REPORT OF THE 22\textsuperscript{ND} STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

13th February 2020
9:00 am-12:00 noon
World Urban Forum 10
Abu Dhabi, UAE

Executive Summary

On 12 February, the Steering Committee of the World Urban Campaign (WUC) convened for its 22\textsuperscript{nd} meeting (SCM22) in Abu Dhabi, UAE. The meeting was held in conjunction with the tenth session of the World Urban Forum. The meeting had three objectives: 1/ review the WUC activities in 2019; 2/ conduct elections for the Co-Chairs; 3/ discuss the WUC workplan for 2020.
1. MEETING OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the 22nd Steering Committee meeting were:

i. To review the WUC activities in 2019
ii. To conduct elections for the Co-Chairs
iii. To decide on the WUC workplan of activities for the year 2020

2. INTRODUCTION

Ms. Rose Molokoane (WUC Chair, Slum Dwellers International) opened the meeting and thanked the World Urban Campaign partners for their active engagement of and the UN-Habitat Secretariat for their contribution during her mandate. She stressed the need to strengthen the Campaign and acknowledged the strong impact of the Urban Thinkers Campuses in the last two years.

Mr. Sandeep Chachra (WUC Co-Chair, ActionAid India), welcomed all participants and expressed the need to redefine the WUC in this coming new decade, that would be a new era of the Campaign. After adoption of the meeting agenda, he welcomed the Ms. Christine Knudsen as new Director of External Relations, Strategy, Knowledge and Innovation.

Ms. Christine Knudsen (Director, External Relations, Strategy, Knowledge and Innovation) congratulated the leadership of the World Urban Campaign Chair and Co-Chair and recognized the potential of the Campaign especially through the diversity of its partners. She explained the new structure of UN-Habitat, its new strategic plan and the new flagship programmes. She encouraged the WUC partners to contribute collectively to the future of the Campaign in order to support the new vision of UN-Habitat.

3. SECRETARIAT PROGRESS REPORT

Ms. Fernanda Lonardoni presented the WUC Secretariat activities report to the Steering Committee. She highlighted key results in particular in terms of communication and progress of the Urban Thinkers Campuses in 2019.

4. EXCHANGE ON 2019 OUTCOMES AND NEXT STEPS

Mr. Sandeep Chachra opened the discussions. The following points were made by participants.

- WUC Secretariat: clarity on roles and responsibilities to support the WUC is needed at the beginning of this new phase.
- Financial Situation: a financial report is needed in order to have more clarity to plan activities.
- Communication: there is a need to improve the communication between the Secretariat and the WUC partners
- Urban Thinkers Campuses: the reporting process should be reviewed, and UN-Habitat field offices should be able to support when appropriate. The timeline for phase 4 should be clarified as soon as possible.

5. WORLD URBAN CAMPAIGN ELECTIONS

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1 World Urban Campaign – Activities Report attached.
Mr. Sandeep Chachra, started by reading the terms of reference of the World Urban Campaign Steering Committee to remind participants about procedures of elections, article VIII: CHAIR, CO-CHAIRS AND OFFICERS OF MEETING (19): The Chair and the co-Chair(s) of the Steering Committee will be elected by the members at the time of the World Urban Forum and shall serve for the period until the next World Urban Forum. Mr. Sandeep Chachra proposed to elect three Co-chairs in order to better reflect the diversity of candidates and partners. This proposal was submitted to a vote, approved by the majority.

Mr. Sandeep Chachra proposed Ms. Christine Auclair as Election Officer to conduct the election, approved by participants She called all candidates to introduce themselves.

- Mr. Bert Smolders (candidate proposed by Arcadis NV)
  Arcadis NV is a private sector company engaged in the World Urban Campaign since its launch. Bert Smolders has supported the Steering Committee in the last 10 years. He believes that the campaign has been a strong catalyst to engage urban thinkers. He called for transformative action in order to implement the New Urban Agenda and support UN-Habitat’s strategic plan.

- Mr. Pablo Aguilar (candidate proposed by CNJUR)
  As the leader of an organization working on the right to the city, and a lawyer, his role could be instrumental to the WUC at a crucial moment of redefinition. He proposed to work based on a set of values: respect, cooperation, innovation, autonomy, support and effective coordination.

