



UNEP at the World Urban Forum  
6 -11 April 2014  
Medellin, Colombia

**Dates:** April 6 and 7

**Location:** Yellow Pavilion room

**Title of Event:** GI-REC workshop on Resource Efficiency in Latin American Cities

**Participation:** Closed event

Under the UNEP-led Global Initiative for Resource Efficient Cities, UNEP, in collaboration with Sustainable Cities International, Fundacion Corona, and the Latin American Network for Sustainable Cities (Red Ciudades), is organizing a two-day workshop to explore resource efficiency from a regional perspective in Latin America and the Caribbean. The workshop seeks to operationalize the concept of resource efficiency at city level and understand its application in various sectors of city management. Through discussions with city representatives, UNEP aims to identify the specific goals of the cities link this with resource efficiency. The workshop will involve about 20 participants representing 5 cities, international institutions, city experts and public and private organizations from the LAC region.

**Dates:** April 7 – 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

**Location:** Main venue

**Title of Event:** Launch of the UNEP and UN-Habitat Greener Cities Partnership

**Participation:** High level event, Open to the Public. Press strongly encouraged to participate

For over two decades UNEP and UN-Habitat have worked together to advocate for and promote environmental sustainability in urban development. The Greener Cities Partnership is envisaged to upscale the successful collaboration between UNEP and UN-Habitat. Initially covering the period 2014-2016 leading up to the Third United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) in 2016, "Greener Cities" is however expected to continue beyond Habitat III. It aims to strengthen synergies between the two agencies and among their partners. Broadly, the objective of this cooperation is to mainstream the environmental perspective into urban policy-making and incorporate urban perspectives into environmental policy-making, as well as to highlight the local-global linkages of environmental issues. Priority areas of the partnership include (a) resilient, resource efficient cities (b) sustainable transport and mobility, and (c) waste and waste water management.

**Dates:** April 8 – 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

**Location:** Cities Alliance Exhibit Booth, #76 in the Exhibition Hall

**Title of Event:** Launch of the Integrated Environment Report

**Participation:** Open to the public. Launch participants include urban experts from Cities Alliance, UNEP, UN-Habitat, the World Bank, the International Institute for Environment and Development, and Makerere University, Kampala Uganda

Report Summary: Cities are important sites for engaging with environmental issues. Activities in towns and cities affect the environment locally, regionally and globally – in both negative and positive ways. A range of strategies can be used to integrate the environment in urban planning and management. The report aims at understanding the principles and approaches that made the different tools accessible to cities. By looking more closely at one planning tool, the City Development Strategy, the authors of the publication successfully describe what makes tools more efficient in city planning processes.

**Dates:** April 9 – 2:00 PM to 4 :00PM

**Location:** One UN Room

**Title of Event:** Building the Business Case for Resource Efficiency

**Participation:** Open to the public. Cities of Medellin and Cape Town, OECD, C40, IADB, Veolia, Colombia Green Building Coun-

A recent research conducted by the UNEP-led Global Initiative for Resource Efficient Cities confirmed that there is a crucial need to include the economic perspective as we advocate for city level resource efficiency. Under the Initiative, UNEP is thus promoting the business case for investment to strengthen the political motivation for action, as well as showcasing innovative financing schemes. The networking event will make the **“business case for resource efficient cities”** focusing on the critical connection between resource efficiency and long term city resilience. Through testimonies of city leaders and experts, the discussion will argue that investing on the city’s natural and built environment does not only improves environmental sustainability but also makes economic sense; thus improving overall quality of life.



**Dates:** April 9 – 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM

**Location:** One UN Room

**Title of Event:** Don’t Waste the Waste: Harness your Waste Flows and Integrate Renewables through District Energy

**Participation:** Open to the public. Cities of Nairobi, Vancouver and Cape Town, GIZ, Veolia, IABD, ENERGIES 2050, AFD

UNEP, in collaboration with UN Habitat, and ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, will host a **networking event on opportunities and challenges to deploy district energy, and foster collaboration for scale up**. District energy is a high impact opportunity for cities, allowing 80-90% energy savings in the provision of heating, cooling and electricity to buildings, while harnessing local resources, including waste, heat losses and renewables integration. In recent years district energy has seen a renaissance, with new approaches that are changing the landscape of the energy market. The event is an opportunity to explore the possibility for a Cities 4 Cities process, which builds on existing networks and would bring together cities, utilities, finance and other private sector actors to exchange experiences and support each other through a city twinning approach; to collect good practice examples and to develop recommendations for a UNEP/UN Habitat/ICLEI Handbook on “Urban Energy Strategies: Policies for District Energy Deployment in Cities,” which will serve as guidance in the above process.

**Dates:** April 9 – 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

**Location:** Agora Room, City Changer Room, UN Habitat Pavilion

**Title of Event:** Promoting Low Carbon Transport in Indian Cities

**Participation:** Open to the public.

The ‘Promoting Low Carbon Transport in India’ project is assisting cities to develop low carbon transport systems that are sustainable and inclusive, by building the capacity of consultants and stakeholders at the city level. Project partners have organized a city changer event where they will present outcomes from the work in cities, and the revised comprehensive mobility plan (CMP) toolkit of the Ministry of Urban Development, which was formulated by UNEP Risø Centre and project partners in India. Presentations on the urban mobility scenarios for India and a case study from Rajkot will also be made, followed by a panel discussion that will address a pertinent issue on how to achieve development goals and social inclusivity in tandem with climate change goals.

**Dates:** April 10 – 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM

**Location:** Room 6, Yellow Pavilion

**Title of Event:** CCAC MSW Initiative - best practice strategies for waste management to reduce SLCPs

**Participation:** Open to the public.

The Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) to reduce short-lived climate pollutants (SLCPs) Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) initiative will host a networking event, which will bring cities, governments, organisations and private sector representatives together to strengthen international and local action to reduce SLCPs from the MSW sector. The event will showcase city experiences and share best practices. It will highlight success stories, encourage city-to-city mentoring, and build a supportive network of cities taking action on SLCPs. Presenters will discuss the below and invite the audience to join:

- Overall CCAC experience, updates and next steps (City of Barranquilla, Colombia)
- Integrated waste management strategies (City of Concepción, Chile)
- Best practices and moving along the waste hierarchy (City of Rio, Brazil)
- Peer-to-peer knowledge exchanges and city-to-city mentoring (Ministry of Environment, Chile and City of Viña del Mar, Chile)
- Health and social impacts/benefits and creation of local jobs (City of Cali, Colombia)