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## Habitat Partner University Initiative Newsletter June, 2012 – WUF 6 Special



Following up on the previous newsletter of the Habitat Partner University Initiative, in this edition we outline information for academia interested in engaging in this year's World Urban Forum in Naples, Italy.

### Help us change the urban future: The City Changer Dialogues now online

The city changer dialogues are the online kick-off for the sixth session of the World Urban Forum. This is your chance to have your say in our quest for better, smarter cities in this new urban era while influencing the content of the live event that will be held in Naples, Italy, from 1-7 September 2012.

To engage, go to <http://www.worldurbanforum.org/>

**City Changer Dialogues**

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### Academic Workshop: "Port Cities as Hotspots of Creative and Sustainable Local Development"

September 1-2

In collaboration with University of Naples Federico II, a workshop will be held on the role and potential of port cities. The aim of the workshop is to discuss principles, tools and practices of creative places, in order to identify successful policies and formulate recommendations to balance economic prosperity with social needs and conservation of eco-systems in reinventing the city.



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For more information go to: <http://www.wufportareas.it/>

For registration to the event go to: <http://www.unhabitat.org/content.asp?typeid=19&catid=657&cid=9323>)

## **Academic Meeting: The Wealth of Nations: The Wealth of Cities – Promoting dynamic local economic development**

*September 6-8*

In this event key components affecting the wealth of cities are explored, including human and social capital and the role of creativity in laying the foundations for wealth generating activities which involve all urban actors. The event will in particular address research on a new economic relational/circularized urban base, starting from port cities, where the potential of creativity seems to be greater for integrating economic growth, ecological preservation and social opportunities in a win-win-win strategy.



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## **Universities Roundtable: The "General Assembly" of the Habitat Partner University Initiative.**

*13:30 – 16:00, September 4, 2012*

To date, the Habitat Partner University Initiative comprises more than a thousand individual members, as well as more than eighty universities with different levels of engagement. The Universities Roundtable aims to update its members on the progress of the Initiative, discuss the opportunities and challenges for universities in regards to the urban future and in relation to the WUF6 themes, formulate HPUI priorities in terms of Education, Research, Professional Development, Policy Advice and Knowledge Management and agree on the governance structure of the HPUI, including the composition of the Steering Committee and the responsibilities of the Steering Committee members.



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*The documents on which the Initiative currently stands, such as its charter and terms of reference, can be found here:* <http://www.unhabitat.org/content.asp?typeid=19&catid=657&cid=10666>)

## **Researchers Roundtable: focusing on how to better coordinate urban research globally and how to support research in developing countries.**

*September 5, 16:30 – 19:00*

This year's researchers roundtable will focus on the broader challenges of urban research and how to address emerging issues through internationally coordinated, anticipated research, that ensures results are mainstreamed into relevant practice and university curricula in a timely matter. In particular the roundtable will examine a recently completed, UN-Habitat-commissioned feasibility study on the creation of a Global Urban Research Umbrella, which would serve as an online organizing hub and international clearinghouse for research on urban issues. Drs. Kosta Mathéy and Peter Gotsch, who carried out the feasibility study, will be presenting their results. The overall objective of the Global Urban Research Umbrella is to enable universities and tertiary institutions to conduct needed research in collaboration with one another and to provide results in a manner that can be better utilized by local governments and urban practitioners, and mainstreamed into university curricula.



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## University Forum & Exhibition

Exhibition 1-6 September  
Forum from 3-6 September  
Open daily from 9am to 6:30pm

The World Urban Forum exhibition, of which the university exhibition is a part, will showcase some of the world's premier cities and innovations in urban development. The exhibition will be open to delegates and the general public and is an opportunity to share experiences, best practices and innovative ways to improve cities. Entries to the University Exhibition should relate to its theme of "The Urban Future". Read more at:

<http://www.unhabitat.org/content.asp?typeid=19&catid=657&cid=9323>



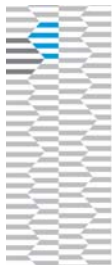
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<http://www.unhabitat.org/content.asp?typeid=19&catid=657&cid=10728&actived=10019>



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**Individual membership:** As an individual member you will receive the newsletter and targeted information on opportunities and events within the Initiative. A website which offers more opportunities for interaction and action as an individual member is currently under development. To register as an individual member fill out the online registration on:

<http://www.unhabitat.org/content.asp?typeid=19&catid=657&cid=10727&actived=10019>

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