





Side Event:

Sustainable Cities on Montevideo Conesus and Sustainable Cities

INICIATIVE	Open table for discussion on Montevideo Conesus and Sustainable Cities		
HOST	Mexican Government, UNFPA		
PANELISTS	 Patricia Chemor Ruiz, General Secretary of CONAPO(National Population Council), Mexican Government. Esteban Caballero, Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). Daniel Schensul, Technical Specialist, UNFPA. Representatives of academics Sustainable Cities Project in Mexico and Latin America. 		
LOCATION	CR-7		
TIME AND PLACE	13 April 2016 1:15-2:30 pm		
OBJECTIVE	Positioning Montevideo's Consensus as a benchmark on population and development, specifically on section G on territorial inequality and urban sustainability.		
OVERVIEW	Currently more than 50% of the global population lives in urban areas, and this trend is expected to continue increasing. Considering that over 80% of global gross domestic product (GDP) is generated in cities, it is clear that what happens in the cities of developing countries will outline the future of the planet in terms of economic growth, reduced poverty and inequality, population stabilization, environmental sustainability and human rights. However, few are the countries in the region that have sectoral policies, public policies and programs at the national and sub-national level that are inherently coordinated, and that incorporate population dynamics and the different strategic dimensions of sustainable development. Also, limited is the national and local capacity for urban planning needed to address urbanization and metropolization accentuating inequalities and exclusion within cities and providing limited answers to the sustainable development of society according to their needs. The Montevideo's Consensus and its operational guidance provided to the countries of guidelines and recommendations for the formulation of comprehensive and sustainable urban policies, is now becoming a benchmark globally for compliance with the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly the 11 on Sustainable Cities		

	processes.		
	5 min.	Welcome Ms. Patricia Chemor Ruiz.	
Programme	10 min.	Montevideo's Consensus as a public policy tool. Esteban Caballero, Regional Director for Latin America and the	
	Caribbean,	UNFPA.	
	10 min.	Inclusive development in the framework of Agenda 2030 Daniel Schensul, Technical Specialist, UNFPA.	
	10 min.	Sustainable cities: a conceptual and operational proposal. Representative of the group of academics.	
	10 min.	Population and territory: case of Mexico. Ms. Patricia Chemor Ruiz,	
	10 min.	Questions	
	5 mins.	Closure	
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