

# INFORMATION NOTE

## HABITAT III THEMATIC MEETING

PUBLIC SPACES

4-5 APRIL 2016

BARCELONA, SPAIN



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## INTRODUCTION

Accelerated urbanization was a defining characteristic for human settlements during the previous century, with urbanization projected to continue increasing during the first half of the current century. Today, approximately 55% of the global population is urban (4.7 billion individuals), and future projections estimate this will reach 66% by 2050 (6.3 billion out of 9.6 billion), thus adapting and improving how cities are shared will undoubtedly be a critical need in the coming years and decades.

The Sustainable Development Goals or SDGs were adopted in September 2015, with a specific aim in Goal 11 to “make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable”, and this includes sub target 11.7 indicating that “by 2030, provide universal access to safe, inclusive and accessible, green and public spaces, in particular for women and children, older persons and persons with disabilities”. Public and shared spaces are emphasized because they are integral to any urban development process that aims to be inclusive, equitable and sustainable.

The Habitat III Conference, which will be held in Quito on 17-20 October, will set forth proposals on how to deal with challenges of urbanization in the next two decades through a New Urban Agenda.

Join us at the Habitat III Thematic Meeting on Public Spaces in Barcelona to participate in discussions and provide inputs to shape the New Urban Agenda for a sustainable urban future. The Meeting is part of the high-level official meetings involving a wide range of participants to debate priorities and policy recommendations in the form of a final participants’ declaration. The final declaration from regional and thematic meetings is considered an official input to the Habitat III process.



## VISITORS TO **BARCELONA**

Are you wondering... How to move around the city? Which are the most useful apps for visiting the city? Find out everything you want to know about Barcelona at [meet.barcelona.cat/en](http://meet.barcelona.cat/en)

In April the weather in the city tends to be sunny, and the sea breeze makes the atmosphere fresh and welcoming. Temperatures may vary with an average temperature of 18C°.

Standard time in Barcelona is GMT+1 hours. Local currency is Euro (€)

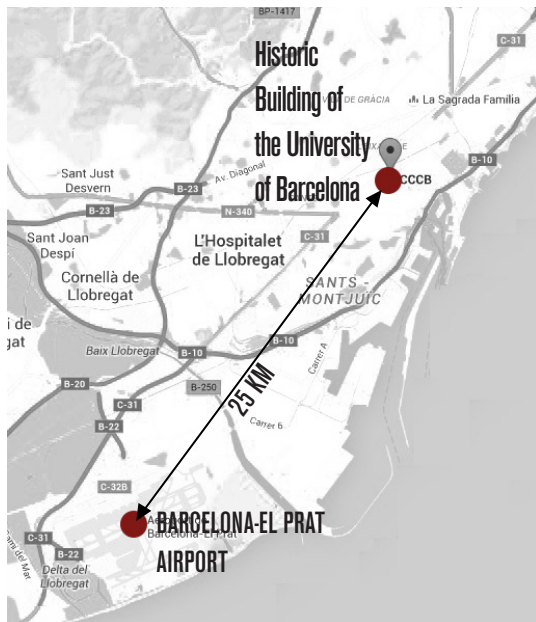


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# 1. ARRIVAL OF DELEGATIONS AND PARTICIPANTS



## a. ARRIVAL AT THE AIRPORT

The airport is located 16 kilometres south of the city and is also known as El Prat, the town where it is located.

Terminals T1 and T2 (A, B and C):

The terminals at Barcelona Airport are organised in terms of carriers and not according to the destination or place of origin.

Connections between Barcelona and the airport and back:

**Metro:**

Trains depart the airport every 7 minutes during peak times, and the journey to the city takes less than 35 minutes from the airport.

There are Metro stations at both terminals:

T1 Terminal: From Baggage Claim, take the free bus shuttle service to T2, follow the signs to RENFE station and board the Metro. There you'll find the Metro station adjacent to the RENFE station (L9).

