

Habitat III Networking Event

The New Urban Agenda and the Role of the Multilateral Development Banks

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The "New Urban Agenda" calls on multilateral development banks (MDBs) engaged in urban development to enhance coordination and partnership of their strategies, and to apply an integrated approach to sustainable urbanization and eradicating poverty. This session showcases how eight MDBs are putting these words into action by collaborating to promote equitable, sustainable, and productive urbanization and urban communities.

Bios of Presenters and Discussants

Presenters (in order of appearance)

Vijay Padmanabhan, Technical Advisor, Asia Development Bank

Amadou Oumarou, Director for Transport, Urban Development, and ICT, African Development Bank

José A. Carrera, Corporate Vice President of Social Development, Development Bank of Latin America (CAF)

Nigel Jollands, Associate Director of Policy and Climate Finance, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

Jan Vapaavuori, Vice-President, European Investment Bank

Juan Pablo Bonilla, Manager, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Sector, Inter-American Development Bank

Idrissa Dia, Sector Manager, Urban Development and Services, Infrastructure Department, Islamic Development Bank

Ede Ijjasz- Vasquez, Senior Director, Global Practice, Social, Urban, Rural and Resilience, The World Bank

Mauricio Rodas, Mayor of Quito

Discussants

Marina Klemensiewicz, Secretary of Habitat and Inclusion, Buenos Aires City Government

Soledad Nunez, Minister of Urban Development of Paraguay

Aidah Munano Principal Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development of Kenya

Yondela Silimela, Chief Planner, Johannesburg

Biographies



Vijay Padmanabhan , Technical Advisor Asia Development Bank

Mr. Padmanabhan leads the technical and knowledge support for the Urban Sector Group in the Asian Development Bank. With 20 years of professional experience, he has led multi-sector teams in designing and delivering large, complex projects on urban development, water and sanitation across several countries in the Asia-Pacific Region. Mr. Padmanabhan has overseen enterprise resource planning for urban local bodies; structuring and financially closing integrated urban services projects, private sector projects and infrastructure bonds in the water and sanitation sector; implementing integrated urban services projects; and structuring and implementing emergency and disaster assistance projects. Vijay is an Engineer and Urban Planner with experience working in India, Kyrgyz Republic, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Georgia, Sri Lanka, Viet Nam and Fiji.



Amadou Oumarou, Director for Transport, Urban Development, and ICT African Development Bank

Mr. Oumarou oversees an active portfolio of more than 120 projects in ports, railways, highways, airports, and telecommunications across the African continent amounting to about US\$ 11 billion in lending commitments. He joined the African Development Bank in 2001 as a Transportation Engineer and was a Division Manager prior to assuming his current position. Prior to joining the Bank Mr. Oumarou worked for almost a decade in the Private Sector in the USA.



José A. Carrera, Corporate Vice President of Social Development Development Bank of Latin America (CAF)

Mr. Carrera is responsible for the design of the strategy, the implementation of policies and financing for social development projects including: urban development and slums upgrading; water and sanitation; education; inclusion and gender equity. He is also a Governor and member of the Directive Committee of the World Water Council. Prior to his designation as Vice President, he worked as the Country Director of CAF in Bolivia. In Ecuador, his native country, he served as Vice Minister of Economy and Finance; as well as Undersecretary of Budget and Treasury. Along with those duties he was simultaneously the Alternate Governor of Ecuador to the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank. Mr. Carrera is an Economist from the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador and holds a Master's degree and PhD studies in Economics at the University of Notre Dame, USA.



**Dr. Nigel Jollands, Associate Director, Policy and Climate Finance
European Bank for Reconstruction and Development**

Dr. Nigel Jollands has worked on sustainable energy and environmental policy for 23 years. In March 2011 he took up a post with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and is now Associate Director, Policy and Climate Finance, where he works at the interface between policy and finance. This role includes supporting the Bank's Green Economy investment programme through policy dialogue with governments in the Bank's area of operations (Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia, and North Africa). Prior to this role, he spent 5 years as Head, Energy Efficiency Unit at the International Energy Agency. At the IEA he led the Agency's energy efficiency policy analysis and co-ordinating the Agency's engagement with multi-lateral energy efficiency initiatives including the G8 and the International Partnership for Energy Efficiency Cooperation (IPEEC). Nigel's previous positions include Principal Ecological Economist in the New Zealand Centre for Ecological Economics (NZCEE), Senior Lecturer at Massey University, and senior policy analyst in New Zealand's capital at various Ministries (Ministry of Commerce; Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority and Ministry for the Environment).



