

The Role of Technology

Implementing the New Urban Agenda to Achieve Sustainable Development

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9.00 AM **REGISTRATION**

10.00 AM **OPENING SESSION**

Moderator: Mr. Chris Williams, Director, NY Office, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

H.E. Ms. Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations (Invited)

H.E. Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sherif, UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (Invited)

H.E. Mr. Talal Abu Ghazaleh, PhD, C.E.O., The Talal-Abu-Ghazaleh Organization

Mr. Guy Geier, FAIA, President, AIA New York

Mr. Carl Elefante, FAIA, President, American Institute of Architects

KEYNOTE:

Mr. David A. Lubin, PhD, Chair, ESTY Sustainable Innovators

11:00 AM **DIALOGUE SESSION 1: Emerging Technology**

Chair: H.E. Mr. Burhan Gafoor, Permanent Representative of Singapore to the United Nations

Moderator: Prof. Urs Gauchat, CSU, Dean Emeritus, NJIT College of Architecture and Design

Panelists

- **Mr. John Paul Farmer**, Director of Technology & Civic Innovation, Microsoft
- **Mr. Jason Whittet**, Associate Director in Innovation in Urban Data and Technology, Rockefeller Foundation
- **Prof. Sarah Williams**, Associate Professor of Technology and Urban Planning; Director, Civic Data Design Lab, MIT School of Architecture and Planning
- **Prof. Mahesh Daas**, Ed.D, DPACSA, ACSA Distinguished Professor, Dean, School of Architecture & Design, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

12.30 PM **DIALOGUE SESSION 2: Technology as Means of Implementation in the Arab Region: Network 11 Initiative**

Chair: H.E. Mr. Talal Abu Ghazaleh, PhD, C.E.O., The Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization

Moderator: Mr. Lance Jay Brown, FAIA, CSU, ACSA Distinguished Professor, CCNY Bernard and Anne Spitzer School of Architecture

Panelists

- **Ms. Zena Ali-Ahmad**, Director, Regional Office for Arab States, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
- **Ms. Irena Zubcevic**, Chief, Office of Inter-Governmental Support & Coordination for Sustainable Development, UN DESA

1:00 PM **LUNCH BREAK**

The UN Cafeteria will be open to all participants during the noon break

3.00 PM **Mr. Thomas Vonier**, FAIA, President, Union of International Architects;
Immediate Past President, American Institute of Architects

DIALOGUE SESSION 3: Technology and Cities

Chair: H.E. Mr. Feridun Sinirlioglu, Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations

Moderator: Prof. Feniosky Pena Mora, CSU, Edwin Howard Armstrong Professor of Civil Engineering & Engineering Mechanics, Columbia University

Panelists

- **Ms. Marion Barthelemy**, Director, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination
- **Ms. Fiona Cousins**, Principal, ARUP
- **Mr. Marcos Diaz Gonzalez**, Vice President for Global Project Management, AECOM
- **Ms. H el ene Chartier**, Senior Advisor and Reinventing Cities Project Manager (C40 Cities)

4.30 PM **DIALOGUE SESSION 4: Political Will and the Future of Cities**

Chair: H.E. Ms. Kelley A. Eckels-Currie, US Representative to the UN Economic and Social Council

Moderator: Mr. Rick Bell, FAIA, CSU, Executive Director of Design & Construction Excellence, NYC Department of Design & Construction

Panelists

- **Ms. Michele Zaoui**, Chief Architect, City of Paris, France
- **Mr. Alejandro Restrepo**, Director of Strategic Urban Projects for Medell n, Colombia
- **Ms. Purnima Kapur**, Executive Director, New York City Department of City Planning (DCP)
- **Mr. Navid Hanif**, Director, Financing for Development DESA

5.45 PM **CLOSING**

Ms. Aliye P. Celik, PhD, President, Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization (CSU)

Mr. James McCullar, FAIA, Vice President, CSU; Principal, James McCullar Architecture

Mr. Chris Williams, Director, UN Habitat New York Office