



WORLD URBAN FORUM III

AN INTERNATIONAL UN-HABITAT EVENT ON URBAN SUSTAINABILITY

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OUR FUTURE:
Sustainable Cities –
Turning Ideas into Action

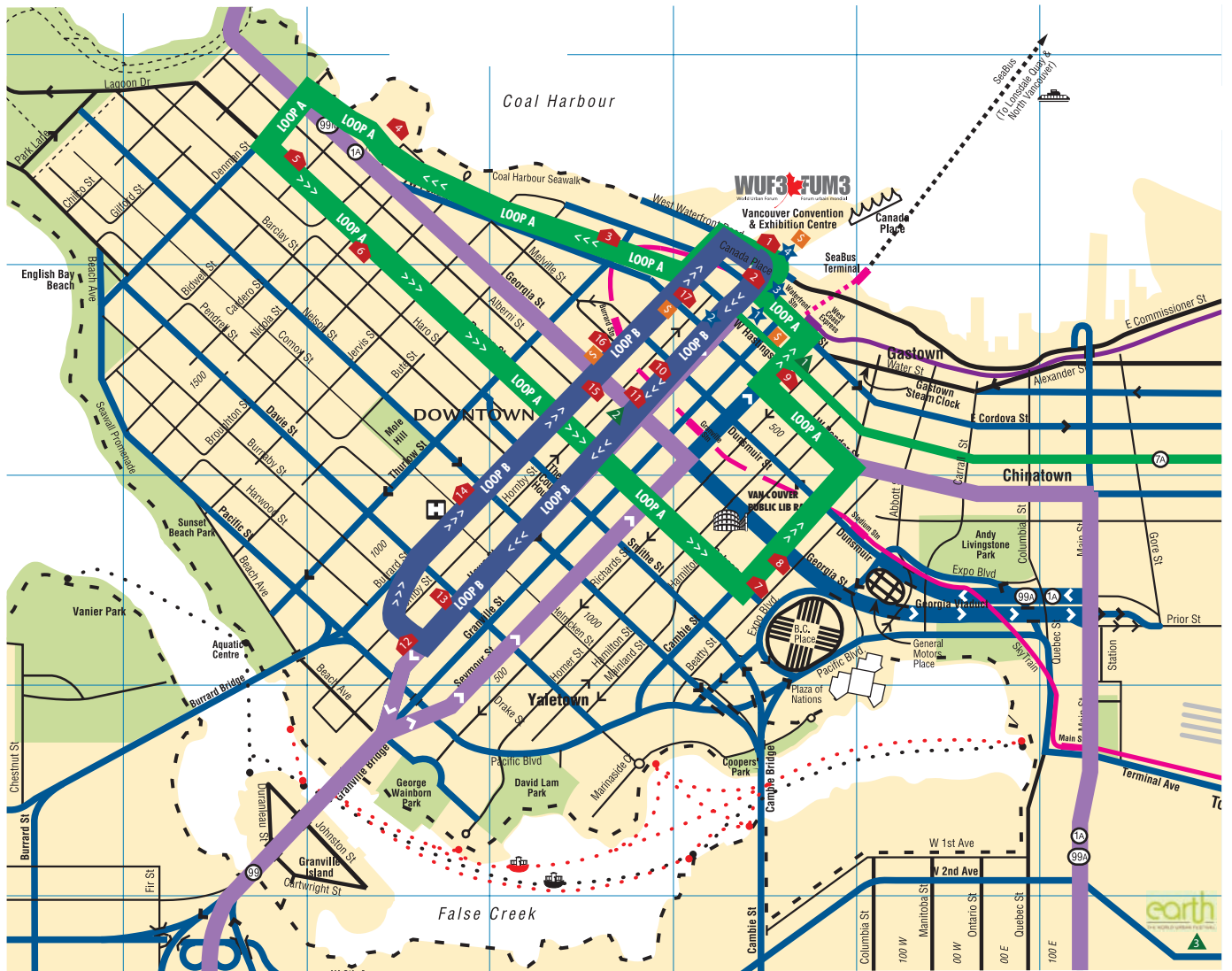
CONFERENCE PROGRAM

VANCOUVER CONVENTION & EXHIBITION CENTRE



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MAP OF DOWNTOWN VANCOUVER



LEGEND

Hotels

- 1) Pan Pacific Hotel
- 2) Fairmont Waterfront
- 3) Renaissance Hotel
- 4) Westin Bayshore
- 5) Robson Suites
- 6) Empire Landmark Hotel
- 7) Hampton Inn
- 8) Sandman Hotel
- 9) Delta Vancouver Suites
- 10) Metropolitan Hotel
- 11) Crowne Plaza Hotel
- 12) Quality Hotel – The Inn at False Creek
- 13) Landis Hotel & Suites
- 14) Century Plaza Hotel
- 15) Fairmont Hotel Vancouver
- 16) Hyatt Regency
- 17) Days Inn Vancouver Downtown

Off-site Venues

- 1) Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue
- 2) Vancouver Art Gallery
- 3) Earth: The World Urban Festival

Services

- 1) Doctor and Dentist
- 2) Vancouver Bullion and Currency Exchange Ltd.
- 3) E Trans Finance
- 4) Tranvex Foreign Exchange

TRANSPORTATION

All WUFI participants will be granted a free public transit pass by TransLink that is valid on all city buses, the Skytrain and SeaBus. Transit maps and instructions for transit pass use will be available at the Information and Tourism desks in the lobby. Starting June 16, complimentary shuttles will be available to you to get to the Convention Centre, the downtown core, your hotel, the University of British Columbia (UBC), the Earth Village Festival and Vancouver International Airport. Please refer to the Shuttle Schedule brochure for details

Map courtesy of Tourism Vancouver

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LETTERS OF WELCOME



Kofi Annan
Secretary General
United Nations

The holding of this Third Session of the World Urban Forum in Vancouver has historic resonance for the United Nations. It was in this great city that the agency we now know as UN-HABITAT was born. It was here, 30 years ago, that the idea of creating a body to deal with where we live and how we live was first brought into the international limelight.

Over the past three decades, our world has become more urbanized, congested and polluted, and less equitable. Satellite images reveal the huge and growing “footprints” of cities: their sprawl into plains, forests and wetlands; their fouling of rivers, lakes and coastlines with waste; their filling the air with smoke and smog. Cities, which are now home to half of humankind, are among the greatest users of natural resources and major emitters of greenhouse gases.

Another picture of cities, less visible from space but no less real, is that of poverty and deprivation. More than half the urban population of the developing world lives in slums, with little or no access to decent housing, clean water, basic sanitation, regular jobs or steady income. The despair is such that families are forced to choose between sending their children to school or using them to fetch water, and between feeding their children or saving their meagre funds to buy much-needed medicines.

In our interdependent world, opportunity and deprivation are interlinked. The consequences of over-consumption and pollution, hunger and deprivation, crime and insecurity know no borders. If not handled well, they can generate intolerance, migration, and even instability and extremism. On the other hand, cities are also leading incubators of knowledge, birthplaces of technological innovation, and repositories of cultural riches. Their density can make them efficient places for living, consuming and producing.

This forum is well placed to address the challenges facing cities and to advance the cause of sustainable urban development. We have ideas and best practices to guide us, including participatory planning, “green” architecture, cooperative housing finance and successful instances of inner city revival. Together, we must scale up our efforts, and make our urban planet more just, equitable and sustainable for all its inhabitants. In that hopeful spirit, please accept my best wishes for the success of your important deliberations.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'K. Annan', written in a cursive style.

Kofi Annan
Secretary General
United Nations



**The Right Honourable
Stephen Harper, P.C., MP**

On behalf of all Canadians and the Government of Canada, I would like to welcome all participants to the third session of the World Urban Forum. We are delighted and proud to host this important event on the 30th anniversary of the first United Nations Conference on Human Settlements which also took place in Vancouver.

Canadians know that our cities have a major impact on our economy, our health and our well-being. This is what the World Urban Forum is all about: generating practical ideas and actions in support of sustainable cities and communities around the world.

The theme of this forum – Our Future: Sustainable Cities – Turning Ideas into Action – challenges you to learn and engage each other so that when you return home, you can use the ideas generated here and adapt them to the needs of your own cities and communities. With many thousands of participants from more than 100 countries, the days ahead will offer a unique opportunity to expand understanding and inspire action that will result in a better quality of life in cities and communities around the world.

I hope that your participation in the Forum will be productive and rewarding. I wish you success now and in the future. Enjoy your stay in beautiful Canada.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Stephen Harper". The signature is stylized with a large, flowing "S" and "H".

**The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, P.C., MP
Prime Minister of Canada**



**The Honourable
Gordon Campbell**

It has been 30 years since Vancouver, British Columbia, played host to the first United Nations Conference on Human Settlements. Our city and the entire province of British Columbia, like the rest of the world, have seen dramatic changes in those three decades. But in many ways the principles discussed at that conference had a profound influence in Vancouver as they were applied to the development of the growing urban environment that makes the city one of the most liveable in the world.

It is an honour for us to once again invite the world to look to the future with the World Urban Forum June 19-23. Reflecting all the diversity and strong commitment to sustainability shared by all British Columbians as we prepare to host the world for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, Vancouver is the perfect venue for such an important conference. This is an opportunity for all of us to highlight the challenges of making progress on health, education, economic development, social support systems and environmental quality in a rapidly urbanizing world and, just as important, to discuss solutions to those challenges that we all must face together.

On behalf of the people and the government of British Columbia, I welcome the delegates and presenters to the conference and invite all of you to share your knowledge and enthusiasm with the goal of creating successful and sustainable communities all over the world.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Gordon Campbell".

**Gordon Campbell
Premier of British Columbia**



**Sam Sullivan
Mayor of Vancouver**

On behalf of my colleagues on City Council, I want to extend our greetings and welcome all delegates of the 2006 World Urban Forum to Vancouver. It is an honour for our city to host this prestigious event, and I look forward to participating in the forum and learning from world-leading experts in urban sustainable development.

As one of the world's most livable cities, Vancouver has much to be proud of. We are a city committed to sustainability, inclusivity, and a high quality of life for our citizens. Therefore, it is very exciting for me, as Mayor of Vancouver, to welcome leading thinkers from around the world to discuss the future of cities and how we can make our urban centres better places to live, work and play.

I hope you enjoy your stay in Vancouver, and take an opportunity to enjoy all that our city has to offer.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Sam Sullivan".

**Sam Sullivan
Mayor of Vancouver**



Anna Tibaijuka
Under Secretary-
General, United
Nations; Executive
Director,
UN-HABITAT

This session is of special significance because it coincides with the 30th anniversary of the first United Nations Conference on Human Settlements in Vancouver in 1976, which led to the founding of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme. Much has been done since to place sustainable human settlements and the plight of the urban poor on the international agenda. The ideals that emerged in Vancouver were reconfirmed by world leaders in the Habitat Agenda – the global plan of action for adequate shelter for all and sustainable human settlements development in an urbanizing world – at the Habitat II Conference in Istanbul, in 1996.

Over the course of the next 30 years, people living in cities around the world will largely outnumber those living in rural areas. If current trends continue, extreme urban poverty is also set to double in that period to two billion people. The world thus urgently needs actions leading to innovative urban economic development, better urban governance, safer and cleaner cities – and cities without slums in which all have access to shelter, water, sanitation and other basic needs. This also entails alternative energy sources, better nature conservation for a cleaner urban environment and above all, action to make cities of the future more sustainable and less reliant on the world's dwindling natural resources. Here, the Millennium Development Goals provide us with a roadmap into a better future.

Canada and the city of Vancouver have a consistent record as a wellspring of novel ideas for sustainable urbanization. They are therefore a most appropriate choice for the Third Session of the World Urban Forum to generate new ideas and actions in support of our common quest for more just, inclusive and environmentally sound cities.



The Honourable Diane Finley
Minister, Human
Resources and Social
Development
Government
of Canada

Canada is pleased to partner with UN-HABITAT to hold the third session of the World Urban Forum (WUF III) in Vancouver, one of Canada's most beautiful and sustainable cities. It was in Vancouver, 30 years ago, that the first United Nations Conference on Human Settlements took place. That historic meeting led to a new understanding about cities and communities, the urgent need to make them sustainable and to preserve a mutually supportive urban-rural balance.

Thirty years later, urbanization around the world is occurring at an ever more rapid pace, and we face important challenges to ensure that this happens in a sustainable way. I believe that government can play an important role in building strong communities, working closely with local organizations and individual citizens. The Government of Canada warmly welcomes you to WUF III to share your ideas for action to make the world's cities and communities better places to live, work and visit.



Charles Kelly
Commissioner
General
World Urban
Forum III
Government
of Canada

We are honoured to welcome you to Vancouver for the Third Session of the World Urban Forum (WUF III).

During the five days of the Forum, you will have a unique opportunity to share your ideas with the over 6,000 people from more than 150 nations who will be joining you in Vancouver. You will hear urban experts and city leaders from around the world outline new approaches and solutions to some of the most critical problems facing cities such as access to clean



Lars Reuterswärd
Overall Coordinator
WUF, UN-HABITAT

air and water; traffic congestion; unsafe streets; lack of adequate housing; urban poverty.

You will also see firsthand why Vancouver, one of Canada's most beautiful cities, is consistently rated as one of the best places in the world in which to live. I encourage you to take part in every aspect of World Urban Forum III.

Good luck and welcome to Vancouver.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

REGISTRATION

Wednesday, June 14	12:00 – 20:00
Thursday, June 15	10:00 – 20:00
Friday, June 16	10:00 – 18:00
Saturday, June 17	10:00 – 18:00

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

08:00 – 19:00	Registration Open
18:00 – 20:00	Canada Reception (Exposition Hall)

MONDAY, JUNE 19

07:30 – 17:00	Registration Open
08:00 – 09:00	Caucus Meetings
10:00 – 13:00	Opening Ceremony & Plenary Session
13:00 – 19:00	Exposition Open
14:00 – 16:00	Networking Events
14:30 – 17:30	Roundtables
15:00 – 18:00	Ministers' Roundtable
16:30 – 18:30	Networking Events

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

07:30 – 17:00	Registration Open
07:30 – 08:15	Caucus Meetings
08:30 – 09:30	Plenary Session
09:00 – 12:00	Training Events
09:30 – 19:00	Exposition Open
10:00 – 12:00	Dialogue Sessions
10:00 – 12:00	Special UNH Lecture: The Wealth of Cities: Towards an Assets-Based Development of Urbanizing Regions
10:00 – 12:00	Special Session: Water, Sanitation and Human Settlements
13:30 – 15:30	Networking Events
16:30 – 18:30	Networking Events

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

07:00 – 08:30	Inaugural HABITAT Alumni Breakfast
07:30 – 08:15	Caucus Meetings
07:30 – 17:00	Registration Open
08:30 – 09:30	Plenary Session
09:00 – 12:00	Training Events
09:30 – 19:00	Exposition Open
10:00 – 12:00	Dialogue Sessions
10:00 – 12:00	Special Session: The Role of Local Governments
13:30 – 15:30	Networking Events
14:30 – 17:30	Roundtables
16:30 – 18:30	Networking Events

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

07:30 – 17:00	Registration Open
07:30 – 08:15	Caucus Meetings
08:30 – 09:30	Plenary Session
09:00 – 12:00	Training Events
09:30 – 19:00	Exposition Open
10:00 – 12:00	Dialogue Sessions
13:30 – 15:30	Networking Events
16:30 – 18:30	Networking Events

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

07:30 – 12:00	Registration Open
07:30 – 08:15	Caucus Meetings
08:30 – 10:30	Special Session: From Vancouver to Nanjing
08:30 – 10:30	Special Session: Future of Cities
08:30 – 10:30	Networking Events
09:30 – 16:00	Exposition Open
11:00 – 13:00	Closing Session and Ceremony

ELEMENTS OF THE PROGRAM

FORUM THEMES

The theme of WUF III is supported by three sub-themes. These sub-themes will be featured in a series of six facilitated dialogues that bring together a wide range of people to exchange views on issues related to sustainable urbanization.