**Jan Vapaavuori, Vice-President
European Investment Bank**

Mr. Vapaavuori has been a Vice-President of the European Investment Bank and a member of its Management Committee, a permanent collegiate executive body, since September 2015. In the Bank's Management Committee, Mr. Vapaavuori holds supervisory responsibility for EIB operations in Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania and Sweden and in several countries outside the European Union. He is also in charge of horizontal issues such as Projects (technical and economic assessment), Advisory Services and Corporate Social Responsibility.

Before joining the EIB he was the Finnish Minister of Economic Affairs (2012-2015) and Minister of Housing and Minister for Nordic Cooperation (2007-2011). Jan Vapaavuori was a Member of the

National Parliament from 2003-2015. He holds a Master of Laws degree from University of Helsinki, Finland.



Juan Pablo Bonilla, Manager of the IDB's Climate Change and Sustainable Development Sector InterAmerican Development Bank (IDB)

Juan Pablo Bonilla, is the Manager of the IDB's Climate Change and Sustainable Development Sector (CSD). Previously, he was Chief of Staff to the Executive Vice President of the Inter-American Development Bank. Dr. Bonilla has worked on environmental sustainability, climate change and energy for more than 20 years. He led the IDB's Sustainable Energy and Climate Change Initiative, a major strategic step for integrating climate change and sustainability as a priority for the Bank. Before joining the Bank, Dr. Bonilla worked as Senior Specialist at the World Bank, and was a member of the United Nation's CDM Executive Board.

In Colombia, after serving as the Executive Director of a new think tank Fundesarrollo, and as National Environmental Manager of ANDI, Dr. Bonilla launched new initiatives such as the National Climate Change Policy and the National Biotechnology Policy as principal advisor to the country's Vice President. Dr. Bonilla served as Deputy Minister of Environment, and acting Minister of Environment, Housing and Territorial Development.



Idrissa Dia, Sector Manager, Urban Development and Services, Infrastructure Department Islamic Development Bank

Mr. Dia, a Senegalese national, has been reappointed recently as Sector Manager for Urban Development and Services in The Islamic Development Bank Group, in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, where he is overseeing a portfolio of more than \$3.2B. He has previously served as Global Practice Manager, Urban Development and Disaster Risk Management for Africa, in the World Bank Global Practice Department for Social, Urban, Rural, and Resilience.

Mr. Dia has more than two decades of experience in Development finance, and international development, working with the public and private sectors in the Africa, Central & South Asia, and Middle East and North Africa Regions. His professional experience includes the areas of infrastructure financing and municipal services delivery (electricity, water, sanitation, solid waste, and social housing), disaster risk management, and social inclusion. He holds a Masters of Science in Finance from the Faculty of Advanced studies of the Montreal University, in Canada.

Previously, he was Head of the Regional Infrastructure Unit (Water, Sanitation, Energy, Transport) in the Islamic Development Bank Regional Office in Dakar, overseeing activities in 11 countries, and

Principal Financial Analyst in the Public Utilities Department (Water, Sanitation, Energy, Mining) at the African Development Bank, in Tunis.



**Ede Ijjasz-Vasquez, Senior Director, Social, Urban, Rural, and Resilience (SURR) Global Practice
The World Bank**

Ede Ijjasz-Vasquez leads a team of over 600 technical experts deployed across the world, leveraging global knowledge and collaborating with partners to help tackle the world's most complex development challenges in: social inclusion and sustainability; mainstreaming resilience in all dimensions development; territorial and rural development; and urban planning, services, and institutions.

