



Collaboration and Innovation to Address Urban Poverty **2:00 PM – 3:30 PM, 16 June 2012**

Overview

One billion of the world's population now lives in slums, and the majority of those are children and youth. United Nations projections indicate that population growth in the coming decades will be almost entirely urban, will take place in the cities of the global South (Asia, Africa and Latin America) and will be concentrated primarily in squatter settlements.

While the urban poor live in close proximity to infrastructure, essential services, markets and seats of political power, they depend largely on informal and shadow economies for their livelihood and live set apart from the urban fabric of our cities. What is the role of cities, government, corporations, service providers and non-governmental organizations in providing solutions?

This session will present collaborative models to address urban poverty. It is hosted by World Vision International and the Global Compact Cities Programme, with a guest address from Mega-Cities Founder and President, Dr. Janice Perlman.

Dr. Perlman will discuss the Mega-Cities Project and present key findings from her 40 years of research in Rio's favelas, documented in her recently released publication, 'Favela: Four Decades of Living on the Edge in Rio de Janeiro.' She will also outline essential elements to be considered when addressing urban poverty.

Lead Global Compact Cities Programme innovating city, Porto Alegre, will present its collaborative approach to the resettlement of the Vila Chocolate favela. César Busatto, Secretary of Political Coordination and Local Governance, City of Porto Alegre, and Vania Goncalves de Souza, Project Manager, City of Porto Alegre, will discuss the city's unique approach with the Chocolate project and will feature a replicable model derived from this innovative and holistic approach to urban renewal.

Joyati Das, Global Head of World Vision International's Centre of Expertise for Urban Programming, will discuss World Vision International's commitment to sustainable partnerships and local-level innovation in different urban programming contexts around the world. Ximena Perez del Castillo, Institutional Positioning VD of World Vision Bolivia, will present an exciting social mobilisation and accountability approach being implemented in La Paz, Bolivia.

For the closing panel discussion, session speakers will be joined by Rafael Achondo from Un Techo para mi Pais (Techo), a youth-led initiative that works in 19 countries across Latin America, building transitional houses with families in extreme poverty and capacity building.

Programme

Moderator:

- Professor Paul James (Director, Global Cities Research Institute/Global Compact Cities Programme)

Speakers:

- Dr Janice Perlman (Founder and President, Mega-Cities Project)
- César Bussato (Secretary of Political Coordination and Local Governance, City of Porto Alegre)
- Vania Goncalves de Souza (Project Manager, City of Porto Alegre)
- Ximena Perez del Castillo (Institutional Positioning VD, World Vision Bolivia)
- Joyati Das (Global Head, Centre of Expertise for Urban Programming, World Vision International)
- Rafael Achondo (Executive Director of Development, Un Techo Para mi Pais)
- Professor Paul James (Director, Global Cities Research Institute/UN Global Compact Cities Programme)
- Elizabeth Ryan (Manager, Global Compact Cities Programme)

Agenda

- **2:00 PM – 2:05 PM** – Welcome and opening remarks (Professor Paul James)
- **2:05 PM – 2:20 PM** – Mega Cities Project: Innovation in urban problem solving, longitudinal research on Rio de Janeiro's *favelas*, policy development and public/private partnerships (Dr Janice Perlman)
- **2:20 PM – 2:45 PM** – City of Porto Alegre: The Vila Chocolateira resettlement and local level partnerships (César Busatto and Vania Goncalves de Souza)
- **2:45 PM – 3:10 PM** – World Vision International: Urban programme research initiatives – case study from Bolivia (Ximena Perex del Castillo); World Vision International's commitment to sustainable partnerships – urban pilot projects, municipal and city level advocacy, focus on the wellbeing of children (Joyati Das)
- **3:10 PM – 3:30PM** – Plenary Panel – Q&A “The importance of partnership in addressing urban poverty” and closing remarks (Facilitators: Professor Paul James and Elizabeth Ryan)