Mr. Dave Adamson (absent, presented by Larry O’Brien, candidate proposed by Compass Housing Services)
Mr. Dave Adamson is currently part of the General Assembly of Partners and is proposing his experience in terms of partnerships and 30 years of academic experience, in particular on the area of childhood and health in the last 30 years. His vision is to make the WUC a strong campaign in the next 2 years towards WUF11.

- Ms. Sri Husnaini Sofjan (candidate presented by the Huairou Commission)
  Sri Husnaini Sofjan is a founder of the WUC and brings to the campaign about 30 years of experience and expertise on sustainable urbanization, gender issues and work with communities. She is Senior Program Advisor at the Huairou Commission, a global coalition of women’s networks that empowers grassroots women. She believes the WUC should be grounded in communities. Huairou stands for the voice of women and grassroots. Her vision of the WUC in the next two years is to build recognition of the asset that all partner bring: knowledge, initiatives, commitments, resources. There is a need to strengthen and expand partnerships in this new decade of action.

- Mr. Sandeep Chachra (candidate proposed by ActionAid India)
  Sandeep would like to bring some continuity within the WUC. He has been the Executive Director of ActionAid India for numerous years and has worked in several capacities in ActionAid International and other development organizations for the last two decades. He believes that the WUC is the only urban campaign working across North and South to build a better urban future.
  He proposed to continue promoting the Urban Thinkers Campuses, with a focus on action to deliver the New Urban Agenda in a cities (maybe 100). Giving the strength to people is essential as the world in increasingly unequal.

Voting: ballot papers were distributed to the Steering Committee Members (Sponsors/Lead Partners - One by organization) for the vote.

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*Terms of Reference of the World Urban Campaign Steering Committee (WUC-SC) – Article VIII: Chair, Co-Chairs and officers of meeting.*
After, supervising the balloting procedure, Ms. Christine Auclair declared the ballot closed. The WUC Secretariat announced the results:

- Voters: 15
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- Mr. Bert Smolders (Arcadis NV): 15 votes
- Ms. Sri Husnaini (Huairou Commission): 13 votes
- Mr. Sandeep Chachra, (ActionAid India): 9 votes
- Mr. Pablo Aguilar, (CJUR): 4 votes
- Mr. Dave Adamson, (Compass Housing Services): 4 votes

Ms. Rose Molokoane congratulated the New Co-Chairs. She reaffirmed that her organization would continue to contribute, as a Lead Partner to the World Urban Campaign and support the New Co-Chairs who drive the process in the coming decade of actions.

6. WORKPLAN FOR THE YEAR 2020

Ms. Jane Nyakairu, (Head, External Relations and Partnerships) presented the five flagship programmes (“Inclusive, vibrant neighbourhoods and communities”, “People-focused smart cities”, “Inclusive cities - Enhancing the positive impacts of urban migration”, “SDG cities”,”Climate resilience of the urban poor”), and explained the importance of aligning those to the World Urban Campaign activities.

With a approval of the new co-chairs, the WUC Secretariat decided to form three working groups:

As a way forward to the main issues raised during the meeting, the Steering Committee members proposed to create three working groups to help redefine the WUC and start their work in the next 3 weeks:

Working Group 1: WUC Vision & Workplan

**Focal Point: Bert Smolders**

1. Jane Katz, Habitat for Humanity
2. Judith Hermanson
3. Larry O’Brien
4. Olafiyin Taiwo
5. Eric Huybrechts
6. Didier Vancutsem
7. Limota Goroso Giwa
8. Chris Elisara

**Working Group 2: WUC Steering Committee Terms of Reference**

1. **FP: Sri Husnaini Sofjan**
2. Malick Gaye
3. Rose Molokoane
4. Ola fiyin Taiwo
5. Magdalena Garcia
6. Pablo Aguilar

**Working Group 3: Urban Thinkers Campuses**

1. **Fp: Sandeep Chachra**
2. Greg Mews
3. Jane Anyango
4. Lance Jay Brown
5. Christian W. Hübel
6. John Etherington
7. ElsaMarie DSilva
8. Claudia Ponce
9. Olenka Ochoa
10. Mona Rady
11. Nasreen Hossain
12. Malick Gaye
13. Ola fiyin Taiwo
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7. **CONCLUSION**

The WUC Secretariat will circulate the meeting reports to all partners. The WUC partners present expressed acknowledgement for the tremendous efforts done, as well as the aspirations for the future. The meeting was closed by Mr. Bert Smolders (WUC Co-Chair, Arcadis).