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*Delegates during the opening
session of the Youth Assembly,
World Urban Forum 6 in Naples, Italy.*
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Background

The World Urban Forum (WUF) was established by the United Nations to examine one of the most pressing problems facing the world today- rapid urbanization and its impact on communities, cities, economies, climate change and policies. The Forum is organized and convened by the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) pursuant to paragraph 10 of resolution 18/5 of the Commission on Human Settlements and United Nations General Assembly resolution 56/206.

The Forum is held in a different host city/country biennially drawing a wide range of experts from every walk of life including Habitat Agenda Partners, government leaders, ministers, mayors, diplomats, members of national, regional and international associations of local governments, non-governmental and community organizations, professionals, academics, grassroots women's organizations, youth and slum dwellers groups as partners working for a better Urban Future. Since the first meeting in Nairobi, Kenya in 2002, the Forum has grown in size and stature as it travelled to Barcelona in 2004, Vancouver 2006, Nanjing in 2008, and Rio de Janeiro in 2010.

As an integral part of the Sixth Session of the World Urban Forum, the fourth World Urban Youth Assembly was held in Naples, Italy on 2 September 2012. The holding of the Youth Assembly early in the programme of WUF provided youth

with the opportunity to deliberate on issues of particular significance to them including safety, employment, job creation, access to basic services, climate change and green jobs and governance. The discussions also highlighted the potential areas of youth contribution in the context of the theme of the main forum "The Urban Future".

The Youth assembly was attended by 380 people from around the world including the members of the UN-Habitat Youth Advisory Board, Urban Youth Fund, One Stop Youth Centre Coordinators and representatives of youth led organizations. The speakers included young people and specialists from the Academia/Research, Inter-governmental organization, Local government, National Government, United Nations, Non-governmental organization, Private Sector, and Foundations from Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, Latin American/Caribbean, and Oceania

The Youth Assembly approved a WUF6 Youth Statement that was read during the WUF's Closing Ceremony. A Naples 2012 Declaration on Urban Water and Sanitation and Urban Youth and Mobility were approved by the Assembly's attendees.

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Opening session during the World
Urban Forum 6 in Naples, Italy.
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Joint Opening session for Youth and Gender Assemblies

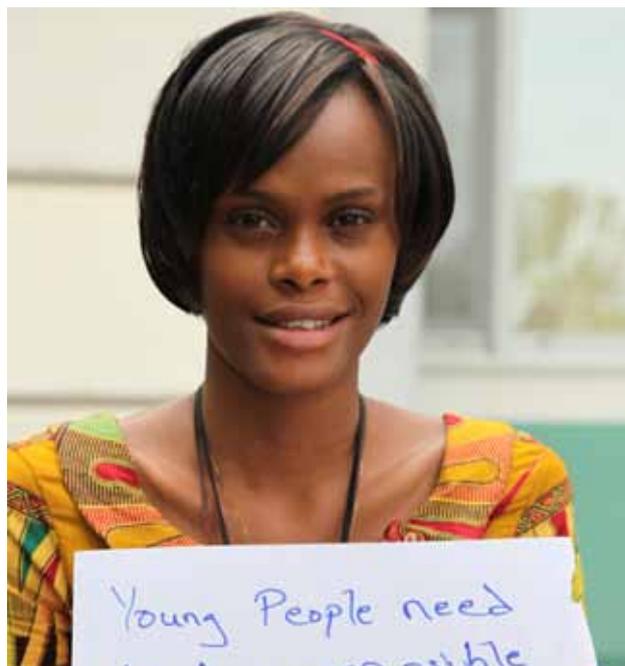
The Opening session was addressed by the Dr. Joan Clos, Executive Director of UN-Habitat, Ms. Lakshmi Puri, Deputy Executive Director of UN Women, Hon. Arvinn Eikeland Gadgil, State Secretary for International Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Norway, Mr. João Scarpelini, Former UN-Habitat Youth Advisory Board member, and Professor Oyebanji Oyeyinka, Director, UN-Habitat among others.

Moderators: Mr. Bret Thiele; Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Co -Moderator: Sara Mohamed Ali, Plan International delegate

Speakers

- **Dr. Joan Clos**, Executive Director, UN-Habitat and Under Secretary General of the United Nations
- **Ms. Lakshmi Puri**, Deputy Executive Director, UN Women



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