



## Fourth OACPS/EC/UN-Habitat International Tripartite Conference

'Slum Upgrading and Prevention in the Decade of Action'

### POLICY DIALOGUE 2:

### Communities and Civil Societies Assembly

**Date:** 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021, 12:30-14:00 (EAT)

**Venue:** Online

#### About the Fourth OACPS/EC/UN-Habitat International Tripartite Conference

The three-day Fourth OACPS/EC/UN-Habitat International Tripartite Conference on Slum Upgrading and Prevention in the Decade of Action has been organized within the framework of the global policy dialogue of the Participatory Slum Upgrading Programme (PSUP). PSUP was initiated by the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) and has been implemented by UN-Habitat in 190 cities in 40 ACP countries since its inception in 2008, with funding from the European Commission (EC). The Tripartite Conference seeks to take stock of progress made in transforming living conditions in informal settlements and slums, and examine the lessons learnt, recommendations, commitments and next steps needed to meet the scale and implement the SDG and the New Urban Agenda (NUA).

#### Description of the Session

##### *Grassroots and Community Network Session*

We aim at mobilizing more than 80 community-based leaders joining to propose community-led, local solutions to global development and covid-19 recovery challenges

We would like to build on the experience and network made during the last World Urban Forum in Abu Dhabi, more so from the assemblies.

This sessions will provide an open space for experienced grassroots community leaders and their partners from different cities and countries to reflect on different aspects and to share their experiences and practices about the ways urban poor communities, informal workers and women and youth are playing key roles as development actors and taking concrete action to improve their own lives and settlements and to make their cities more inclusive, resilient and sustainable.

The session will also facilitate interactive spotlight sessions where community organisations and leaders will demonstrate their innovations on the global stage, providing the opportunity for live participation and interaction.

This session will celebrate the role of grassroots communities as key development actors, and their knowledge about community organization, women and youth empowerment and leadership, knowledge-



sharing, capacity building, community-led development and housing, citywide partnerships and co-production of urban planning and policies, among others.

We plan to do this through Panel discussion where 4 to 5 grassroots representatives selected and proposed by their networks, each of them will get 5 minutes to share their experience, the PSUP team will guide them to address the principal subjects and common themes of the session. We aim at having 3 different panels balancing the speakers to reflect geographical coverage as well as gender balancing.

### Guiding Questions

These thematic questions will guide the discussion:

- What are the key lessons learned from the COVID-19 Pandemic for grassroots communities?
- How do we sustain community led actions?
- What needs to be done to strengthen partnership between grassroots leaders and other partners

### Expected Outcomes

- Identify and Strengthen channels for coordination and communication between grassroots organizations;
- Secure commitments by national and local governments, bilateral and multi-lateral institutions to provide Urban Basic Services to all groups of people irrespective of their cultural, social and religious background and history
- Networking and lessons learnt exchange for strengthening of ongoing grassroots initiatives;

### Proposed Recommendations for the Declaration

- Slums are an indicator of urban poverty and exclusion and to achieve equitable urban development, slums, which are a reality in many cities in the ACP need to be integrated in national and urban development management and governance.

### Proposed Actions for the Action Framework

- Learning and monitoring framework for slum upgrading policies and legislation.

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