Sub-theme 1: Social Inclusion and Cohesion

- Achieving the Millennium Development Goals: Slum Upgrading and Affordable Housing
- Public Engagement – The Inclusive Approach

Sub-theme 2: Partnership and Finance

- Municipal Finance: Innovation and Collaboration
- Urban Safety and Security: Taking Responsibility

Sub-theme 3: Urban Growth and the Environment

- The Shape of Cities: Urban Planning and Management
- Energy: Local Action, Global Impact

Plenary Sessions

These sessions will feature speakers who will offer context and thought-provoking views on urbanization.

Dialogues

The main focus of discussion during the five-day Forum will be a series of dialogues that bring together experts who will offer views on topics related to the sub-themes. Facilitators will engage participants from the audience to join in the discussion. A number of embedded speakers will be called upon during the session.

Exposition

The exposition will showcase leading-edge projects, ideas, case studies, experiences and best practices from around the world that address the challenges of urban sustainability. The exposition will also provide facilities for informal meetings, lectures, discussions, debates and award ceremonies, as well as multimedia services including computer and Internet facilities.

Networking Events

A series of over 160 networking events will provide participants with an informal atmosphere to build knowledge, strengthen partnerships and share ideas and best practices. Refer to supplement for additional information.

Caucus Meetings

Caucus meetings are informal meetings held between peers every morning. They will focus mainly on the topics of that day. Attendance is by invitation only.

Special Sessions

These panel presentations will share topical information on specific subjects relevant to the Forum.

Roundtables

Roundtables will bring governments, Mayors, NGOs, the private sector, parliamentarians, youth, women and other peer groups into smaller sessions to share experiences and views on the topics of the Forum. Observers welcome except where noted.

Training Events

These three-hour workshops are designed to impart professional skills to urban practitioners. Sign-up for these nine training events will take place onsite on a first-come, first-serve basis. Each session is limited to 40 participants. Refer to supplement for additional information.

Side Events & Satellite Events

Before, during and after the World Urban Forum, several related activities, conferences and cultural events will take place in Vancouver.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Airport Arrivals

A dedicated WUF III desk will be located at the Vancouver International Airport (YVR) in the Arrivals terminal just outside the Customs area, as well as a kiosk inside the Domestic Baggage Claim area. Here you can pick up your delegate badge, and get information on free transportation services available to you to get to the downtown core, your hotel, the University of British Columbia (UBC), or the Convention Centre (home of WUF III). From Friday, June 16 to Sunday, June 18, complimentary buses for WUF III participants will run every 30 minutes from YVR to the host hotels between the hours of 10:00 and 20:00. Should you choose to take a taxi, a typical fare downtown will be approximately \$30.00 one way. Cash and credit cards are accepted by most taxi companies.

Registration, Badging and Security

If you did not pick up your badge at the airport, upon arrival at the Convention Centre, you will be able to get it by showing photo identification at Registration. Please wear your badge at all times onsite and each time you enter the building or you will not be granted access to the site. A security screening area will be located in the lobby of the Convention Centre where you must display your badge and pass through security (x-ray) equipment to enter the event areas of the building (please allow additional time for this).

Business Service Centre

A staffed Business Service Centre providing photocopying, fax and other related business services on a fee basis is located on the Restaurant ("R") Level of the Pan Pacific Hotel. Take the elevator up from the Ground Level of the Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre (VCEC) to the "R-Level" of the Pan Pacific.

Internet Access

A number of complimentary computer terminals will be available on the exposition floor for WUF participants to access the Internet and check email. See the Exhibit Area diagram on page 36 for Internet Café and personal computer terminal locations.

Information and Message Centre

The WUF III Information and Message Centre is located in the concourse of the Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre between the general registration area and the entrance to the Exposition Hall. Here you may leave messages for pick up by other WUF III participants.

Interfaith Prayer Room

The Prayer Room, located just off the escalators on the Meeting Room level of the VCEC, provides a respite and place of solitude. Open from 06:00 – 22:00 daily, the Prayer Room is designed to accommodate all faiths, and with this in mind, the room does not contain religious symbols.

Distributing Marketing Materials at WUF III

Literature racks and tables are available for participants to display literature, reports, brochures, information sheets and other promotional materials about their projects, organizations and events. There are two areas designated for 'Resources' (publications, reports, CDs, information sheets etc.). One is located in the Delegate Concourse on the ground level leading to the entrance of the exposition. The other can be found along the walls immediately inside the entrance to the exposition. Participants are welcome to place this type of material in these areas. There is also an area designated for 'Events' information distribution. This area is available for organizers of networking and side events during the World Urban Forum to display and make available brochures, flyers, invitations etc. about their events and is located immediately outside of the Media Centre in the exposition.

Currency Exchange

There are several foreign exchange offices within one block of the Convention Centre which offer a wide variety of services, including foreign exchange, traveler's cheques, drafts and wire transfers, and prepaid telephone cards.

Travellex Foreign Exchange

Located: Lobby of the Convention Centre on the Ground Level at the bottom of the escalator.

E Trans Finance

Located: Granville Square, across the street from the Convention Centre at 200 Granville Street next to Aqua Riva Restaurant & Bar.

Vancouver Bullion and Currency Exchange Ltd.

Located: 120 – 800 West Pender Street (corner of Pender and Howe Street).

Smoking Policy

Smoking inside any public building in British Columbia is against the law. Consequently, there is no smoking permitted within the Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre or any restaurants or bars.

Tipping

Gratuities are at the customer's discretion. However, a 15% gratuity for exceptional service is considered customary at restaurants and lounges, and is not typically included in the bill.

Food Services

For your convenience while on site, light snacks can be purchased from kiosks throughout the VCEC, as well as from The Longest Bar and Grill on the east wall within the exposition hall. A food court in the Waterfront Centre is accessible via the underground walkway from the south end of the Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre Lobby.

Mobile Phone Rentals

Not sure if your mobile phone will work while in Vancouver? A wide range of mobile phones will be available for rent to WUF III participants. The cost is \$4.99 per day, plus \$.99/minute for local calls. An additional \$.49/minute surcharge will be added on international and long distance call rates. For a fee, your rental phone will be couriered directly to your hotel. For more information or to reserve a phone, visit the Cita Mobile Communications website at www.cita.info. Reservations will also be accepted by fax at 604-204-0172. Group rates are available; please enter event code GLO19VR in the "Comments" box when reserving online to activate the WUF III group rate.

Key Telephone Numbers

WUF III Information Line	(604) 666-1293
Business Service Centre	(604) 662-8111 ext 3007
Emergency	911 / (VCEC house phone) 2500
First Aid Station	(VCEC house phone) 2500
Lost and Found	(VCEC house phone) 7299
Information Desk	(604) 647-7401
Message Centre	(604) 647-7422
Exposition Show Office	Tel (604) 647-7222

Lost and Found

All lost and found articles are catalogued and stored at the Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre for 90 days from the close of the event. After that period, all articles are disposed of at the sole discretion of the Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre. Any inquiries regarding lost and found items should be directed to 604-647-7299.

Taxes

A non-refundable Provincial Sales Tax (PST) of 7% is charged on the purchase of most goods. In addition, under the Goods and Services Tax (GST), most goods and services sold or provided in Canada are taxed at the rate of 7%. Non-resident visitors may apply for a 7% GST rebate on most goods and services, once \$100 worth of goods or services has been purchased. Rebate claims are available at the Information Desk on site and in most stores and hotels in and around Vancouver. If you are visiting from outside Canada, please contact the Canada Revenue Agency for information on GST rebates at 1-800-668-4747, 604-669-2990 or 604-689-8671.

Visitor/Tourism Information

An Information Centre near the Registration area of WUF III can provide visitor information and city maps, as well as restaurant, rental car and tour reservations. Alternatively, Tourism Vancouver is located at 200 Burrard Street, just across the street from the Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre.

Cantrav Leisure Services will also be on site near the Registration area to offer a number of tours and excursions for WUF III participants. Options are available for short day tours and activities to enjoy during the conference (available from June 17 – 23), as well as overnight packages of various durations that are available both before and after the conference. Advance sign-up is recommended. A complete list of tours is available online at www.cantravleisure.com/wuf3.

Weather

Vancouver weather can be unpredictable and the last two weeks of June tend to be unsettled with mixed sun and rain. Average daytime temperatures reach 21° C (69° F) and cool off in the evenings to approximately 12° C (54° F). Dress in layers and make sure you have a light jacket for evening.

Also, please keep in mind that temperatures can vary between meeting rooms, so you may want to bring along a sweater or jacket when you attend conference sessions.

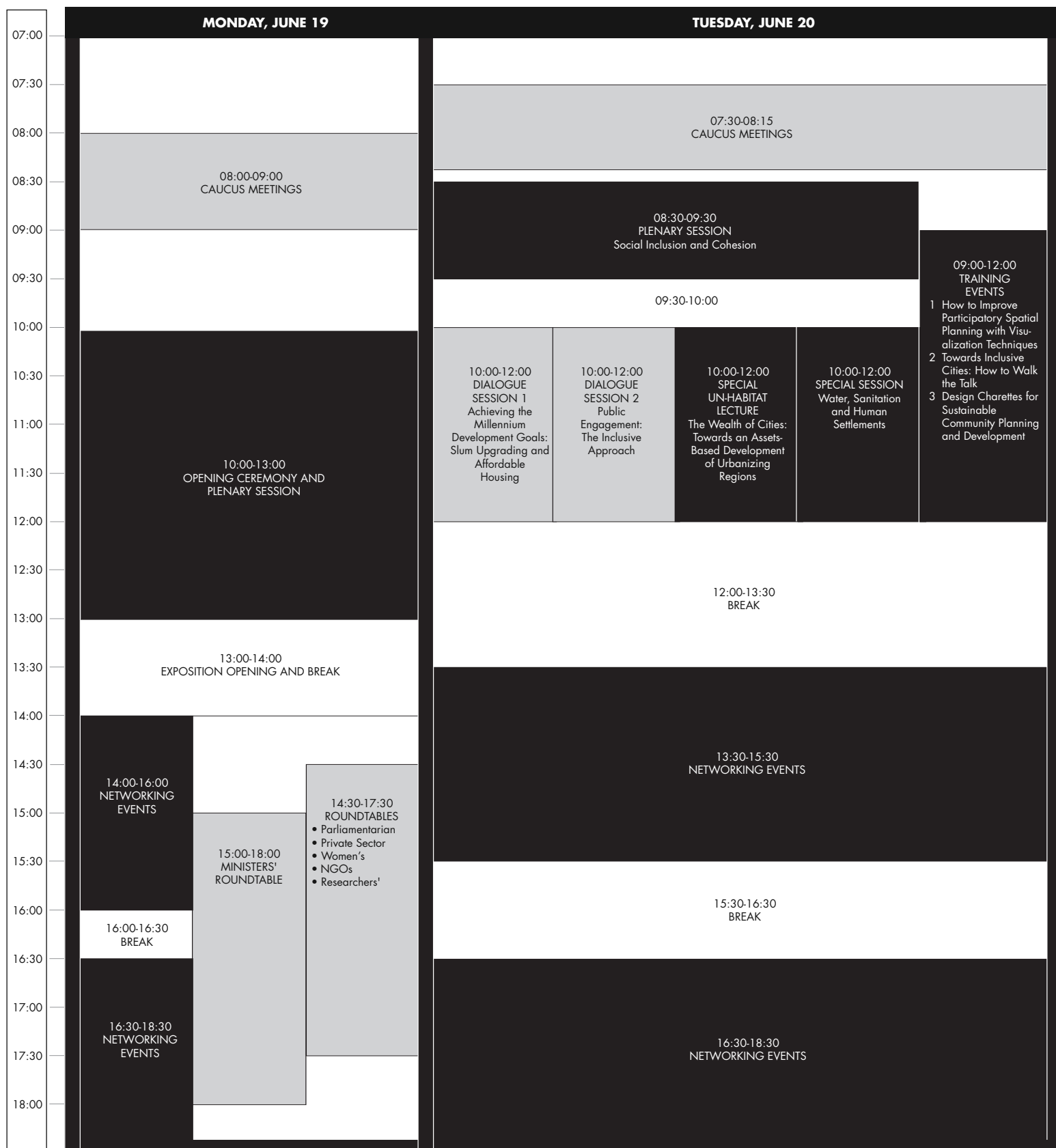
Medical and Dental Clinics

Should you require medical or dental assistance during WUF III, there is a medical office in the Sinclair Centre, a very short walk from the Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre. Participants are responsible for any costs of these services.