Prior to this, he was Director for Sustainable Development of the Latin America and Caribbean Region, with an active portfolio of about \$17 billion. From 2007 to 2011, he was based in Beijing, where he managed the Sustainable Development Unit for China and Mongolia. Earlier in his career, he managed the global trust-funded programs ESMAP and WSP in energy and water and sanitation, respectively. Mr. Ijjasz has a Ph.D. and M.Sc. (Massachusetts Institute of Technology - MIT) in civil and environmental engineering, with a specialization in hydrology and water resources. He has been a lecturer at the Environmental Science and Policy Program at Johns Hopkins University, and at Tsinghua University. He is a Colombian and Hungarian national.



**Mauricio Rodas Espinel
Mayor of Quito**

Mauricio Rodas Espinel holds a JD degree from Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador. He has two Master degrees in Government Administration and Political Sciences from University of Pennsylvania. After that he was a consultant for the UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) in Santiago de Chile and advisor for several local and federal government ministries in Mexico. In May 2014 he was sworn in as Mayor of the Metropolitan District of Quito, after winning the general elections of February 2014, becoming the youngest mayor elected in the history of the city.

Bios of Panelists (in order of appearance)



Arch. Aidah Munano, Principal Secretary for State Department of Housing and Urban Development in the Republic of Kenya

Arch. Munano, a career civil servant, has served the Government of Kenya in a number of capacities rising through the ranks to the position of Works Secretary where she coordinated the inputs of the buildings project professionals in the implementation of government projects. She has been an advisor to the Government on building construction matters and chaired an Inter-Ministerial Technical Working Group for the Development & improvement of one stop Border Control Points for the Republic of Kenya.

As the Principal Secretary for Housing and Urban Development, Arch. Munano is spearheading the housing and urban development agenda which includes the development of Legal and Policy Framework in the Housing and Urban Development Sectors.

Arch. Munano has been honored and commended severally by various Kenyan government institutions for her contribution in the public service in the construction industry. She possesses vast experience in the regulation of the built environment profession.

Arch. Munano, a registered architect and a Construction Project Manager, holds a Masters degree in Construction Management from Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, Kenya. She is a member of the Architectural Association of Kenya as an Architect and Construction Project Manager. She is also a member of the Institute of Construction Project Managers of Kenya.



Marina Klemensiewicz, Secretary of Habitat and Inclusion Ministry of Economic Development of the Buenos Aires City Government

Political Sciences graduate from Universidad Católica Argentina, has a vast experience in disability inclusion issues. During eight years, she was Director of Fundacion Par, Argentinean nonprofit organization created in 1988 in order to promote work inclusion of disabled for their full insertion on a competitive level.

There, she developed strategic plans for the development of new programs of inclusive education and citizen participation. She was in charge of PR and Institutional Relations and was responsible for managing alliances with private companies, the State and nonprofit organizations, both national and foreign.

Since December 2007 to 2011 she was the President of the Commission for the Full Participation and Inclusion of Disabled People, of the Buenos Aires City Government. In July 2011, she became elected the third MP candidate for Propuesta Republicana (PRO) Political party, role she quitted from in order to take charge as Secretary of Habitat and Inclusion, dependant on the Ministry of Economic Development of the Buenos Aires City Government.



Soledad Núñez, Minister Executive Secretariat for Housing and Habitat of Paraguay (SENAVITAT)

At 31 years old she was appointed as the youngest Minister of President Horacio Cartes' cabinet. Prior to joining the Ministry of Housing and Habitat she coordinated the implementation of the National Poverty Eradication Plan, leading a territorial focused strategy from the Technical Planning Secretariat for Social and Economic Development of the President's office. She is the former National Director of TECHO Paraguay, a non-governmental organization that during her tenure intervened in more than 150 human settlements with emergency housing solutions while promoting the active involvement of thousands of young people in the policy making process. She began her professional career in the private sector implementing social infrastructure projects in rural areas. She has a degree in Civil Engineering from the National University of Asunción with a Master's degree in Project Management from the Polytechnic University of Madrid. She is an alumni of the Global Competitiveness Leadership Program at Georgetown University.