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Cities and the Global Agenda: On the Road to the U20 in Buenos Aires

Parallel event to the HLPF

July 13, 2018

The High Level Political Forum (HLPF) on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will meet at UN headquarters in New York from July 9 to 20, 2018 to conduct a review of progress towards the achievement of the SDGs. This meeting is expected to attract thousands of development specialists from around the world. This review will include a review of Objective 11, the cities objective, which will take place for two hours on Wednesday morning, July 11. Speakers will include representatives of specific countries and other organizations.

The New School will host a full day conference on "Cities and the Global Agenda: On the Road to the U20 in Buenos Aires" co-organized with MISTRA Urban Futures, the University of Buenos Aires, and the Global Platform for the Right to the City. This event will be held in the Theresa Lang Student Center (which seats 220 people) at 55 West 13th Street and consist of an introductory session and three sessions in the form of panels, as indicated below:

Program with Speakers

**Asterisked speakers are to be confirmed*

Introductory Remarks 9:30 AM - 10 AM

Michael Cohen, Professor, The New School
Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director of UN-Habitat

Panel 1. 10 AM - 11:30 AM: Assessing the Assessments

Chair: **Sakiko Fukuda-Parr**, Professor, The New School

Speakers: **Eduardo Moreno**, Director of Research and Capacity Development, UN-Habitat
David Simon, Director, Mistra Urban Futures, Chalmers University, Gothenburg
William Cobbett, Director, Cities Alliance

Discussant: **Michael Cohen**

Coffee Break

Panel 2: 11:45AM-1:15 PM: New Urban Practices to Achieve a New Global Agenda

Chair: **Margarita Gutman**, Professor, The New School

Speakers: **Juan Maqueiyra**, President, Instituto de Vivienda de la Ciudad, Buenos Aires
Antonella Contin, Professor, Politecnico di Milano
Jeb Brugmann, Vice-President, Solution Development and Innovation, 100 Resilient Cities Program

Discussant: **Jan Riise**, Mistra Urban Futures*

Lunch Break

Panel 3: 2:15-3:45 PM Building Capacity for Implementing Global Goals

Chair: **Guillermo Cabrera**, Dean, Faculty of Architecture, Design, and Urban Planning, University of Buenos Aires

Speakers: **Susan Parnell**, Professor of Urban Geography, University of Cape Town
Horacio Corti, Defensor General del Poder Judicial, City Government of Buenos Aires
Nelson Saule, Polis Institute, Brazil

Discussant: **Eugene Zapata-Garesche**, Managing Director, Latin America and the Caribbean, 100 Resilient Cities Program

Coffee Break

Panel 4: 4:00 - 5:30 PM Identifying Strategies for the U20, Closing Panel

Chair: **Michael Cohen**

Speakers: **Fernando Straface**, Secretario General y Relaciones Internacionales, Gobierno de la Ciudad de Buenos Aires
Guillermo Cabrera