Connecting Actors for Sustainable Development in the Context of the United Nations 2030 Agenda

10th and 11th of November 2015 – Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site, Barcelona

Organised with the participation of:
The Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site brings together social, scientific and cultural institutions, acting as a nexus between these offices, the local community, public administrations and specialized institutes. A wide range of actors come together at Sant Pau in order to generate innovative proposals and practical solutions to some of contemporary society’s most critical challenges.

The Agenda for Development 2030 is, by far, the most ambitious policy agenda in the history of the United Nations. Emerging as a new global framework for sustainable development, this Agenda defines 17 Sustainable Development Goals for education, public health, human rights, cities, land and marine ecosystems, and other key areas. In order to meet the established targets, knowledge exchange, shared understanding and joint solutions are not only advisable, they are essential.

"Connecting Actors for Sustainable Development in the Context of the United Nations 2030 Agenda" will offer a holistic, practical and action-oriented approach to the 2030 Agenda. The open conference and technical seminar are designed as a meeting point between Sant Pau resident institutions and members of the local community interested in learning about the UN’s new sustainable development framework and its practical applications in the urban context.

“The success [of the new agenda for global development] will depend on its capacity to inspire and mobilize all the essential stakeholders, new partnerships, key audiences and the global citizenship”

Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General United Nations
OPEN CONFERENCE. Tuesday 10 November 2015
Francesc Cambó Room, Administration Pavilion, Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site, Barcelona.
Master of Ceremonies: Ms. Carme Colomina Saló (TBC)

16:00 – 16:30        Registration

16:30 – 17:00        Institutional Welcome
                      Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site: A Meeting Point for the 2030 Agenda
                      Video presentation on Sant Pau and words of welcome by:
                      Jaume Ciurana, Diputació de Barcelona

17:00 – 18:00        Conference:
                      What is the 2030 Agenda?
                      Overview of the 2030 Agenda: what it is, where it came from, why everyone should get
                      involved in implementation efforts, particularly in local contexts.
                      Video message by Jeffrey Sachs, Director of UN Sustainable Development
                      Solutions Network (SDSN): “Getting to Know the Sustainable Development Goals”
                      Teresa Ribera, Director of the Institute for Sustainable Development and
                      International Relations (IDDRI) and Member of the Advisory Board of REDS
                      (Sustainable Development Solutions Network in Spain).
                      Valentí Junyent, Mayor of Manresa and Representative of the Diputació de
                      Barcelona for Natural Spaces and the Environment. (TBC)

18:00 –19:15        Dialogue
                      Implementing the 2030 Agenda: connecting local actors
                      An exchange of views on how to connect people, institutions, policies and projects to
                      meet the Agenda’s goals more quickly and effectively.
                      Elisabeth de Nadal, Executive Committee, United Nations Global Compact Local
                      Network
                      Felip Roca, Director of Cooperation and Solidarity, Barcelona City Hall (TBC)
                      Susanna Rivero, Co-Coordinator of nrg4SG Network of Regions and Local
                      Governments for Sustainable Development (TBC)
                      Oriol Illa, Taula del Tercer Sector de Catalunya
                      Didac Ferrer, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya
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TECHNICAL SEMINAR. Wednesday 11 November 2015
Francesc Cambó Room and annex, Administration Pavilion, Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site, Barcelona.

9:00 – 9:30 Registration

9:30 – 11:00 Roundtable
What Does it Mean to be a 2030 City or Region?

A dialogue on how to approach the Agenda 2030’s Sustainable Development Goals in an integrated and practical manner that leads to real progress in the local context.

Xavier Longan, Responsible for UNDP Millennium Campaign
Ana Alcalde, Director Alianza por la Solidaridad and Board Member Action 2015
Carlos Mataix, Director of the Institute of Technology for Development Universidad Politecnica de Madrid
Representative United Cities and Local Governments (UCGL)
Josep Lluis Alay, Commissioner for International Relations at the Diputació de Barcelona (TBC)

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:30 Parallel sessions on central themes within the 2030 Agenda
What is happening in my area of interest, and how can I contribute to progress?

Experts will present key issues and lead participants in dialogues to recommend concrete actions to meet the Agenda’s goals. Local relevance will be emphasised.

The Contribution of Forests to Sustainable Development. Coordinated by:
European Forest Institute (EFI)
Regional Activities Centre on Sustainable Production and Consumption (SCP/RAC).

The Role of Higher Education in the 2030 Agenda. Are Universities Ready?
Coordinated by:
Global University Network for Innovation (GUNI)
Catalan Association of Public Universities (ACUP)

Health as a Foundation for Development. Coordinated by:
World Health Organization Office for Health System Strengthening
Barcelona Institute for Global Health (ISGlobal)
Migrant Women in Catalonia: Achieving Gender Equality and Empowering All Women and Girls. Coordinated by:

United Nations University, Institute for Globalization, Culture and Mobility (UNU-GCM)

The Importance of Water and Sanitation in Urban Resilience Strategies. Coordinated by:

UN-Habitat City Resilience Profiling Programme (CRPP)
UN-Habitat Global Operator’s Partnership Alliance (GWOPA).

Education and Intercultural Learning throughout Life. Coordinated by:

Casa Asia

13:30 – 15:00  Lunch and Connecting Actors (networking)
An informal meeting space designed to promote new and meaningful conversations between individuals and organisations with common and complementary goals.

15:00 – 16:00  Plenary
Criteria for Strategic Planning and Local and Regional Actions
A dynamic and participative presentation of the main conclusions and recommendations from the morning’s parallel sessions.

16:00 – 16:40  Closing plenary
Brief calls for action in different fields made by the directors of the Sant Pau resident institutions.

Tamas Evetovits, Acting Head & Senior Health Financing Specialist at the WHO Barcelona Office for Health Systems Strengthening

Dan Lewis, Chief of the Urban Risk Reduction Unit in UN-Habitat

Faraj El-Awar, Programme manager of the Global Water Operators' Partnerships Alliance (GWOPA)

Josep Maria Vilalta, Executive Secretary Global University Network for Innovation

Montserrat Riba, Secretaria General of Casa Àsia

Jussii Viltannen, Head of FLEGT and REDD Unit

16:40 – 16:45  Closing words

Roger Albinyana, Secretary for Foreign Affairs and the European Union, Generalitat de Catalunya (TBC)
Currently, the Sant Pau Art Nouveau Site hosts the following institutions:

- Association of Catalan Public Universities (ACUP)
- Casa Àsia
- City Resilience Profiling Program (UN-Habitat/CRPP)
- European Forest Institute (EFI)
- Global Universities Network for Innovation – (GUNI)
- Global Operator Partnership Alliance (UN-Habitat/GWOPA)
- Regional Activity Centre for Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP/RAC) of the UNEP Mediterranean Action Plan.
- United Nations University Institute for Globalisation, Culture and Mobility (UNU-GCM)
- World Health Organization – European Regional Office for Health System Strengthening (WHO)