T2 Terminal: From Baggage Claim, follow the signs to the RENFE station across the street (via an air bridge) and board the Metro. There you'll find the Metro station adjacent to the RENFE station (L9).

**Aerobús (T1 and T2):**

Daily service between Plaça de Catalunya and Barcelona Airport.

Bus frequency: every 10 minutes.

Approximate journey time: 35 minutes.

Tickets are available from ticket machines or may be purchased from the driver.

**Taxi:**

Taxis are readily available outside both airport terminals.

Taxi fee from airport to the city center is around 25 euros.

**Train:**

Daily connections with Barcelona Airport from the Renfe (Spanish Rail) stations at Barcelona Sants Railway Station. The airport station is situated opposite terminal T2, connected via an air bridge.

Frequency: every 30 minutes.

Journey time: 18 minutes (from Sants).

**Bus (TMB):**

The 46 bus runs from Pl. d'Espanya to Barcelona Airport (T1 and T2) daily.

Frequency: every 25 minutes.

**Night bus (NITBUS):**

The N17 night bus operates from Ronda Universitat / Plaça Catalunya to Barcelona Airport T1, stopping at Pl. d'Espanya.

The N16 night bus operates from Ronda Universitat / Plaça Catalunya to Barcelona Airport T2, stopping at Pl. d'Espanya.

Frequency: every 20 minutes.

## b. VISA REQUIREMENTS

It is the responsibility of the delegate or participant to obtain the visa for Spain. The information provided herein acts only as guidance.

### **Holders of passports who do not require a visa to enter Spain:**

- The European Union, Iceland, Norway and Switzerland.
- The Spanish Government has introduced new residency requirements for all EU citizens who plan to reside in Spain for more than three months. Find more information under:  
<http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Portal/en/ServiciosAlCiudadano/InformacionParaExtranjeros/Paginas/RequisitosDeEntrada.aspx>
- Passports and travel documents are required to be valid during the duration of the visit. You do not need a minimum of validity in your passport or travel document to travel to Spain.
- Children included in the parent's passport must be accompanied by the parent. The child's right to travel on the passport will lapse depending on the age stipulated by the issuing country and be under 16 years of age.
- A letter of consent is recommended if the child (holding a valid passport) is not travelling with the parents (mother or the father if he has parental responsibility) or guardian. Anyone under the age of 18 is considered a minor and is subject to parental control or adult supervision. Parents or guardians are responsible for the actions of their children. Unaccompanied minors fall under the jurisdiction of Social Services for the Protection of Minors.
- Children travelling alone and using a National Identity card must have written parental consent.
- It is important that the name on your ticket matches the name on your passport exactly. Please consult with the airline before travelling.

For visits not exceeding ninety days per six-month period, visas are not required for holders of valid passports issued by the following countries or dependencies:

Albania *	Liechtenstein
Andorra	Macao Special Administrative Region
Antigua and Barbuda	Malaysia
Argentina	Mauritius
Australia	Mexico
Bahamas	Monaco
Barbados	Montenegro *
Bosnia Herzegovina *	New Zealand
Brazil	Nicaragua
British nationals (Overseas)	Northern Mariana Islands (passports from the US)
British overseas territories citizens (BOTC)	Palau
British overseas citizens (BOC)	Panama
British protected persons (BPP)	Paraguay
British subjects (BS)	St. Kitts and Nevis



Brunei Darussalam	St. Lucia
Canada	St. Vincent and Grenadines
Chile	Samoa
Colombia	San Marino
Costa Rica	Serbia **
Croatia	Seychelles
Dominica	Singapore
El Salvador	Taiwan (only holder of passports which contain identity card number)
Grenada	Tonga
Guatemala	Trinidad and Tobago
Honduras	United Arab Emirates
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region	Uruguay
Israel	USA
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia *	Vatican City
Japan	Venezuela
Korean Republic	Vanuatu

\* Only when holding a biometric passport. If not, a visa is required.