Medical Doctor: Dr. Mike Mamacos
228 – 757 West Hastings Street
Tel: 604-683-2551

Dentist: Dr. Rudy Salo
228 – 757 West Hastings Street
Tel: 604-688-4867

PROGRAM-AT-A-GLANCE



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

07:30-08:15
CAUCUS MEETINGS

07:00-08:30
INAUGURAL
HABITAT
ALUMNI
BREAKFAST

08:30-09:30
PLENARY SESSION
Partnership and Finance

9:30-10:00
BREAK

10:00-12:00
DIALOGUE
SESSION 1
Urban Safety &
Security: Taking
Responsibility

10:00-12:00
DIALOGUE
SESSION 2
Municipal Finance:
Innovation and
Collaboration

10:00-12:00
SPECIAL
SESSION
The Role of Local
Governments:
Leadership in
Sustainability

09:00-12:00
TRAINING EVENTS
1 How to
"Localise" the
Millennium
Development
Goals
2 How to Manage
Air Quality in
Your City
3 Strengthening
Local Govern-
ance

12:00-13:30
BREAK

13:30-15:30
NETWORKING EVENTS

15:30-16:30
BREAK

16:30-18:30
NETWORKING EVENTS

14:30-17:30
ROUNDTABLES
• Gendering Land Tools
• Youth
• Universities
• Environment
• Indigenous People and
the Media
• Spirituality
• Mayors

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

07:30-08:15
CAUCUS MEETINGS

08:30-09:30
PLENARY
Urban Growth and Environment

09:30-10:00
BREAK

10:00-12:00
DIALOGUE
SESSION 1
The Shape of
Cities: Urban
Planning and
Management

10:00-12:00
DIALOGUE
SESSION 2
Energy: Local
Action, Global
Impact

09:00-12:00
TRAINING EVENTS
1 How to Conduct
Project
Prioritization and
Evaluation
2 Upstream: Launch-
ing LIFE at the
National Level
3 How to "Localise"
the Millennium
Development
Goals; Part 2

12:00-13:30
BREAK

13:30-15:30
NETWORKING EVENTS

15:30-16:30
BREAK

16:30-18:30
NETWORKING EVENTS

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

07:30-08:15
CAUCUS MEETINGS

08:30-10:30
SPECIAL
SESSION
From Vancouver
to Nanjing

08:30-10:30
SPECIAL
SESSION
Future of
Cities

08:30-10:30
NETWORKING
EVENTS

10:30-11:00
BREAK

11:00-13:00
CLOSING SESSION
AND CEREMONY

PROGRAM

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

18:00 – 20:00

CANADA RECEPTION

**Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre –
Exposition Floor (Exhibit Halls B & C)**

The Government of Canada invites all conference participants to kick off their WUF III experience at the Canada Reception. Enjoy a selection of hors d'oeuvres while taking in the exhibits on the exposition floor. The reception is open to all registered participants.

MONDAY, JUNE 19

10:00 – 13:00

OPENING CEREMONY AND PLENARY

**Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre –
Exhibit Hall A**

The World Urban Forum III opens with a welcoming ceremony followed by statements by dignitaries and key partners.

Traditional Aboriginal Welcome

Master of Ceremonies:

Eric Falt, Director of the Division of Communications & Public Information,
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Kenya

Welcoming Remarks:

Charles Kelly, Commissioner General, World Urban Forum III, Government
of Canada

Sam Sullivan, Mayor, City of Vancouver, Canada

Gordon Campbell, Premier, Province of British Columbia, Canada

Message from Secretary General of the United Nations, Kofi Annan

Opening Address:

Anna Tibaijuka, Under Secretary-General, United Nations; Executive
Director, UN-HABITAT, Kenya

Noli de Castro, Vice President, Government of the Philippines

Ali Mohamed Shein, Vice President, Government of Tanzania

Keynote Address:

The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister, Government of
Canada

Opening Plenary Chairs:

María Antonia Trujillo, Minister of Housing, Government of Spain; Chair, WUF II

Diane Finley, Minister, Human Resources and Social Development,
Government of Canada; Chair, WUF III

Adoption of agenda and organization of work for WUF III

Plenary Speakers:

Alphonso Jackson, Secretary of the US Department of Housing and Urban
Development, Government of the United States of America

Naokazu Takemoto, Senior Vice Minister of Finance, Government of Japan

Smangalis Mkhathshwa, Co-President, United Cities and Local
Governments, South Africa

Enrique Ortiz, Secretary General, Habitat International Coalition

13:00 – 13:30 OFFICIAL EXPOSITION OPENING

13:00 – 19:00 EXPOSITION OPEN

14:00 – 16:00 NETWORKING EVENTS

Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre and Pan Pacific Hotel

There are 18 concurrent networking events taking place at this time. Please refer to the Training & Networking Events supplement for a complete listing of events.

ROUNDTABLES

14:30 – 17:30 PARLIAMENTARIAN ROUNDTABLE

Human Settlement Legislation Developments + 30: Good Laws for a Better Habitat

Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Ballroom B

Organized in cooperation with the Global Parliamentarians on Habitat and the Government of Canada

Almost 20 years after the formal inauguration of the Global Parliamentarians on Habitat in 1987, this session provides parliamentarians an opportunity to take stock of key milestones, successes and challenges in their contribution to human settlements, urban development and affordable housing around the world. Looking to the future, new priorities for supporting urban sustainability will be identified at both global and domestic levels and opportunities for collaboration on legislative initiatives explored.

Co-chairs:

Ernesto Gil Elorduy, Chairman, Global Parliamentarians on Habitat;
Senator of Mexico

Lee Richardson, Member of Parliament, Conservative Party of Canada

Moderator:

John Reynolds P.C., Former Member of Parliament and Leader of the Opposition, Conservative Party of Canada

14:30 – 17:30**PRIVATE SECTOR ROUNDTABLE*****Business Roundtable on Corporate Leadership for Sustainable Urbanization*****Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Crystal Pavilion C***Organized in cooperation with UN-HABITAT and the GLOBE Foundation of Canada*

The Business Roundtable is an invitation-only event which shall bring together a select group of leading corporations, public policy thinkers and leading commentators committed to the private sector being a part of the solution for a sustainable urban future. The roundtable shall delve into how private companies can play a leading role in providing solutions, products, technology/infrastructure, employment and innovative ideas to meet the urban challenge as reflected in the Millennium Development Goals. The Business roundtable will profile the leadership of corporations worldwide with respect to urban challenges such as: dwellings, urban infrastructure, transport, communications and other issues. A particularly prominent feature of the roundtable will be to examine the role of the private sector in creating economic activity and employment through sustainable urban development approaches.

Chair:

John Wiebe, President and Chief Executive Officer, GLOBE Foundation of Canada

Moderator:

Christopher Henderson, Chief Executive Officer, The Delphi Group, Canada

*(Limited to 30 participants)***14:30 – 17:30****WOMEN'S ROUNDTABLE*****Empowering the Millennium Development Goals: Grassroots Women Meet the Challenge – Women's Lives, Women's Decisions*****Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Ballroom C***Organized in cooperation with the Huairou Commission*

In the interest of supporting efforts to speed up the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) the roundtable will discuss how to build and foster grassroots women's contribution and their role in the overall development process. It will identify the support that is needed to create the conditions and environment for realizing women's full potential to contribute to national, political, economic, social and cultural development, and to benefit from the results. The session will give recognition to grassroots women who have made a difference in contributing to the achievement of the MDGs, and draw from their practices and specific strategies for turning ideas into action. Participants will be invited to react and share their experiences in supporting grassroots women's initiatives.

Chair:

Erna Witoelar, UN Special Ambassador on MDGs for Asia and the Pacific, Indonesia

14:30 – 17:30**NGOs ROUNDTABLE*****Assets and Struggles: 30 Years After Vancouver Habitat Forum – Realizing the Right to Adequate Housing, Sustainable Habitat and Inclusive Cities*****Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Crystal Pavilion A***Organized in cooperation with Habitat International Coalition*

Prior to the roundtable, an online debate will be held to review the efforts towards “building a community with the people” and its current meaning in the context neo-liberal policies. The debate will undertake a critical review of international commitments and plans of action following UN conferences, councils and forums aimed at the progressive realization of the Right to Adequate Housing. It will also assess gender approaches in defending the right to the city, land and housing. The results of this online discussion will be presented at the roundtable.

The roundtable will discuss case studies on people’s efforts in defending their right to live in peace and dignity (such as the Harare evictions, Katrina and the post-tsunami rehabilitation). Also, the MDG 7 – Target 11 on “Cities Without Slums” initiatives will be reviewed in the light of Vancouver 1976 and further international commitments and plans of actions.

Co-chairs:

Michael Shapcott, Senior Fellow in Residence, Wellesley Institute, Canada
 Evaniza Rodrigues, Regional Representative of SERVIP, União
 Nacional de Moradia, Brazil

14:30 – 17:30**RESEARCHERS’ ROUNDTABLE*****Planning and Managing Sustainable Cities: From Research to Practice*****Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Crystal Pavilion B**

Organized in cooperation with the Global Research Network on Human Settlements (HS-Net); University of Toronto Urban International (UTUI); the European Commission Directorate-General for Research (EC DG-Research); the International Human Dimensions Programme (IHDP); Urbanization and Global Environmental Change Project; the International Development Research Centre (IDRC); Center for Demographic, Urban and Environmental Studies (CEDUA), El Colegio de Mexico.

Participants will discuss ways and means of strengthening links between research and action in the area of sustainable urban development through the presentation of illustrative experiences/case studies from both developing and developed countries. Experiences to be presented will focus on the ways in which research has contributed to the planning and management of environmentally, economically and socially sustainable cities. A major component of the roundtable will be the launching/presentation of the recommendations of the “Nanning International Conference on Sustainable Urban Development: From Research to Action”.

Chair:

Paula Jiron, Professor, Housing Institute, University of Chile

Moderator

Patrick Wakely, Professor, Development Planning Unit, University College of London, United Kingdom

15:00 – 18:00

THE MINISTERS' ROUNDTABLE
IS A CLOSED SESSION.

MINISTERS' ROUNDTABLE***Vancouver + 30: The Changing Role of Cities and Global Sustainable Development***

Organized in cooperation with the Government of Canada

Ministers will address key issues relating to the changing role of cities in a globalised world. Sustainable urbanization will be discussed in the context of experiences and lessons learned from national, international and other jurisdictional perspectives: How can national governments support sustainable cities? What is the potential for partnerships between national governments and other jurisdictions in support of urban sustainability? How can national governments link their international agendas to the local level - e.g. working with cities to address the Millennium Development Goals?

Co-chairs:

Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities,
Government of Canada

John Pombe Magufuli, Minister for Lands, Housing and Human Settlements
Development, Government of Tanzania; Co-chair, WUF III

Moderator:

Huguette Labelle, Chair, Transparency International; Chancellor, University
of Ottawa, Canada

Remarks:

Anna Tibaijuka, Under Secretary-General, United Nations; Executive
Director, UN-HABITAT, Kenya

16:30 – 18:30**NETWORKING EVENTS**

**Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre and Pan
Pacific Hotel**

There are 18 concurrent networking events taking place at this time. Please refer to the Training & Networking Events supplement for a complete listing of activities.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

08:30 – 09:30

PLENARY SESSION

Social Inclusion and Cohesion

Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Exhibit Hall A

Marginalisation, social exclusion and urban poverty are becoming key challenges facing cities in the urban millennium. Unprecedented urbanization and inadequate urban policies (including insecurity of tenure) are the main causes of the formation of slums. Pro-poor, gender sensitive urban policies and enabling legislation at the national and international levels are necessary to help overcome this challenge, while good urban governance and consistent leadership are required to implement effective strategies at the local level.

Moderator:

Margaret Catley-Carlson, Chair, Global Water Partnership, Canada

Speakers:

Alphonso Jackson, Secretary of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Government of the United States of America

Jockin Arputham, National Slum Dwellers Federation of India

Lindiwe Sisulu, Minister of Housing, Government of South Africa

09:00 – 12:00

TRAINING EVENTS

There are three concurrent training events taking place at this time. Please refer to the Training & Networking Events supplement for a complete list and description of these events.

Training event sign up will be available in the Lobby of the Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre on a first-come, first-serve basis. Room capacity is limited to 40 participants, so please sign up early.

09:30 – 19:00

EXPOSITION OPEN

DIALOGUE SESSIONS

10:00 – 12:00

***Dialogue 1 – Achieving the Millennium Development Goals,
Slum Upgrading and Affordable Housing***

Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Ballroom C

Following on the conclusions of the World Urban Forum II and the recent MDGs Millennium Summit, this dialogue will address the challenges and opportunities for the achievement of the MDGs target on slums. In light of the scale and severity of the slum challenge, participants will explore practical solutions such as the provision of security of tenure and affordable land, the need for inclusive slum upgrading processes that empower the urban poor, as well as adequate mechanisms for financing slum upgrading, affordable housing, and proactive programmes to avoid the formation of new slums. Participants represent the whole spectrum of stakeholders and come with concrete experiences. They have all actively contributed to a wide range of slum upgrading programmes, delivery of affordable housing and promotion of security of tenure.

Facilitator:

Jacques Bensimon, Government Film Commissioner and Chairperson,
National Film Board of Canada

Commentators to include:

Rose Molokoane, South African Homeless People's Federation, South
Africa

Luz Maria Sanchez Hurtado, Executive Director, Estrategia, Peru

Arif Hassan, Chairman, Urban Resource Centre (URC), Pakistan

Miloon Kothari, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right of Adequate Housing

10:00 – 12:00**Dialogue 2 – Public Engagement: The Inclusive Approach****Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Ballroom B**

Recent experience in both developed and developing countries shows that not all participatory systems work when it comes to urban sustainability. It has become evident that sustainable development is jeopardized when structures of engagement do not provide for mechanisms that eliminate barriers which deny effective and full involvement of every member of society. This dialogue session will examine the essence of inclusiveness and empowerment in civil society involvement in local governance. It will address the operational aspects of fostering inclusion and cohesion for promoting sustainable cities by examining concrete experiences in ensuring the engagement of long-term residents, international migrants, the poor, marginalised groups, national minorities, and indigenous peoples. It will showcase on-going strategies and practices that provide useful lessons in civic engagement and citizenship, with a particular focus on the integration of migrants and empowerment of women and youth.

Facilitator:

Zain Verjee, Anchor, CNN, USA

Commentators to include:

Peter Oberlander, Professor Emeritus, Inaugural Director, UBC Centre for Human Settlements, Canada

Kay Andrews, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, Government of the United Kingdom

Jean-Pierre Mbassi, Secretary General, United Cities & Local Governments Africa

Marcello Balbo, Professor, University of Venice, Italy

Mary Balikungeri, Rwanda Women's Network, Rwanda

10:00 – 12:00**SPECIAL UN-HABITAT LECTURE*****The Wealth of Cities: Towards an Assets-Based Development of Urbanizing Regions*****Location: Fairmont Waterfront Hotel – Ballroom C***Organized in cooperation with United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT) through Global Research Network on Human Settlements (HS-Net)*

This address marks the first annual United Nations Human Settlements Lecture series. The UN-HABITAT Lecture award seeks to recognize outstanding and sustained contribution to research, thinking and practice in the human settlements field. A key component of the award is the delivery, by the award winner, of a lecture before a live audience. The delivery of the lecture is intended to stimulate global debate and provoke new thinking in the field of human settlements.

