III, with success. Through reinventing cities, local governments are proving their dedication to sustainable urban development- take the mayor of Moscow, who has taken on an ambitious effort to make Moscow more livable like other European cities. Cities will be the leaders of urban development in the years to come, but many still face problems with funding and equitable development.

Read this Guardian editorial [here](#) for more.

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### **State & market: Cadastres & Property Rights Registries**

The UNECE Working Party on Land Administration (WPLA) and Colegio de Registradores de la Propiedad y Mercantiles de España workshop are hosting a new workshop on smarter interactions between citizens and public administrations, and how to improve the real estate and mortgage market to better satisfy social and economic needs. The workshop will finish with a master-class on the inner-workings of Property Rights Registry and Money Laundering Registry Center of the Colegio de Registradores de la Propiedad y Mercantiles de España.

**When:** November 24-25

**Where:** Colegio De Registradores De España  
C/Alcalá, 540, 28027 Madrid, Spain

For more information and to register, click [here](#).

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## In the News and Around the Web

- It's time to connect the dots on urbanization and women and girls. Read Devex's take [here](#).
  - Is cybersecurity for smart cities underestimated? Click [here](#) to learn more.
  - Election fever: find out why some cities want their non-citizen immigrants to vote [here](#).
  - Why does urbanization smell bad? Find out [here](#).
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Tokyo, with 13.6 million people, is so densely populated it does not have space for its waste. It relies on landfills outside the city to pick up the slack. Tokyo is one of the many cities around the world that lack sustainable waste practices. Source: *Guardian Cities*

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