\*\* Only when holding a biometric passport. If not, a visa is required, excluding holders of passports delivered by KOORDINACIONA UPRAVA.

· Holders of Travel Documents issued under the Geneva Convention of July 1951, by the following countries: Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Norway, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom.

· Crew members of airlines and merchant navy.

· If you hold a valid residence permit in any of the Schengen member states, you are entitled to re-enter the Schengen area without a visa on production of your proof of residence and your passport.

· Under Directive 2004/38/EC and according to Real Decreto 240/2007, 16 February, family members of an EU/EEA national in possession of a valid UK Residence Card specifying its condition as a family member do not require a visa to enter Spain when travelling with the EU/EEA National or joining him/her in Spain. Otherwise, a visa will be still required (Real Decreto 1161/2009, 10th July 2009). For spouses and/or children of Spanish Nationals the above condition applies provided that the marriage and/or birth is registered according with the Spanish Civil Register (original Libro de Familia). Please note, that the UK Residence Permit must state literally that the holder is a family member of an EU/EEA National. If not, a visa is required.

This information applies only to ordinary passports. All other nationalities, not listed above require a visa.



**Holders of passports who require a visa to enter Spain:**

Afghanistan (1) (2*)	Haiti (2)	Nigeria (1) (2*)
Albania	Hong Kong (when it is not SAR)	North Korea (1)
Algeria (1)	India (2)	Oman
Angola (2)	Indonesia	Pakistan (1) (2*)
Armenia	Iran (1) (2*)	Palestine (1)
Azerbaijan	Iraq (1) (2*)	Papua New Guinea
Bahrain	Ivory Coast (2)	Peru
Bangladesh (1) (2*)	Jamaica	Philippines (1)
Belarus (1)	Jordan (1)	Qatar
Belize	Kazakhstan	Refugee Travel Documents (1)
Benin	Kenya	Russia
Bhutan	Kyrgyzstan	Rwanda (1)
Bolivia	Kiribati	Sao Tome
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Kuwait	Saudi Arabia (1)
Botswana	Laos	Senegal (2)
Burkina Faso	Lebanon (1)	Sierra Leone (2)
Burundi	Lesotho	Solomon Islands
Cambodia	Fiji	Somalia (1) (2*)
Cameroon	Frantesspass documents (1)	South Africa
Cape Verde	Gabon	South Sudan (1)
Central Africa Republic	Gambia	Sri Lanka (1) (2*)
Chad	Georgia	Sudan (1) (2)
China	Ghana (2*)	Suriname (1)
Comoros	Guinea (2)	Swaziland
Congo	Liberia (2)	Syria (1)
Cuba (2)	Libya (1)	Tajikistan
Democratic Republic of Congo (1) (2*)	Madagascar	Tanzania
Djibouti (2*)	Malawi	Thailand
Dominican Republic	Maldives	Togo (2)
East Timor	Mali (1) (2)	Tunisia (1)
Equatorial Guinea (1)	Marshall Islands	Turkey
Eritrea (2*)	Mauritania (1)	Turkmenistan
Ethiopia (2*)	Micronesia	Tuvalu
Fiji	Moldova	Uganda
Frantesspass documents (1)	Mongolia	Ukraine
Gabon	Morocco (1)	Uzbekistan (1)
Gambia	Mozambique	





Georgia	Myanmar	Vietnam (1)
Ghana (2*)	Namibia	Yemen (1)
Guinea (2)	Nauru	Zambia
Guinea-Bissau (2)	Nepal	Zimbabwe
Guyana	Niger	

\*For more information about entry requirements please visit: <http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Portal/en/ServiciosAlCiudadano/InformacionParaExtranjeros/Paginas/RequisitosDeEntrada.aspx>

**The visa will take at least 2 weeks to be issued.**

(1) This visa will take at least 4 weeks to process. Included in this category are: Palestinians, Refugees and Stateless Persons. Please note that certain documents are not recognised by the Spanish Authorities and are therefore not valid to travel to Spain. These include Certificates of Identity issued by the Home Office, which are not covered by the Geneva or New York Conventions.