Award-Winning Presenter:

John Friedmann, Honorary Professor, School of Community and Regional Planning, University of British Columbia, Canada

10:00 – 12:00**SPECIAL SESSION*****Water, Sanitation and Human Settlements*****Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Ballroom A**

This special session will bring together governments at national, state and local levels as important partners responsible for financing as well as governance and regulatory policies to meet the challenge of providing water and sanitation for human settlements. The event will also provide a platform for unheard voices of women from slums, expressing their needs and priorities on Water and Sanitation. In addition, the private sector, like development banks and NGOs, have a major role to contribute in building a new consensus for addressing the issue of water and sanitation for sustainable human settlements.

Facilitator:

Margaret Catley-Carlson, Chair, Global Water Partnership, Canada

Commentators to include:

Maria Mutagamba, Minister of Water and Environment, Government of Uganda

André Juneau, Deputy Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, Government of Canada

Arcot Ramachandran, Chairman, The Energy Resources Institute (TERI), India

Ana Teresa Aranda Orozco, Minister of Social Development, Government of Mexico

13:30 – 15:30**NETWORKING EVENTS****16:30 – 18:30****Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre and Pan Pacific Hotel**

There are 40 concurrent networking events taking place at these times. Please refer to the Training & Networking Events supplement for a complete listing of activities.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

07:00 – 08:30

INAUGURAL HABITAT ALUMNI BREAKFAST

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Crystal Pavilion

All HABITAT Alumni (UN Conference on the Human Environment in Stockholm in 1972, Habitat I in Vancouver (1976), Habitat II in Istanbul 1996) are invited to an Inaugural Alumni Breakfast to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the UN Conference on Human Settlements (UN-HABITAT II). The breakfast will bring together old friends to celebrate the lives and efforts that made the HABITAT events successful, while continuing to look towards the future.

08:30 – 09:30

PLENARY SESSION

Partnership and Finance

Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Exhibit Hall A

Economically vibrant cities are now committed to partnerships with a range of stakeholders at local, national and international levels; enabling the leveraging of resources for investment, learning from each other's best practices, and enhancing productivity. In addition, this plenary will address the links between urban safety and security, economic growth and poverty reduction.

Moderator:

Katherine Sierra, Vice President and Network Head, Infrastructure, World Bank, USA

Speakers:

Mohammad Yousaf Pashtun, Minister of Urban Development, Government of Afghanistan
Pat Jacobsen, Chief Executive Officer, TransLink, Canada
Pape Diop, Mayor of Dakar; President, National Assembly, Senegal (TBC)

09:00 – 12:00

TRAINING EVENTS

There are three concurrent training events taking place at this time. Please refer to the Training & Networking Events supplement for a complete list and description of these events.

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09:30 – 19:00

EXPOSITION OPEN

DIALOGUE SESSIONS

10:00 – 12:00

Dialogue 1 – Urban Safety & Security: Taking Responsibility

Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Ballroom B

Disasters and crime represent an enormous risk factor for investment and wealth creation in cities and a major hindrance to economically vibrant, socially equitable and environmentally sustainable urban development. The Dialogue will seek to highlight why prevention is better than cure: its cost effectiveness and results, either for reducing the incidence and the impact of disasters, or to limit the occurrence of crime. The key message of the forum is that unless action is taken to assess and prevent causes of crime and disaster, and reduce vulnerability, sustainable urban development is in jeopardy.

Facilitator:

Anna Maria Tremonti, Host, The Current, CBC, Canada

Commentators to include:

Juan Manuel Ospina Restrepo, Secretario de Gobierno de Bogotá, Colombia

Carole Kidu, Minister of Community Development, Papua New Guinea

Michel Marcus, Executive Director, European Forum for Urban Safety, France

Ghulam Sakhi Noorzad, Mayor of Kabul, Afghanistan

Ian Davies, Visiting Professor, Cranfield University, United Kingdom

10:00 – 12:00

Dialogue 2 – Municipal Finance: Innovation and Collaboration

Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Ballroom C

Municipalities around the world are facing the dilemma of the need for a strong fiscal base to create and maintain infrastructure and services amidst pressure to lower taxes to attract foreign and domestic investment. Financial mismanagement greatly affects the ability of local authorities to sustain the provision of municipal infrastructure and services to their constituents. Despite these constraints, there are many innovations, reforms, and partnership arrangements with the private sector and civil society to remedy this.

Facilitator:

Anwar Versi, Editor, African Business, United Kingdom

Commentators to include:

Jacqueline E. Schafer, Assistant Administrator, Bureau of Economic Growth and Trade, USAID, Government of the United States of America

Lamine Mbassa, Director of Economic and Financial Affairs, Communauté Urbaine de Douala (CUD), Cameroon

Jawaid Akhtar, Managing Director, Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development Corporation, India

Fernando Damata Pimentel, Mayor of Belo Horizonte, Brazil

Katherine Sierra, Vice President and Network Head, Infrastructure, World Bank, USA

10:00 – 12:00**SPECIAL SESSION*****The Role of Local Governments: Leadership in Sustainability*****Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Ballroom A***Organized in cooperation with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), and their networks*

Municipalities around the globe are looking for new and innovative ways to achieve sustainability. This session, open to all delegates, will focus on the local government experience and leadership in reaching sustainability. Decentralization is the starting point for local leadership and will be one of the key areas of discussion, in addition to access to basic services and local finance and authority. The panelists will participate in an exchange on the key themes of the session, followed by a period of questions and commentary from the floor.

Co-chairs:

Wim Deetman, Mayor of The Hague, the Netherlands; President,
Association of Netherlands Municipalities
Enrique Riera Escudero, Mayor of Asunción, Paraguay

Moderator:

Elisabeth Gateau, UCLG General Secretary, Spain

Remarks:

Anna Tibaijuka, Under Secretary-General, United Nations; Executive
Director, UN-HABITAT, Kenya

Panelists:

Kadir Topbas, Vice President, UCLG; Mayor of Istanbul, Turkey
Simon Compaore, President of the Association des Maires du Burkina
Faso; Mayor of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
Abbès Mohsen, President of the Fédération Nationale des Villes
Tunisiennes; Mayor of Tunis, Tunisia
Lu Bing, Deputy Mayor, City of Nanjing, China
João Avamileno, Executive Secretary of Mercociudades; Mayor of Santo
André, Brazil
David Bronconnier, Mayor of Calgary, Canada

13:30 – 15:30**NETWORKING EVENTS****Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre and Pan Pacific Hotel**

There are 17 concurrent networking events taking place at this time. Please refer to the Training & Networking Events supplement for a complete listing of activities.

ROUNDTABLES

14:30 – 17:30

GENDERING LAND TOOLS ROUNDTABLE

Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Ballroom C

Organized in cooperation with the UN-HABITAT

Over the past decade, women's access to land and property and their security of tenure have actually declined in most parts of the world in the last decade. To achieve the Millennium Development Goals, gender responsive and effective land tools which are lacking need to be developed. Hence, the Gender Land Tool Network initiative to develop land tools which are pro-poor, innovative, affordable, scalable and gendered. The roundtable will bring together leading grassroots women, land professionals, policy makers, researchers, lawyers, analysts and experts through a women-led process to develop strategies towards systematically genderising land tools.

Chair:

Anna Tibaijuka, Under Secretary-General, United Nations; Executive Director, UN-HABITAT, Kenya

14:30 – 17:30

YOUTH ROUNDTABLE

Youth, Leaders of Today and Tomorrow

Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Ballroom A

Organized as a UN-HABITAT Global Partnership Initiative, in partnership with the Youth Organizing Committee, Environmental Youth Alliance, City of Vancouver Youth Outreach Team, and One Stop Youth Resource Centre

This roundtable will focus on profiling the leadership role youth take in solving the most pressing urban issues facing our planet. Researchers, policy makers and youth leaders from around the world will share stories, and uncover the underlying and systemic barriers youth face in tackling urban issues such as HIV-AIDS, environmental degradation, and economic marginalization. The outcome of this roundtable will inform the final youth statement to be formally presented to the World Urban Forum III.

Co-chairs:

Avi Lewis, Award-Winning Documentary Filmmaker and Television Journalist, Canada

Doug Ragan, Senior Manager, Environmental Youth Alliance and Manager, World Urban Forum and Youth Organizing Committee, Canada

14:30 – 17:30**UNIVERSITIES ROUNDTABLE*****Universities and Urban Sustainability: The Millennium City University*****Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Oceanview Suite 1**

Organized in cooperation with the Centre for Human Settlements and School of Community and Regional Planning, The University of British Columbia; Faculty of Architecture, University of San Paulo; and Centro Studi Urbanistici per i Paesi in via di Sviluppo of DIPTU, Università degli Studi di Roma "La Sapienza"

Universities engaged in innovative research and capacity-building programs, in partnership with governments, the private sector and civil society in the North and South, will share lessons and future plans. The focus will be on how ideas for urban sustainability and achieving Millennium Development Goals in the city can be turned into action. The agenda for the three-hour session will concentrate on future goals and activities through 2008: the diffusion and implementation of promising initiatives; ongoing information exchange; attracting new universities; and identifying milestones on the road to Nanjing. Invited participants are senior academics involved in innovative research and capacity development in urban sustainability in all five continents, with extensive experience with North-South partnerships.

Co-chairs:

Anthony (Tony) Dorsey, Professor and Director, Centre for Human Settlements and School of Community and Regional Planning, University of British Columbia, Canada

Erminia Maricato, Professor, Faculty of Architecture, University of San Paulo, Brazil

Pietro Garau, Professor and Director, Centro Studi Urbanistici per i Paesi in via di Sviluppo of DIPTU, Università degli Studi di Roma "La Sapienza", Italy

14:30 – 17:30**ENVIRONMENT ROUNDTABLE****Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Exhibit Hall A**

Organized in cooperation with the Canadian Environmental Network (RCEN)

This session aims to foster strategic alliances within the environment sector, including Canadian and international NGOs, health professionals, labour unions, indigenous and youth groups, universities, the private sector and government. Drawing from participants' experiences and particular areas of expertise, the three-hour roundtable will serve as a forum to identify, through an environment and health lens, the challenges and opportunities to achieving sustainable cities. Examples of eco-innovation in the form of successful strategic alliances will be presented and analyzed. Lastly, pilot projects will be identified, partnerships encouraged and preliminary action plans developed.

Co-chairs:

Arciris Garay, Coordinator, Youth for Social Justice Network, CEN Health Caucus Steering Committee, Canada

Hayat Redi, Deputy Director, EVERYONE, Ethiopia (International co-chair)

Moderator:

Amelia Clarke, Past President, Sierra Club of Canada, Canada

14:30 – 17:30**INDIGENOUS PEOPLE AND MEDIA ROUNDTABLE*****Picturing Ourselves: Video as a Tool for Defining Community*****Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Ballroom B***Organized in cooperation with the National Film Board of Canada and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)*

This roundtable discussion will focus on three key issues related to Indigenous urban communities: community inclusion and cohesion, social and political action, and sustainability of media as a vehicle for supporting community identity and change. The session will address the following questions: How can media reflect the social, political and economic realities of a community in a way that supports social inclusion and cohesion? How can the development, production and release of videos give voice to communities, raise awareness of decision-makers and be a catalyst for broader social and political change? And how can a “community of interest” in advancing media as a community development and change agent be sustained globally? Through case studies of Indigenous communities, participants will leave with an understanding of how media/film can affirm, define and support community identity and change.

Co-chairs:

Tom Perlmutter, Director General, English Program, National Film Board of Canada

Fred Caron, Assistant Deputy Minister, Office of the Federal Interlocuter for Metis and Non-Status Indians, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), Government of Canada

Moderator:

Monika Ille, Aboriginal Peoples Television Network, Canada

14:30 – 17:30**SPIRITUALITY ROUNDTABLE*****Bridging the Gap: Spirituality and Sustainability in the Urban Context*****Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Crystal Pavilion***Organized in cooperation with the InterSpiritual Centre of Vancouver Society*

This roundtable is based on the conviction that meeting the challenges of urbanization requires policy approaches that are ethically and spiritually informed. It will showcase urban projects that are inspired by the principles articulated in the major Wisdom (i.e. faith, indigenous and spiritual) traditions of the world. Participants will engage the following questions: How do faith-based initiatives promote sustainability, inclusion and social cohesion in urban areas? How do sustainability-focused projects integrate spiritual perspectives? How do civic leaders articulate an integral vision of urban wellbeing that is informed by a spiritual understanding of human community?

Moderator:

Angela Hryniuk, Executive Director, InterSpiritual Centre of Vancouver Society, Canada

14:30 – 17:30

THE MAYORS ROUNDTABLE IS A CLOSED SESSION. THIS ROUNDTABLE IS OPEN TO OBSERVERS BY TELEVISION FEED IN THE ICBC CONCOURSE LEVEL OF THE WOSK CENTRE.

MAYORS ROUNDTABLE

Local Government at the Crossroads: Approaching the Millennium Development Goals Through Practical Innovation and Local Action

Location: Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue – Asia Pacific Hall

Organized in cooperation with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), and their networks

Local governments are crucial to local implementation of the MDGs. Local governments are responsible not only for the provision of services directly linked with MDG targets, but for strengthening governance through the engagement of civil society and partnership with the private sector. By invitation to 115 participants, the Mayors Roundtable will gather elected local government officials, UN-HABITAT Governing Council members and donor representatives. With a focus on actions and solutions required to address the challenges facing local governments in achieving the MDGs, this mix of leaders and decision-makers from the developed and developing world will ensure a lively and productive discussion.

Co-chairs:

Gérald Tremblay, Vice-President, Association Internationale des Maires Francophones (AIMF), Vice-President, UCLG; Mayor, City of Montreal, Canada

Smangalis Mkhathshwa, Co-President, UCLG; Councillor of Tshwane, South Africa

Moderator:

Dominique Dennery, President, Dennery Resources, Canada

Remarks:

Inga Bjork-Klevby, Assistant Secretary-General, United Nations; Deputy Executive Director, UN-HABITAT, Kenya

16:30 – 18:30**NETWORKING EVENTS**

Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre and Pan Pacific Hotel

There are 17 concurrent networking events taking place at this time. Please refer to the Training & Networking Events supplement for a complete listing of activities

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

08:30 – 09:30

PLENARY SESSION

Urban Growth and Environment

Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Exhibit Hall A

The urban environment, at a time of rapid growth, has become a global concern. Sound planning and management will be a major factor in ensuring sustainable urban development.

Moderator:

Chris Leach, President, Canadian Institute of Planners, Canada

Speakers:

Enrique Peñalosa, Visiting Scholar, New York University, USA ; former Mayor, City of Bogotá, Columbia

Evelyn Herfkens, Executive Coordinator, Millennium Campaign, United Nations, USA

09:00 – 12:00

TRAINING EVENTS

There are three concurrent training events taking place at this time. Please refer to the Training & Networking Events supplement for a complete list and description of these events.

