

PrepCity #3: Cities as Actors

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Cities as Actors is a three-day forum organised by Metropolis, the Senate Department for Urban Development and the Environment, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung and the Technische Universität Berlin.

The idea of the workshop is to identify implementation issues and to evaluate case studies about how implementation can succeed in cities ahead of the HABITAT III summit. This workshop is a continuation of Berlin's PrepCity initiative, which was launched in Buenos Aires with a view to collating the local experience and proposals of individual cities.

At this workshop inter-disciplinary teams from selected cities will be able to reflect on the draft New Urban Agenda against the background of specific local transformation challenges, which can then be discussed with representatives from politics and society.

Overall Objectives

The 'Cities as Actors' workshop will address two major questions:

- How can cities best translate the general aims of the New Urban Agenda into meaningful practice?
- What capacities, resources, mandates, tools and policies are required to respond to the challenge of social cohesion in the face of the increasing movement of people?

The first is a broad question concerning the translation of principles into practice; the second is a focussed question on a key challenge affecting all cities in a world—the intensifying movement of people both within countries and across the globe.

The outcomes will be incorporated into the preparatory process for the UN HABITAT III summit meeting in Quito in 2016.