(2) An Airport Transit visa is required if the person is not a permanent resident in: Canada, European Union, USA.

(2\*) An Airport Transit visa is not required if resident in: Andorra, Canada, European Union, Japan, Monaco, San Marino, Switzerland, USA, Holders of Diplomatic and Service passports.

The Airport Transit visa will only allow the holder into the International Lounge and will not permit the passenger entry into Spain.

Children of any age holding a valid passport will require a visa.



## 2. ACCESS TO THE CONFERENCE VENUE

### a. CONFERENCE VENUE

Conference Venue: [Historic Building of the University of Barcelona](#)

Address: Gran Via de Les Corts Catalanes, 585

Barcelona, Spain

All participants need to be registered at [Habitat3.org/Barcelona](#) prior the meeting to be allowed access. Each individual is requested to come to the venue and to present his/her Passport (for international participants) or identification card (for national participants) in order to collect their badge. There will be on-site registration according to availability.

### b. WHERE TO PICK-UP YOUR BADGE?

The main Accreditation Centre is located in the hall of the historic building of the University of Barcelona.

### c. REGISTRATION HOURS:

Monday, 4	8:00 - 17:30
Tuesday, 5	8:00 - 18:30

### d. OFFICIAL HOURS OF THE BARCELONA THEMATIC MEETING:

Monday, 4	8:00 - 19:00
Tuesday, 5	8:30 - 19:00

### f. PARTICIPANTS:

The Barcelona Thematic Meeting is opened to the following:

- All Member States of the United Nations and members of specialized agencies.
- Regional and Local Governments
- Representatives of interested organs of the United Nations.
- Representatives of intergovernmental organizations.
- Individual experts and consultants in the field of sustainable development invited by the United Nations.
- Other stakeholders.
- Media and journalists.

## 3. TIMETABLE OF THE EVENT

The official programme of the meeting includes plenaries, thematic sessions, and panel discussions that include experts of each topic as well as representatives of national, regional and local governments, and intergovernmental organizations. It will also include side events and the Urban Journalism Academy.

In addition, the Municipality of Barcelona is offering Urban Study Visits for all participants to discover innovative and pioneer urban interventions in the city.



## 4. PROGRAMME OF THE HABITAT III THEMATIC MEETING ON PUBLIC SPACES Barcelona

<b>DAY 1 - Sunday, April 3th, 2016</b>			
TIME	ACTIVITY		
15h00 – 19h00	<b>URBAN STUDY VISITS</b> All over the city		
<b>DAY 2 - Monday, April 4th, 2016</b>			
TIME	ACTIVITY		
From 08h00	Registration		
08h00 – 09h30	<b>SIDE EVENTS</b> Rooms: Seminary Meeting Room, Aula Magna and Chapel		
10h00 – 11h30	<b>PLENARY SESSION 1</b> <b>A New Urban Agenda for combating inequalities: claiming for public spaces and a city for all.</b> Room: Paranimf Hall		
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14h30 – 16h00	<b>PLENARY SESSION 2</b> <b>Housing and its extension in the public space</b> Room: Paranimf Hall		
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17h30 – 19h00	<b>SIDE EVENTS</b> Rooms: Seminary Meeting Room, Sant Jordi, Aula Magna and Chapel		
17h30 – 19h00	<b>ADVISORY BOARD Meeting</b> Room: tbc		