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09:30 – 19:00

EXPOSITION OPEN

DIALOGUE SESSIONS

10:00 – 12:00

Dialogue 1 – The Shape of Cities: Urban Planning and Management

Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Ballroom C

Although there is some consensus on how cities should be run, there is still some uncertainty about the crucial ingredients — governance, management and planning. A key element in the mixture is urban planning. For long the dominant model, it has fallen into disfavour, particularly in the developing world. It is now re-emerging as a powerful tool, but which has a changed relationship with management and governance. The purpose of this dialogue will be to focus on the new role of planning vis-à-vis these other elements. The leitmotif of the dialogue will therefore be “planning in a state of flux”. The dialogue will examine the past problems of planning, and then look at current approaches and methods that overcome these obstacles. The dialogue will build upon the contributions of the World Planners’ Congress that will immediately precede the World Urban Forum.

Facilitator:

Steve Bradshaw, Producer, BBC-Panorama, United Kingdom

Commentators to include:

John Friedmann, Honorary Professor, School of Community & Regional Planning, University of British Columbia, Canada

Tasneem Essop, Minister of Environment, Planning and Economic Development, Provincial Government of the Western Cape, South Africa

Sunita Narain, Center for Science and Environment (CSE), India

Herbert Girardet, Environmental Consultant and Senior Adviser to Dontang Eco-City, China

Clif Hague, President, Commonwealth Association of Planners, United Kingdom

10:00 – 12:00**Dialogue 2 – Energy: Local Action, Global Impact****Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Ballroom A***Organized in cooperation with UN-HABITAT and ICLEI*

Without a doubt, access to affordable, modern energy services is a prerequisite for sustainable human development. This dialogue session will feature speakers from both developing and developed countries discussing energy and transport solutions. The first part of this dialogue will seek to identify affordable and successful renewable energy options for cities and highlight the role of industry and public-private-partnerships in realizing this objective. The second part of the dialogue will consider novel approaches to sustainable urban transport. Participants will be challenged to identify how cities can lead the way in promoting more energy efficient and cleaner transport through “leapfrogging technologies” adapted to the particular needs of cities.

Facilitator:

Kevin Newman, News Anchor, Global National, Canada

Commentators to include:

Vijay Modi, Professor, Mechanical Engineering, Columbia University, USA

Enrique Peñalosa, Visiting Scholar, New York University, USA ; former Mayor, City of Bogotá, Columbia

Anumita Roychowdhury, Coordinator Policy Research and Advocacy on vehicular pollution in India for the “Centre for Science and Environment” (CSE), India

Mary Jane C. Ortega, Mayor, City of San Fernando, The Philippines

Harriette Amissah-Arthur, Director, KITE, Ghana

13:30 – 15:30**NETWORKING EVENTS****16:30 – 18:30****Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre and Pan Pacific Hotel**

There are 42 concurrent networking events taking place at these times. Please refer to the Training & Networking Events supplement for a complete listing of activities.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

08:30 – 10:30

SPECIAL SESSION

From Vancouver to Nanjing

Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Ballroom A

Co-sponsored by the Government of Canada and the Ministry of Construction, Government of China

China's approach to rapid urbanization will influence the global urban agenda for the foreseeable future. This session will explore the changes and opportunities for urbanization in China and elsewhere, and provide insight on the issues that will table at the WUF4. In recognition of the significance of China's contribution to the international urban dialogue, the Fourth Session of the World Urban Forum in 2008 will be hosted by the Ministry of Construction of China and the City of Nanjing.

Moderator:

Brock Carlton, Director, International Centre for Municipal Development,
Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Canada

Speakers:

André Juneau, Deputy Minister of Infrastructure and Communities,
Government of Canada (Session Chair)

Anna Tibaijuka, Under Secretary-General, United Nations; Executive
Director, UN-HABITAT, Kenya

Michael Harcourt, Co-Chair of the Canadian National Advisory
Committee for WUF 3; Former Mayor of Vancouver; Former Premier
of British Columbia; Current Chair, External Advisory Committee on
Cities and Communities, Canada

Martin Lilja, State Secretary, Ministry of Sustainable Development,
Government of Sweden

Wang Guangtao, Minister of Construction, People's Republic of China

Wu Zhiqiang, Dean, College of Architecture and Urban Planning, Tongji
University, China

Wu Tinghai, Deputy Director of Institute of Architectural and Urban
Studies, Qinghua University, China

Fu Ping, Assistant President, Shanghai Land Development Group, China

Gao Yufeng, General Manager of Shanghai Land Development Group,
China

Lu Bing, Deputy Mayor, City of Nanjing, China

08:30 – 10:30**SPECIAL SESSION*****Future of Cities*****Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Ballroom B***Organized in cooperation with the World Watch Institute, UN-HABITAT and the Government of Canada*

This discussion will draw upon a panel of well-known urban experts who will make short presentations on where cities are today and what they will look like in the future. The discussion will begin with highlights from the State of the World's Cities Report 2006/7. The panelists will be asked to give their impressions on what they see as the major trends and challenges facing cities in the 21st century.

Facilitator:

Ben Malor, UN Radio

Speakers:

Inga Bjork-Klevby, Assistant Secretary General, United Nations; Deputy Executive Director, UN-HABITAT, Kenya

John Friedmann, Honorary Professor in Community and Regional Planning, University of British Columbia, Canada

Janice Perlman, Executive Director, Megacities Project, USA

Xuemei Bai, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, Japan

Kalpana Sharma, Mumbai Bureau Chief, *The Hindu*, India

David Satterthwaite, Senior Fellow, Human Settlements, International Institute for Environment and Development, United Kingdom

Clive Harridge, President, Town Planning Institute, United Kingdom

08:30 – 10:30**NETWORKING EVENTS****Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre and Pan Pacific Hotel**

There are 14 concurrent networking events taking place at this time. Please refer to the Training & Networking Events supplement for a complete listing of activities.

09:30 – 19:00**EXPOSITION OPEN**

11:00 – 13:00**CLOSING SESSION AND CEREMONY****Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Exhibit Hall A & Ballroom C**

The WUF III closing session and ceremony will both celebrate the achievements of the conference and look to the future.

The session will open with the tabling and presentation of a Report by the WUF III Advisory Board, appointed by the UN-HABITAT Executive Director, on the key issues raised at the Forum. This will be followed by remarks from various civil society groups who will comment on their forward planning as a result of the outcomes of the Forum. The closing ceremony will also mark the introduction of Nanjing, China as the next host city for World Urban Forum IV (2008).

Presentation of the Report on WUF III

Closing Plenary Speakers:

John Pombe Magufuli, Minister for Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development, Government of Tanzania; Co-chair, WUF III
 Pierre Sané, Assistant Director-General, UNESCO
 John Kaputin, Secretary General, African Caribbean and Pacific Group Secretariat, Belgium

Representatives of HABITAT Partners:

- Civil Society
- Women
- Private Sector
- Youth

Welcome to Nanjing, China & WUF IV

Wang Guangtao, Minister of Construction, China
 Lu Bing, Deputy Mayor of Nanjing, China

Film presentation of the host city and country for WUF IV

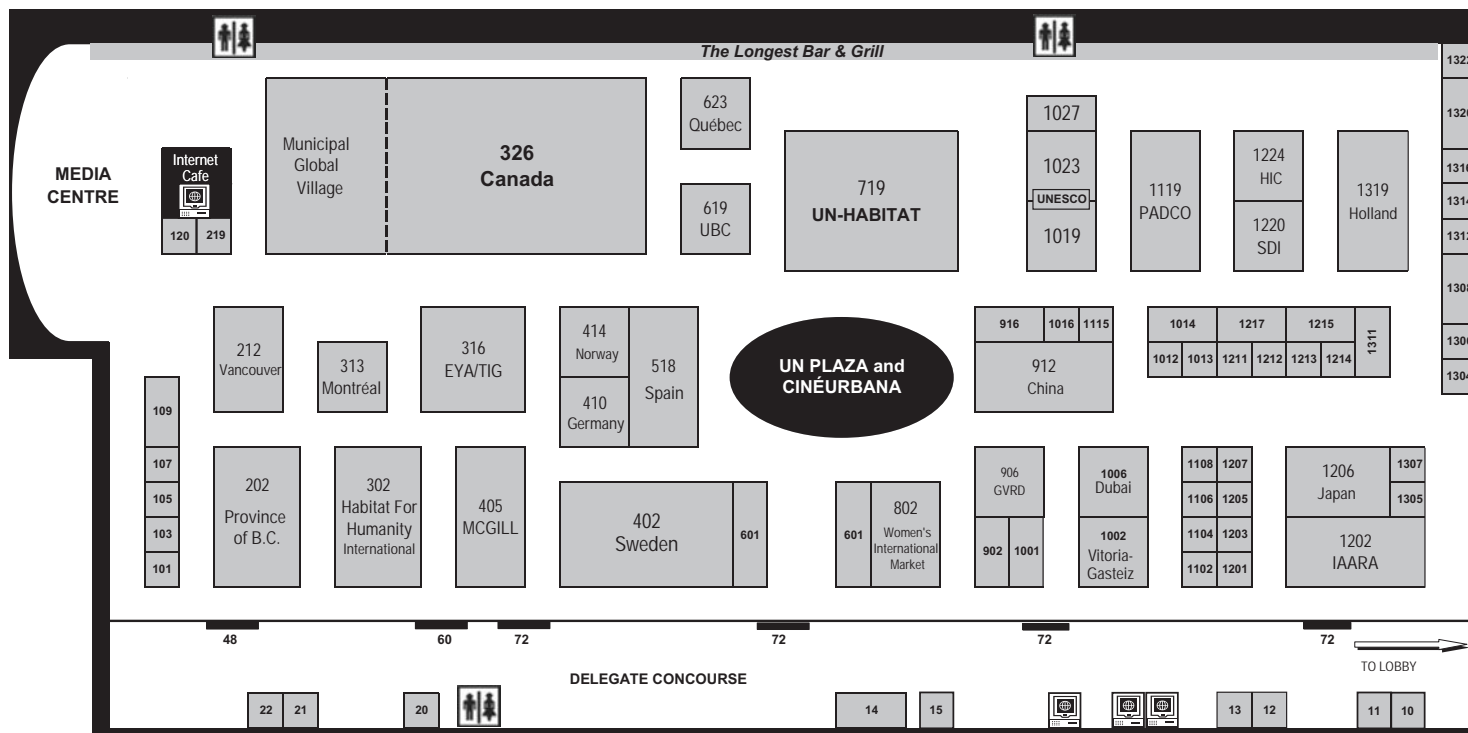
Closing Remarks:

Anna Tibaijuka, Under Secretary-General, United Nations; Executive Director, UN-HABITAT, Kenya
 James Moore, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Public Works; Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Pacific Gateway and the Vancouver-Whistler Olympics, Government of Canada (TBC)

WUF III closes with a truly unique, truly Canadian theatrical event; the Canadian Cirque. Performers will defy your imagination with their acrobatic feats, strength and elegance choreographed in a lavish performance exclusive to the World Urban Forum. Come and experience the magic of Cirque.

EXPOSITION

EXHIBIT FLOORPLAN, VANCOUVER CONVENTION & EXHIBITION CENTRE, EXHIBIT HALLS B & C



Exhibitor Company/ Organization	Country	Booth	Exhibitor Company/ Organization	Country	Booth
African Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development (AMCHUD)	South Africa	1214	Germany	Germany	410
Amnesty International Canada	Canada	1314	Global Community Initiatives	United States	1211
Association Internationale des Maires Francophones	France	902	Global Urban Development	United States	1205
Best Practices Hub-Vienna	Austria	1311	Gouvernement du Québec	Canada	623
Built Green™ / EnerVision / SAIT	Canada	107	Government of Republic of Kenya	Kenya	1306
Canada	Canada	326	Greater Vancouver Regional District	Canada	906
Canadian Urban Institute	Canada	1312	GreenGuide	Canada	11
Center for International Earth Science Information Network	United States	1104	GROOTS/Huairou Commission	United States	20
Centre for Human Settlement, University of British Columbia	Canada	10	Habitat 76 Display	Canada	601
Centre National d'Appui au Développement	Democratic Republic of Congo	1212	Habitat for Humanity International	Canada	302
Chalmers University, Sweden	Sweden	1320	Habitat International Coalition	Egypt	1224
China	People's Republic of China	912	Habitat JAM	Canada	8
City of Montreal	Canada	313	Harmony Foundation of Canada	Canada	13
Community Ecosystems Restoration Initiative	Canada	1322	Heritage Strategies International	United States	1108
Dubai Best Practices	United Arab Emirates	1006	Holland House	The Netherlands	1319
Ecoplan	Canada	219	Homeless International	United Kingdom	105
Ecosmart Sustainability Corner	Canada	14	ImagineCALGARY	Canada	1013
Enda Tiers Monde	Senegal	916	Institute for Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation	The Netherlands	1102
Environmental Systems Research Institute	United States	1106	International Art & Architecture Research Assoc. (IAARA)	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	1202
			International Centre for Crime Prevention	Canada	1316
			International Centre for Sustainable Cities	Canada	1207
			International Housing Coalition	United States	302

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EXPOSITION HOURS**Sunday,
June 18 18:00-20:00****Monday,
June 19 13:00-19:00****Tuesday,
June 20 09:30-19:00****Wednesday,
June 21 09:30-19:00****Thursday,
June 22 09:30-19:00****Friday,
June 23 09:30-16:00**

The exposition will showcase leading-edge projects, ideas, case studies, experiences and best practices from around the world that address the challenges of urban sustainability.

Exhibitor Company/ Organization	Country	Booth	Exhibitor Company/ Organization	Country	Booth
International Institute for Environment & Development	United Kingdom	1215	Tanzania Ministry of Lands and Human Settlements Development	Tanzania	1213
Japan	Japan	1206	UN-HABITAT – Environmental Management Information	Kenya	1203
L'Institut Africain de Gestion Urbaine	Senegal	1304	UN-HABITAT – Global Urban Observatory	Kenya	1201
LVC International Investments Inc.	Canada	1305	United Nations Association in Canada	Canada	120
McGill University, Minimum Cost Housing Group	Canada	405	United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization	France	1019
Ministry of Local Government & Regional Development, Norway	Norway	414	United Nations Environment Programme/Regional Office for North America	Kenya	1016
Municipal Global Village	International	326	United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-HABITAT)	Kenya	719
New Society Publishers	Canada	12	UN-HABITAT Official Publications Centre	Kenya	3
One Stop Youth Center	Kenya	1115	United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues	United States	1308
Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing	Canada	1001	Universidad de Valladolid	Spain	109
Planning and Development Collaborative International	United States	1119	University of British Columbia	Canada	619
Practical Action – ITDG Publishing	United Kingdom	1217	Urban Agriculture Display	Canada	15
Province of British Columbia	Canada	202	Vancity	Canada	1307
Rooftops Canada/ABRI International	Canada	1014	Vancouver	Canada	212
Simon Fraser University	Canada	101	Vitoria-Gasteiz City Council	Spain	1002
Slum Dwellers International	South Africa	1220	Women's International Market	International	802
Smart Growth BC	Canada	1012	World Urban Café	Canada	316
Smart Growth Canada Network	Canada	103	WUF 3 Be Green Booth	Canada	9
Spain	Spain	518			
Sweden	Sweden	402			

SIDE EVENTS

MONDAY, JUNE 19
14:00 – 17:00

THE WEST COAST CORRIDOR COALITION

North American Gateways: Canada-US West Coast Linkages, Goods Movement and Sustainable Development

Location: Fairmont Waterfront Hotel - Ballroom C

Organized by the West Coast Corridor Coalition (WCCC)

This forum will focus on goods movement within gateway regions. Strategies to deal with the swelling volume of trade require "Smart Growth for Freight" to preserve quality of life in gateways even as they support efficient transportation and sustainable freight strategies among North America's West Coast Gateways and also with our counterparts in Asian gateway regions.

