

HABITAT III | Quito

OECD/Ford Foundation official event: *Getting to Inclusive Growth in Cities*

Monday 17 October, 12:30-13:30

Room: MR18 at the venue of the Habitat III Conference, Casa de la Cultura Ecuatoriana "Benjamin Carrion"

Background and context: Creating inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable cities has been recognised as a critical global ambition (SDG #11). Making progress toward this objective will require a solid evidence base, targeted public policies, strong leadership, and effective implementation at all levels of government and with diverse partnerships. It is in this spirit that the Ford Foundation and the OECD have joined forces since 2012 to address the global trend in rising inequalities, helping to bring the Inclusive Growth agenda to the fore of the global policy debate. In March 2016, OECD and Ford jointly launched the [Inclusive Growth in Cities Initiative](#), a global coalition of Champion Mayors who are leading the fight against inequalities. The Initiative launch released the New York Proposal for Inclusive Growth in Cities as a symbol of Champion Mayors' commitment to advance more inclusive cities.

This side event will convene Ministers and Champion Mayors who are committed to reducing urban inequalities and achieving more inclusive cities. We will present emerging evidence on urban inequalities, drawing on the OECD report, *Making Cities Work for All*. The session will feature a panel of Champion Mayors, who will share insights on the keys to moving from ambition to implementation in the Inclusive Growth agenda. The discussion will build on the [New York Proposal for Inclusive Growth in Cities](#) by focusing on several key policy areas (education and skills, labour markets, housing and transport, and public services) and will inform the *Paris Action Plan*, the main output of the second meeting of Champion Mayors, to be hosted by Mayor Anne Hidalgo on 21 November 2016.

While discussions will focus on social cohesion and equity, the event will also make links to related topics, including spatial development and segregation, urban economy, urban housing and basic services.

****Note that this session will take place in English.****

Proposed run of show:

12:30-12:40 **Opening remarks by Angel Gurría, Secretary-General, OECD**

12:40-13:25 **Panel discussion with Ministers and Champion Mayors**

Moderated by **Xavier de Souza Briggs**, Vice-President, Ford Foundation

Panellists:

- **Julián Castro**, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (United States)
- **Desmond Lee**, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of National Development (Singapore)
- **William Bell**, Mayor of Birmingham (United States)
- **Libby Schaaf**, Mayor of Oakland (United States)
- **Patrick Klugman**, Deputy-Mayor of Paris (France) – tbc

Questions in 3 rounds

[12:45-13:00] **Round 1: INVESTING IN PLACES – HOUSING POLICIES**

How have you promoted more inclusive housing policies in your city/country?

Objective: Set the context for each city and country; what are the key challenges that need to be addressed? What steps are they taking?

[3 minute responses from each panellist]

[13:00-13:15] **Round 2: INVESTING IN PEOPLE – BUILDING CITIES, NOT JUST HOUSES**

The built environment is one of the four pillars of the Paris Action Plan that Champion Mayors for Inclusive Growth will be endorsing in November in Paris. How is your city/country working across policy silos, to think about housing, urban development, transport, jobs, and other services in a more systematic way?

Objective: Stress the importance of integrated approaches, including housing, transportation, social services and workforce development as part of a co-ordinated strategy.

[3 minute responses from each panellist]

[13:15-13:25] **Round 3: LINKING THE CLIMATE AND INCLUSION AGENDAS**

How can policy makers (at national and local levels) support objectives that advance *both* environmental sustainability and social inclusion? What can be done to better align the environmental sustainability and social inclusion agendas in cities?

[3 minute responses from each panellist]

13:25-13:30 Wrap up and Closing remarks by **Xavier de Souza Briggs**, Vice-President, Ford Foundation