## DAY 3 - Tuesday, April 5th, 2016

TIME	ACTIVITY	
From 08h00	Registration	
08h30 - 10h00	<b>SIDE EVENTS</b> Rooms: Seminary Meeting Room, Aula Magna and Chapel	
10h00 - 11h30	<b>PLENARY SESSION 3</b> <b>Public Space and Mobility</b> Room: Paranimf Hall	
11h30 - 13h00	<b>THEMATIC SESSION</b> <b>The right to mobility. For a more sustainable urban mobility</b> Room: Paranimf Hall	<b>THEMATIC SESSION</b> <b>Urban design for more human and safer public spaces</b> Room: Aula Magna
11h30 - 13h00	<i>Lunch Time</i>	
13h00 - 14h30	<b>SIDE EVENTS</b> Rooms: Seminary Meeting Room, Sant Jordi, Aula Magna and Chapel	
14h30 - 16h00	<b>PLENARY SESSION 4</b> <b>Production, Exchange and Public Space</b> Room: Paranimf Hall	
16h00 - 17h30	<b>THEMATIC SESSION</b> <b>Sustainable production and fair consumption</b> Room: Paranimf Hall	<b>THEMATIC SESSION</b> <b>Agoras: democratization of culture and education</b> Room: Aula Magna
17h30 - 18h30	<b>FINAL PLENARY SESSION</b> <b>How democracy ensures access to public space and the right to the city?</b> Room: Paranimf Hall	
18h30 - 19h00	<b>CLOSING CEREMONY AND PRESENTATION OF THE BARCELONA DECLARATION</b> Room: Paranimf Hall	

## DAY 4 - Wednesday, April 6th, 2016

TIME	ACTIVITY	
09h30 - 13h00	<b>URBAN STUDY VISITS</b> All over the city	



## 5. SIDE EVENTS

Side events provide a platform for governments, civil society organizations, private sector, community representatives, international and national organizations, academia, international and regional finance institutions, and United Nations entities to debate, showcase, or present their views on sustainable urban development, as well as specific projects on the topic of public spaces.

Side events will be held on 4th and 5th April.

## 6. URBAN JOURNALISM ACADEMY

The Urban Journalism Academy is a pioneering and innovative initiative to train journalists and media professionals who are interested or involved in urban development with reference to social, economic and economic issues facing cities in the 21st Century.

## 7. URBAN STUDY VISITS

The Municipality of Barcelona is offering Urban Study Visits to all participants the day prior the Meeting is starting. Registration will be available on [habitat3.org/barcelona](http://habitat3.org/barcelona) on a first-come-first-served basis.

## 8. MEDIA

### a. MEDIA ACCREDITATION

Anyone wishing to attend as media should report directly to the registration desk and present the following to obtain media accreditation:

1. A recognized national or international press association card
2. A corresponding national identification card for freelance journalists or those unable to provide item 1 above.

In addition:

- a. Two examples of their work from the last 12 months;
- b. An employment letter with your company or news outfit's official letterhead outlining your role; OR
- c. A letter from a recognized media organization outlining your intention to consider the material gathered for broadcast.

### b. MEDIA ACCESS

Media members will have access to open sessions, including the opening and closing plenaries, plenary sessions, side events, press briefings and the Urban Journalism Academy.

### c. PRESS CENTRE

The Press Centre is located in Graus 2 Room. It is comprised of a media lounge furnished with desks and chairs and available wifi intended for use by accredited journalists only. The Press Centre is open from 08:30–19:00 on the official days of the meeting.

### d. PHOTOGRAPHERS AND TV CREWS

All participants carrying professional camera or recording equipment are treated as media for accreditation and access purposes. Cameras will have reserved space in the Paranimf Room, where Opening, Closing and Plenaries are happening.