The forum will also address the US-based Coalition's relationship with B.C., Yukon and western Provinces. Interest in closer ties is stimulated by proposals for an ALCAN freight railway and Alaska gas pipeline, as well as mineral resource development in the Canadian Northwest sought by China and other Asian nations. WCCC connections with BC and Yukon are of interest to the Coalition as essential to the geographic continuity of joint efforts on transportation issues along the entire West Coast of North America.

For more information contact:

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Speakers:

Allen Domaas, CEO, Fraser Port, Vancouver, BC

Allan Baydala, CEO, North Fraser Port Authority, Vancouver, BC

Peter Holt, President, Surrey Chamber of Commerce, Surrey, BC

Eugene Lysys, Deputy Minister, Yukon Economic Development

MONDAY, JUNE 19
16:00 – 17:00

IMAGE-IN THE MDGs

The Millennium Development Goals – A Promise to the Youth of Mathare, Nairobi, Kenya (Photo Exhibition and Book Launch)

Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Exhibit Halls B & C

In partnership with Mathare Youth Sport Association (MYSA) and UN-HABITAT

"Image-in the MDGs" is a tale of true stories on one of Africa's most deprived slums. With cameras in hands, ten young boys and girls have become witnesses and advocates of their own conditions. They describe their realities with an unusual acuity and an exceptional sincerity. Their collection of photos and stories around the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) constitute a real documentary, but also the key ingredients to voice real issues and start addressing problems that sometimes go beyond words.

This project is part of UN-HABITAT's long-term commitment to empower the youth living in the slums. It is also a part of the Mathare Youth Sport Association's goal to link development, sport, environmental activism and art to positively transform the lives of boys and girls. Behind the faces and eyes, walls and doors, lie incredible testimonies, calls and cries of despair; but also a formidable energy that cannot be ignored to build the future of African cities. The project is sponsored by the Government of Norway and Fujifilm Kenya.

MONDAY, JUNE 19
18:30 – 22:00

WUF III – YOUTH DELEGATE RECEPTION

Celebrating Youth as Leaders of Today and Tomorrow

Location: Fairmont Waterfront Hotel – Mackenzie Ballroom

Organized in partnership with World Urban Forum Youth Organizing Committee, UN-HABITAT Partners and Youth, UNESCO Growing UP in Cities, and Environmental Youth Alliance (EYA)

This reception is open to all delegates of WUF III. The focus of the reception will be to celebrate youth as our current and future leaders of our cities.

Entertainment and insight will be provided by international performers such as Gidigidi from Nairobi, Kenya, and international youth representatives.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20
07:30 – 08:45

**ONE SMALL STEP FOR CITIES, ONE GIANT LEAP FOR THE PLANET:
*Practical Solutions for Cities Stepping Towards a Lighter Footprint***

Location: Pan Pacific Hotel – Oceanview Suite 2

Organized in partnership with One Planet Institute and University of British Columbia

This event will set out practical ways that cities around the world are reducing their ecological impact. Speakers including University of British Columbia Professor William Rees (founder of the Ecological Footprint approach) will share stories of progress and approaches for working towards sustainable production and consumption patterns.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20
08:00 – PROJECT COMPLETION

HELP BUILD A HOUSE FOR “OPERATION HOME DELIVERY”

Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Exterior Entrance

Organized by Habitat for Humanity Canada

Habitat for Humanity Greater Vancouver will be building a house to demonstrate Operation Home Delivery (OHD). OHD is a three-phase response program created to provide assistance and rebuilding opportunities in New Orleans and along the Gulf Coast in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

WUF III participants are welcome to watch the house being built in a single day by volunteers in front of Canada Place from 08:00 until completion. Or, stop by the house from Wednesday to Friday to donate \$2.00 and sign good wishes on a beam before the house is shipped to Louisiana.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20**SHOW TIMES****10:00 – 12:00****13:30 – 15:30****16:30 – 18:30****ENVISION-THE-FUTURE WITH METROQUEST****Location: Fairmont Waterfront Hotel – Ballroom A***Organized by Quest*

Can you envision a sustainable city? Join us for a fun and unique theatre event. Collaborate with your colleagues to create a forty-year vision for a sustainable future using the award-winning MetroQuest software. Make some noise for sustainability! Using a hoot'n holler applause meter connected to MetroQuest, vote on policies and preferences to create a clean and prosperous future. What kind of city do you envision? How much will it cost? What are the environmental impacts? These and other key tradeoffs are explored using engaging images, maps and other visualizations. Choose policies in areas such as land use, housing, transportation, environmental programs and more. MetroQuest will instantly project the 40-year consequences of your decisions on the big screen. Learn about how cities on four continents have used MetroQuest to educate, engage, and empower stakeholders to be partners in the planning process. Don't miss your opportunity to Envision-The-Future. Also offered at 13:30 – 15:30 and 16:30 – 18:30.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20**12:00 – 13:30****FOOD FOR CITIES****Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Meeting Room 8***Organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization, United Nations*

The side event will present a 30-minute DVD entitled, "Food for Cities", followed by a discussion with interested participants.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20
18:00 – 20:00

FIGHTING URBAN POVERTY THROUGH PARTICIPATORY APPROACHES

Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre - Ballroom A

Organized by the United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)

As part of follow-up activities to the 2005 World Summit and its endorsement of the Millennium Development Goals, the Italian Development Cooperation is striving to increase the profile and effectiveness to its international efforts in fighting urban poverty. Guiding and accompanying this effort will be the United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs (DESA). One of the premises of this effort is that public participation is essential in any sustainable approach to urban poverty reduction. But the question is, what kind of participation? This debate will provide a better understanding of the strategic value of participation in policies, programmes and projects aimed at urban poverty reduction; an enrichment of the strategy's focus and horizon; and the strengthening of peer (donor) and partner networks.

Panelists:

Opening remarks

Anna Tibaijuka, Under Secretary-General, United Nations; Executive Director, UN-HABITAT, Kenya (Chair)

Sam Sullivan, Mayor of Vancouver (Co-chair)

Patrizio Civilì, UN Assistant-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs

Antonio Bernardini, Multilateral Coordinator, Italian Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Italy

Discussants:

Lindiwe Sisulu, Minister of Housing, Government of South Africa
Senior Representative, World Bank

Ana Sugranyes, General Secretary, Habitat International Coalition

Jesse Manalastas-Robredo, Mayor, City Government of Naga, Philippines

William Cobbett, Programme Manager, Cities Alliance

Susana Jovanovic, City Counsellor, Pacevo Municipality, Serbia

Erminia Marcato, Professor, Faculty of Architecture, University of Sao Paulo

TUESDAY, JUNE 20
18:30 – 20:00

WOMEN'S RECEPTION

Celebrating Grassroots Women Leaders & Partners' 30 Years of Building Sustainable Communities

Location: Fairmont Waterfront Hotel – Ballroom C & Foyer

Organized by the HUAIROU Commission/GROOTS Canada

The Huairou Commission aims to foster relationship building and lasting partnerships. This reception will provide an opportunity to relate one on one, establish personal connections and have frank exchanges of information and opinions. Opening remarks will begin with a celebration of the contribution grassroots women's groups have made to improving the quality of life in urban settlements, followed by appreciations for women allies in local governments, policy, programming and donor agencies, research, and NGOs who have increased the decision-making and resource base of grassroots women's groups. A brief summary of the Women and World Urban Forum III and the Huairou Commission's strategic objectives and program at WUF III will be given. Entertainment will consist of local women celebrities, singers and dancers including youth and traditional and 'non-traditional' performers.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21
09:30-12:00**

PREVIEW OF STATE OF THE WORLD 2007: AN URBAN PLANET
Location: SFU Harbour Centre, Room 1600 (515 W. Hastings St. @ Seymour St.)

In partnership with Worldwatch Institute

The Worldwatch Institute invites you to preview *State of the World 2007: An Urban Planet* at the World Urban Forum in Vancouver. In this book, we ask: On a planet where cities house a growing share of the human population, including some of the very poorest, what is needed to foster a socially equitable, environmentally sustainable, and economically vibrant urban future? Please join our authors in discussing early versions of their chapters.

Speakers:

David Satterthwaite, Janice Perlman, Peter Newman, Rasna Warah,
Kalpana Sharma, Mark Roseland, Kai Lee, Molly O'Meara Sheehan,
Zoe Chafe

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21
12:30 – 13:30**

INNOVATIVE URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING
Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Meeting Room 15

Organized by the US Agency for International Development (USAID)

There will never be enough donor money available to meet the growing infrastructure needs of cities in developing countries. Therefore, cities in developing countries must be able to borrow capital from the private sector. This event will feature practitioners who will describe how this was accomplished in some select developing country cities and how it could be replicated elsewhere.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21
18:00 – 20:00**

REGIONAL VANCOUVER URBAN OBSERVATORY REPORT LAUNCH
Location: Simon Fraser University, Harbour Centre - Segal Room (515 West Hastings St. at Seymour St.)

Organized by Regional Vancouver Urban Observatory (Simon Fraser University and UN-Habitat Global Urban Observatory)

Our View of the Region is the inaugural report of the Regional Vancouver Urban Observatory (RVu), the first local member of the UN-HABITAT Global Urban Observatory network to be established in the developed world. The report connects the most pressing local urban trends to global sustainable development issues and to the challenge of localizing the Millennium Development Goals. Regional RVu participants, regional decision-makers, and researchers and practitioners working to improve urban conditions through better monitoring and information worldwide will find this report of interest.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21
20:00 – 22:00

AFRICITIES 4 SUMMIT IN NAIROBI

Location: Fairmont Waterfront Hotel – Mackenzie Ballroom

Organized by Africities 4 Summit Secretariat in Nairobi

The main purpose of the event will be to present the Africities Summit with its theme, "Building Local Coalitions for the Implementation of the Millennium Development Goals in African Local Governments", and use the occasion to sensitize delegates attending WUF III to participate in the summit. The main speakers at the event are expected to be the Kenya Minister for Local Government, the Mayor for the City of Nairobi, and the Chairman of the Association of Local Governments in Kenya.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22
12:00 – 13:30

INNOVATIVE POLICIES FOR THE URBAN INFORMAL ECONOMY / LAUNCH REPORT

Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Meeting Room 16

Organized by UN-HABITAT/ WIEGO (Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing & Organizing)

Policy-makers and stakeholders are invited to celebrate the official launch of the report, "Innovative Policies for the Urban Informal Economy".

THURSDAY, JUNE 22
14:30 – 15:30

LAUNCH OF THE NEPAD CITIES REPORT

Location: Fairmont Waterfront Hotel - Waterfront Ballroom B

Organized by UN-HABITAT, UCLGA & Partners

NEPAD Cities Programme is a major component of UN-HABITAT's efforts to address directly the NEPAD objectives. It was formulated as a means of achieving a quick-win for the NEPAD and ground its ideals to the community level through the municipalities and urban centres. Within the interagency consultations coordinated by the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), NCP was adopted as a product of cluster 4 with UN-HABITAT as the lead agency. As UN-HABITAT has now engaged in Phase II of this Programme, the Report of Phase I will be launched by the Executive Director and the NEPAD Cities Partners.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22
18:30 – 20:30

THE CULTURAL AND COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION OF HISTORIC MAILLARDVILLE

Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Meeting Room 1

Organized by City of Coquitlam and Societe Maillardville-Uni

Maillardville is the first and only Francophone settlement in B.C. The legacy of the pioneers can still be found on the streets of Maillardville, with approximately 13% of its residents speaking French as their mother tongue. The event will be a showcase and dialogue on revitalization efforts and how an urban neighbourhood in the initial stages of decline, can realize a collective vision for the neighbourhood. A unique community engagement model is being piloted in this neighbourhood which includes all levels of government, businesses, Francophone and cultural groups and residents to revitalize Maillardville through grass roots community efforts. This presentation will be multimedia and include discussion in both English and French.

SATELLITE EVENTS

THRU FRIDAY, JUNE 30

SUSTAINABLE BUILDING CENTRE OPEN HOUSE – “IDEAS THAT LAST”

Location: 1575 Johnston Street (East of the Public Market, Granville Island)

Web site: www.sustainablebuildingcentre.com

Ideas That Last will run until June 30th and will showcase the breadth of sustainable building expertise in our region. Visit the Sustainable Building Centre's inaugural exhibition of completed sustainable building projects, large and small, at the SBC's new location on Granville Island.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 15 –
MONDAY, JULY 3**

GLOBAL STUDIO VANCOUVER

Location: University of British Columbia Downtown Campus (425 Carrall Street)

Web site: www.theglobalstudio.com

This interdisciplinary forum brings together city building students, academics and professionals from across the globe with the aim of continuing education and research.