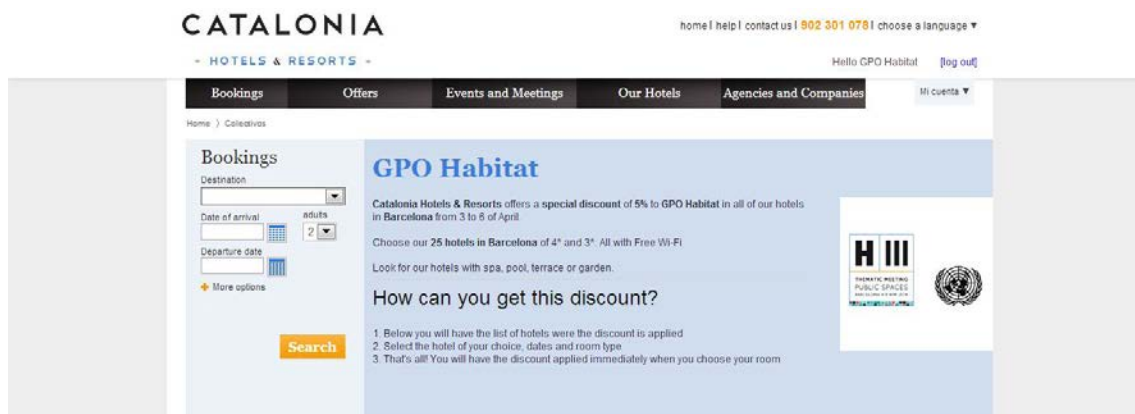


## 9. PRACTICAL INFORMATION IN BARCELONA

### a. HOTEL ACCOMODATION

Participants are responsible for making arrangements for their own accommodation and travel.

All participants to the Thematic Meeting on Public Spaces may get a 5% discount in CATALONIA HOTELS. Bookings under this offer must be done through [this page](#).



### b. Conference venue



Gran Via de Les Corts Catalanes

Historic  
Building of  
the University  
of Barcelona

Cataluña  
Square

Ciutadella  
Parc



### c. MEDICAL SERVICES

Medical costs incurred during the stay in Barcelona shall be shouldered by the meeting participant. It is therefore recommended that participants arrange for their own health insurance or carry sufficient funds to cover any medical costs incurred.

### d. TIME ZONE AND COUNTRY CODE

Spain is GMT +1 hours. The country code is +34.

### e. WEATHER

The weather in April tends to be sunny, but it could also be cooler, and have short periods of rain. Even though it is not expected to be very cold, it is advisable to carry a light jacket and an umbrella. Temperatures may vary with an average temperature of 18C°.

### f. ELECTRICITY

In Spain the standard voltage is 230 V. The standard frequency is 50 Hz. The power sockets that are used are of type F.

### g. OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

The official languages of Barcelona are Catalan and Spanish.

### h. CLOTHING:

Light clothing is advised as the weather is generally warm. However, it is advisable to take a light jacket and an umbrella to prevent possible weather changing.

### i. TELECOMMUNICATION AND ICT SERVICES:

Phone and internet services are available within and outside the hotels and in areas at the venue of the meeting. In addition, you will find Barcelona WIFI spots provided by the City of Barcelona. This is a municipal free service offering free Internet connection to citizens and visitors.

Participants are encouraged to come to Spain with their mobile handsets.

Barcelona is effectively covered by several service providers which include Vodafone, Movistar, Orange and other services.

### j. TIPPING

Providing a tip to restaurant and hotel staff is not standard in Spain. In instances of exceptional service a tip is on your own discussion.

### k. EMERGENCY NUMBERS

• **All emergencies** (police, medical, firemen): 112

### l. RECREATION / TOURIST ATTRACTIONS:

For information about activities and places to visit in Barcelona please visit: [meet.barcelona.cat/en](http://meet.barcelona.cat/en)

### m. GUIDELINES ON PERSONAL SECURITY AND SAFETY OF PARTICIPANTS:

Personal security is an individual responsibility. The cooperation of all participants at the conference would help the security operatives in ensuring the safety of your valuables and your personal security.

*Please do the following while you are in the Conference Venue:*

- Display your Conference ID badge and wear it visibly at all times.
- Do not leave bags and parcels unattended.
- Do not bring unauthorized persons and children into the Conference centre.
- Safeguard your valuable property.
- Check for your documents and items before you leave conference halls and meeting rooms.
- If you lose any valuable items within the conference venue, inform the nearest Security Officer.



## CONTACT US:

For general information about the Habitat III  
Thematic Meeting on Public Spaces, please contact  
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