**MONDAY, JUNE 12 –
FRIDAY, JUNE 16**

GRASSROOTS WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

Women Building Communities Amid Rapid Urbanization and Decentralization

Location: The Liu Institute for Global Issues, University of British Columbia (6475 NW Marine Drive)

Web site: www.huairou.org/events/WUF3

Providing an opportunity for grassroots women to share knowledge, strengthen ties and craft policy, this academy will identify innovative strategies for and obstacles to upscaling its members work. It also offers an opportunity for “just-in-time” democracy. Participants will prepare policies and strategies to take to the World Urban Forum III.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 15 –
FRIDAY, JUNE 30**

EARTHBLOG

Web site: www.EarthBlog.ca

Join thousands of citizens, dozens of community organizations and four provocative bloggers as we explore the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the Greater Vancouver region and our place in the world. Help us connect the local and the globe.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 16 –
SUNDAY, JUNE 18**

THE WORLD YOUTH FORUM

Location: Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre – Ballrooms A & B

Web site: www.eya.ca/wuf

The *World Youth Forum: Leaders of TODAY and TOMORROW* is the largest ever UN-HABITAT youth event, bringing together over 500 international youth leaders to network and share best practices on youth led programs and projects. The Forum will arrive at a youth declaration to be officially presented at WUF III. The World Youth Forum will include an art and photo exhibition at the Vancouver Public Library, a speakers series and events on Peacebuilding in Cities, and culminate in the Global Hip Hop Main Stage.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17**SUPER SATURDAY****Location: Westin Bayshore Resort and Marina (1601 Bayshore Drive)**Web site: www.aibc.ca/super_saturday

Planning, Architecture and Landscape Architecture professionals will come together for a day of professional inter-disciplinary sessions, networking opportunities and social activities. The day will culminate in the Gala Reception with special keynote speaker, The Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, former Governor General of Canada.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17**BUILD SOME HOPE TODAY****Location: 8745 Government Street, Burnaby**Web site: www.vancouverhabitat.bc.ca

WUF delegates including Jonathan Reckford, CEO of Habitat for Humanity International and Anna Tibaijuka, Executive Director of UN-HABITAT will be at the Habitat for Humanity of Greater Vancouver Burnaby Build Site at 10:00. Come out and meet them and take part in a celebration of the relationship between Habitat for Humanity and UN-HABITAT.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 17 –
TUESDAY, JUNE 20****WORLD PLANNERS CONGRESS*****Sustainable Urbanization: Turning Ideas into Action*****Location: Westin Bayshore Resort and Marina (1601 Bayshore Drive)**Web site: www.wpc2006.com

This conference, attracting planning and related professionals from around the world, will directly precede the World Urban Forum. It combines plenary sessions, roundtables, panel presentations and mobile workshops and tours all focusing on tangible ways to incorporate sustainability into urban planning.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21 –
SUNDAY, JUNE 25****NATIONAL ABORIGINAL WEEK OF ART & CULTURE CELEBRATION****Location: Vancouver Art Gallery (750 Hornby Street); Yale Blues Club (1300 Granville Street)**Web site: www.aboriginalday-van.com

This week will celebrate the unique heritage of Canada's First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples through traditional music and dancing, aboriginal art, performances and food.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21 –
SUNDAY, JUNE 25**

A FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE IS AVAILABLE TO TAKE PARTICIPANTS TO AND FROM THE SITE. PICK UP A SHUTTLE SCHEDULE AT THE INFORMATION BOOTH IN THE LOBBY OF THE CONVENTION CENTRE.

EARTH: THE WORLD URBAN FESTIVAL

Location: Great Northern Way Campus, 555 Great Northern Way
Web site: worldurbanfestival.com

The official arts and cultural festival of the World Urban Forum will celebrate the worldwide effort to protect the environment, human rights and social justice. From 11am to midnight, it will offer a mix of international theatre, dance, music, visual arts, late night events, beer gardens, food and a marketplace.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

GLOBAL HIP-HOP MAINSTAGE

Location: Great Northern Way Campus, 555 Great Northern Way
Web site: www.eya.ca/wuf

The Global Hip Hop Mainstage will feature internationally renowned Hip-Hop and World Music performers from four continents. A special ceremony will be held inducting aboriginal hip-hop artist Curtis Clearsky as a UN-HABITAT Messenger Of Truth.

The Mainstage will also feature live graffiti and dance performances, a welcoming ceremony, Kenyan traditional dance and a report out on the 75 World Urban Cafés held globally leading up to WUF III.

GUIDED TOURS

Sign up for guided tours online at www.wuf3-fum3.ca/en/around_wuf3_tours.asp

The World Urban Forum is organizing a series of tours around Vancouver to locations that illustrate sustainable development. There is no cost to participate, thanks to the generosity of host organizations. Spaces are limited, so register early.

All participants who reserve a place on a tour must pick up their ticket at the Tour Desk in the Main Lobby of the Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre **before 12:00 noon on the day of the tour** or your place will be given away to on-site people who want to attend the tour.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 20 –
THURSDAY, JUNE 22**
Various times

GREATER VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT (GVRD) TOURS

Web site: www.gvrd.bc.ca/wuf

Organized by the Greater Vancouver Regional District

The GVRD extends a warm invitation to WUF delegates to participate in any of ten custom-designed tours. Explore how the GVRD's Sustainable Region Initiative embraces principles of sustainability as an integral part of GVRD plans and actions. Greater Vancouver is the third largest urban region in Canada, with a rich mix of cultures living together in one of the most beautiful settings in the world.

Tour projects and facilities that showcase sustainability in Vancouver, including:

- North Shore Alternate Energy Projects
- Seymour Watershed and Filtration Plant Tour
- Solid Waste Management Facilities
- Annacis Island Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Little Mountain Water Reservoir & Queen Elizabeth Park
- Vancouver Landfill
- Capilano River Regional Park
- Stormwater Control Facilities
- Deas Island Canoeing
- Burnaby Lake and Colony Farm Regional Parks

Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Registration is available online at www.gvrd.bc.ca/wuf or onsite.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 20 –
THURSDAY, JUNE 22**
16:00 – 18:00

GRANVILLE ISLAND WALKING TOUR

Web site: www.granvilleisland.com

Organized by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

Granville Island is a prime example of a revitalised urban neighbourhood that was transformed from a derelict industrial site to a community that harmonizes retail, cultural, industrial and residential uses. A key attribute that continues to underpin the unique character of the island is the adaptive reuse of existing buildings and building materials into new uses. Other sustainability issues that contribute to the vitality of Granville Island such as organic recycling initiatives, partnerships with local non-profits and an introduction to the new Sustainable Building Centre will be included on the tour.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20
16:00 – 19:30

RESTORING NATURE IN THE CITY: A LOOK AT EFFORTS IN VANCOUVER'S JERICHO PARK

Web site: www.evergreen.ca

Organized by the Jericho Stewardship Group

This walking tour of Jericho Park will show some of the work that the Jericho Stewardship Group has been doing to provide better habitat for wildlife in the city.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21
16:00 – 18:00

ENTRE NOUS FEMMES HOUSING SOCIETY BUILDING TOUR

Web site: www.enfhs.org

Organized by the Entre Nous Femmes Housing Society

Three building projects in the Lower Mainland will be visited, with guides and history. The buildings were developed through federal and provincial program assistance, on the foundation of the dream of three 'single moms'. Three buildings in East Vancouver comprise the stops on the tour. Guides will present the buildings and describe the inspirational 20-year history of this successful non-profit woman-generated housing society.

For a complete description of buildings, visit www.enfhs.org/housingprojects.html.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21
16:00 – 18:00

UNIVERSITY TOWN BICYCLE TOURS: WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA?

Web site: www.universitytown.ubc.ca

Organized by the University of British Columbia

Opting for 'sustainable' transportation, participants will have the opportunity to explore the UBC Vancouver campus to learn more about UBC's new University Town while pedaling the relatively flat terrain of the UBC campus and enjoying the fresh air.

Bikes will be provided by the UBC Bike Kitchen or bring your own. The tour will be two-and-a-half hours and will proceed rain or shine. Areas of focus will include academic and green buildings, new residential neighbourhoods, and prominent landscapes and vistas.

The tour will start promptly from the north side of the Student Union Building (6138 Student Union Boulevard) at The University of British Columbia.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21
16:00 – 18:30

GREEN BUILDING TOUR – WEST VANCOUVER

Web site: www.cagbc.org

Organized by the Canada Green Building Council – Cascadia Chapter

Tour three green community buildings in West Vancouver: Gleneagles Community Centre, Gleneagles Public Safety Building and West Vancouver Aquatic Centre. Each of these three buildings feature unique and sustainable solutions relative to the site.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22
16:00 – 18:00

ANATOMY OF A GREEN BUILDING

Web site: www.vanaqua.org/home

Organized by the Vancouver Aquarium

The Vancouver Aquarium turns 50 in 2006, which means it's time for a facelift! The new Discovery Education Centre is the long-awaited and major addition to the Aquarium facility in Stanley Park. Encompassing new classrooms, including a wet lab, additional public display gallery space, a play area for young children, and work space for 90 staff and hundreds more of our volunteers, the building is designed to achieve LEED Gold standards for energy and economic efficiencies. Given the Aquarium specializes in public display and interpretation, it will also serve as a living example of what a green building is, how it got that way and why deciding to build to LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standards is important.

This discussion and tour will examine the economics of the project, and provide a personalized tour of a green building nearing the end of its construction.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22
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UNIVERCITY WALKING TOUR

Web site: www.univercity.ca

Organized by Simon Fraser University – UniverCity

UniverCity is a complete, sustainable, mountaintop community, comprising walkable neighbourhoods on approximately 200 acres of university land, surrounding the SFU Burnaby Mountain campus. It includes approximately 4,500 multi-family residential units, along with a commercial village centre, new schools, parks and other community amenities with a total value in excess of \$1.4 billion. The community goals are twofold: to create an attractive, healthy and safe community, appealing to a variety of markets that will bring new life to the campus; and to generate long-term revenues for university endowment funds.

THE WUF III GREENING INITIATIVE

Because the First Steps Towards Global Change Start With Us!

The WUF III Greening Initiative

WUF III has been organized in accordance with a green meeting strategy, coined the WUF III Greening Initiative. This initiative guided our planning and ensured that the decisions related to the event were made according to sound principles of environmental, social and economic sustainability. The objectives of this initiative were to:

- Encourage all involved with the event to implement and demonstrate best practices in waste minimization and management, pollution reduction and energy conservation.
- To work with event suppliers to ensure that the environmental impacts associated with the services and products they provide are minimized, and opportunities for promoting positive social and economic development are maximized.
- To actively engage WUF III participants through promotions and communications in contributing to event sustainability.

The WUF III Climate Legacy

The WUF III Climate Legacy is designed to offset greenhouse gas emissions generated due to the event through the direct purchase and retirement of verified emission reduction credits. Emission reductions are achieved through offsetting an equivalent amount of emissions elsewhere. Examples include:

- Wind power in Canada
- Solar power in Eritrea & Costa Rica
- Electricity from methane in South Africa
- Solar powered greenhouses in the Himalayas
- Electricity from biomass in India
- Forest restoration in Canada & Uganda
- Efficient cooking stoves in Bangladesh, Madagascar, Honduras and India

The WUF III Green Procurement Strategy

This strategy reduced the ecological footprint of the event by ensuring:

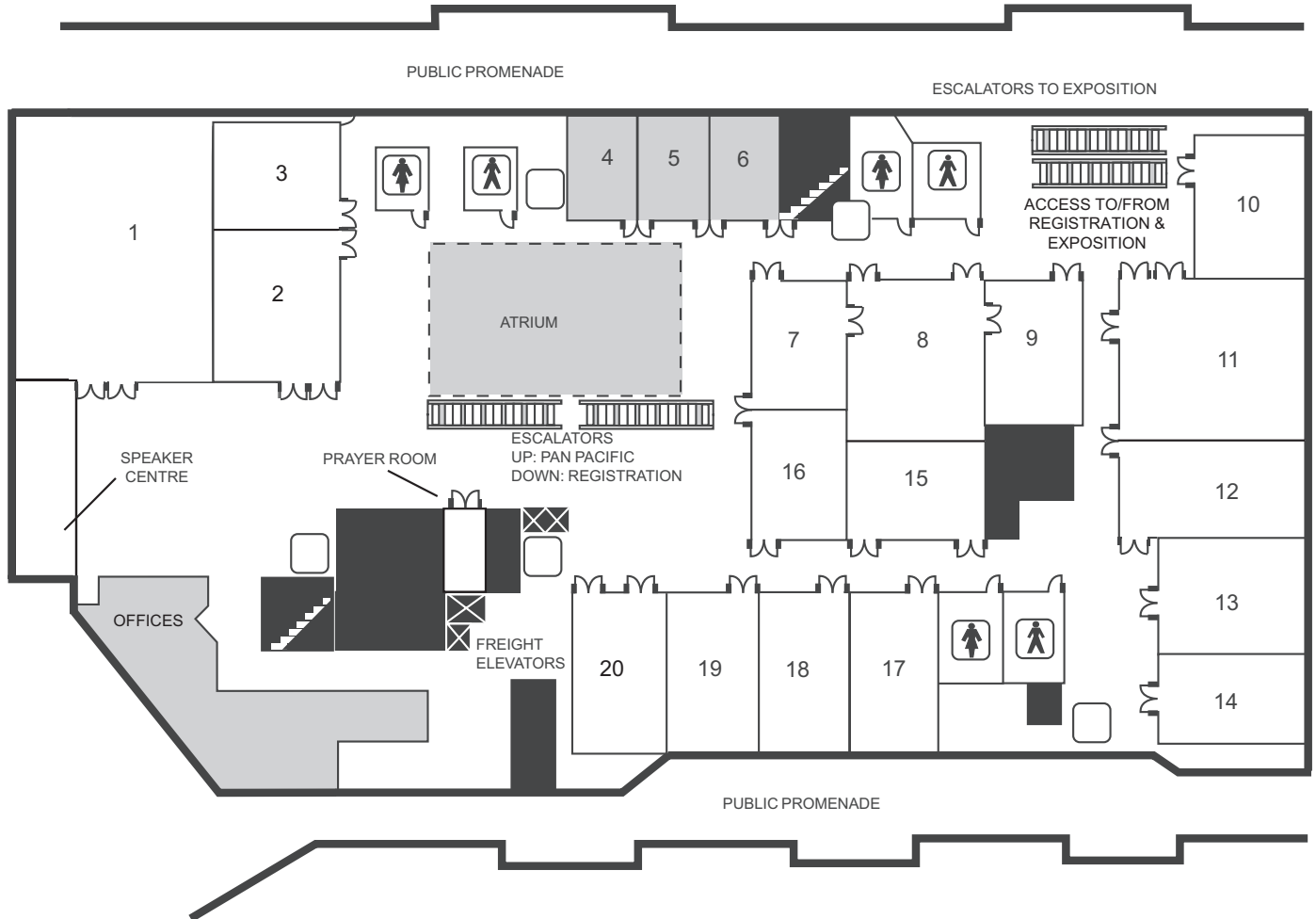
- Participant bags are made from 100% natural fibres and dyes.
- Lanyards are made from recycled materials.
- More than 75% of motorcoaches used for the event are fuelled with B5 and B100 biodiesel.
- Organic, fairly traded and locally produced food and beverage services are provided. Most food packaging is biodegradable or recyclable.
- Volunteer uniforms are 100% organic cotton and embroidered.
- Conference materials are printed using vegetable or soy based inks on 100% post-consumer recycled paper bleached without the use of chlorine

Contribute to the WUF III Greening Initiative!

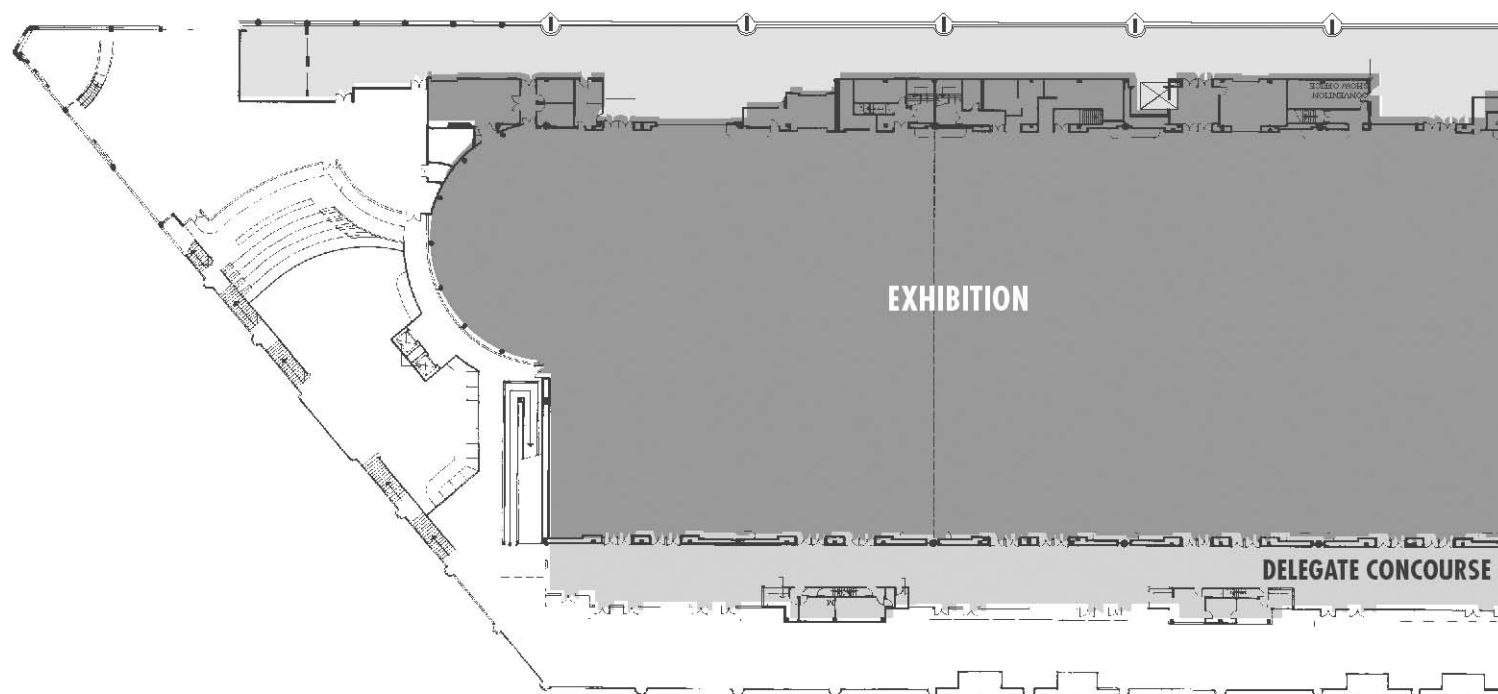
- Recycle your cans, glass, plastic and paper in designated receptacles
- When visiting the exhibition, take only the materials that you really require
- Bring your own reusable mug or water bottle
- When printing materials, print double-sided

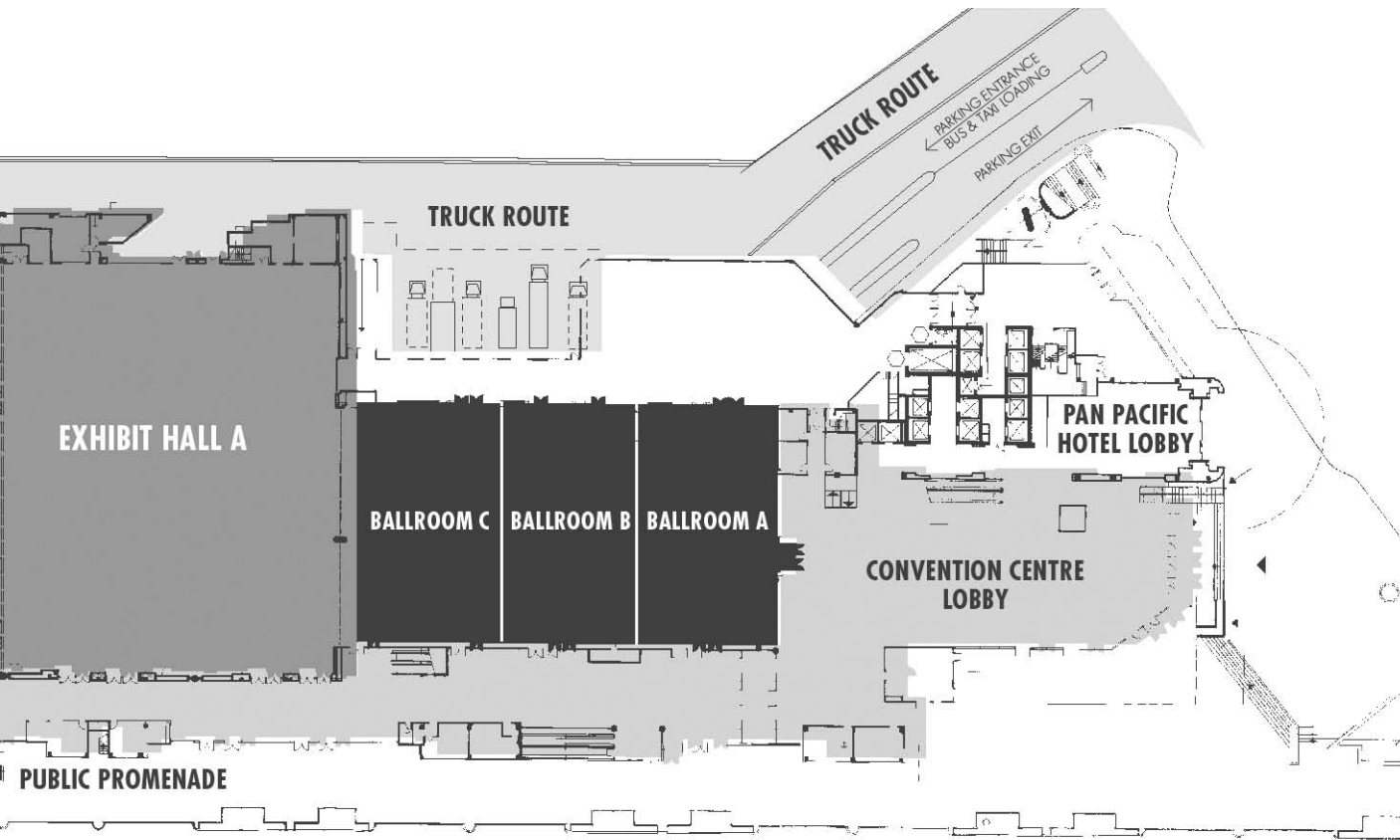
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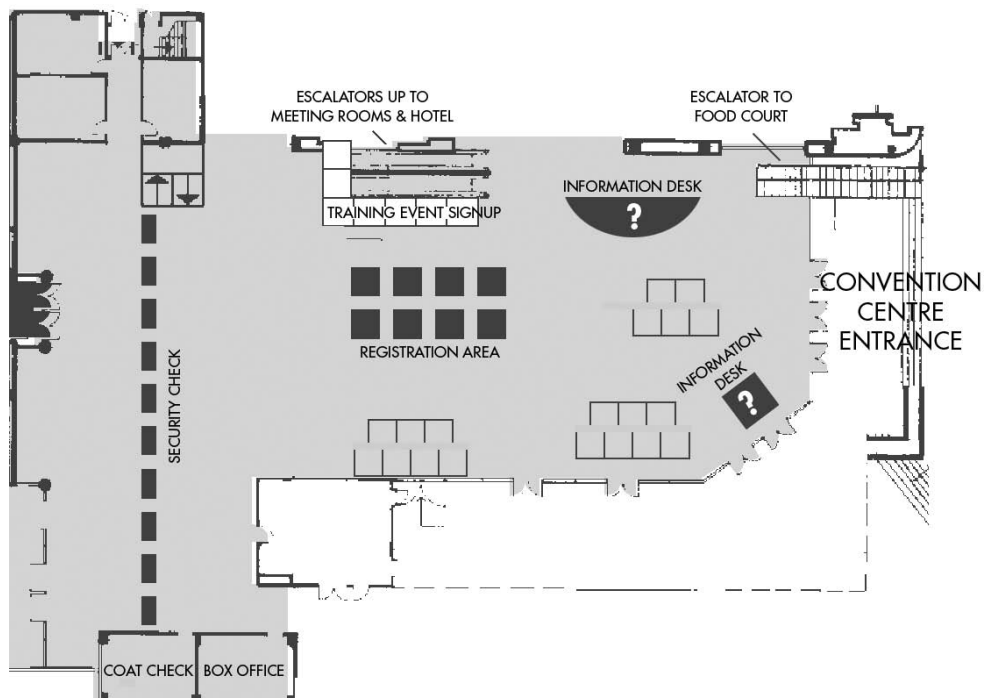


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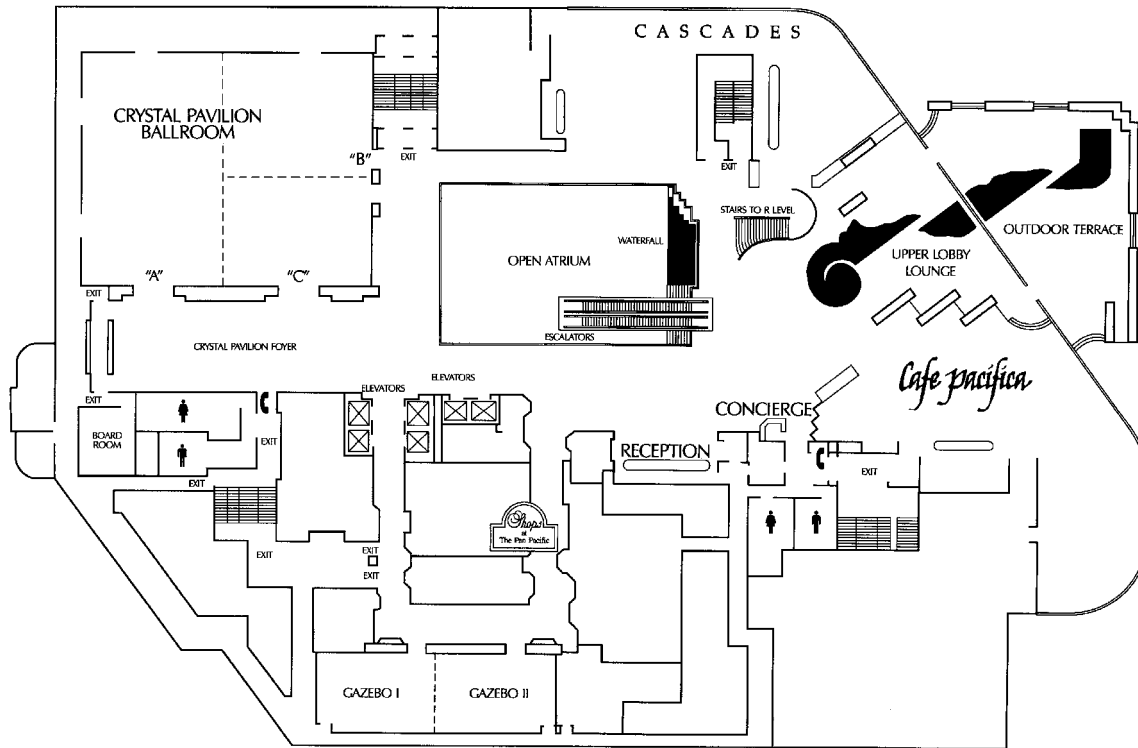




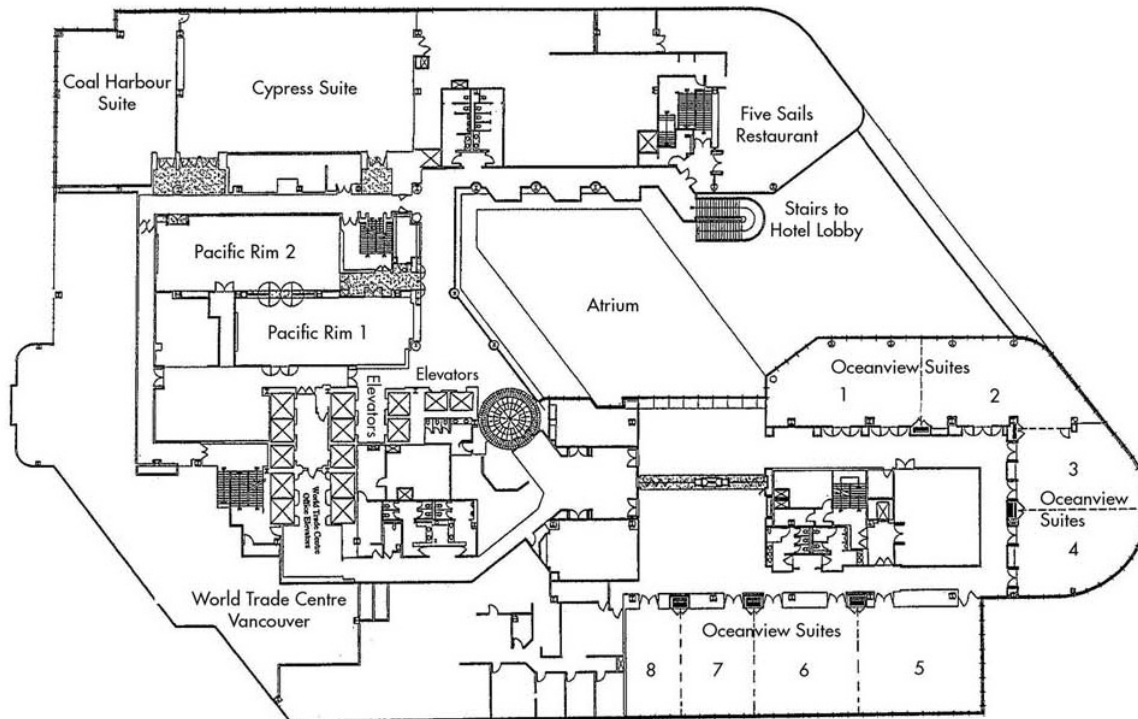
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PAN PACIFIC HOTEL RESTAURANT AND GALLERY LEVEL



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