

World Urban Forum

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Ninety percent of the world's population growth is expected to occur in the next quarter century in cities within the developing world, and with one in six people currently living in slums.

Click **here** (link to section below) to learn about how the U.S. hopes to contribute to and learn from the world's premier urban development conference. Governments, non-profit organizations, the private sector, and civil society will converge to share ideas and discuss how they can better serve urban communities and combat poverty in the developing world.

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UN-HABITAT (link to www.unchcs.org) is organizing the **Second World Urban Forum** (link to www.unchcs.org/wuf/2004/default.asp) from 13-17 September in Barcelona, Spain. It offers an opportunity for urban policy specialists and policy makers to share their expertise in the effort to advance sustainable development and urban renewal.



The U.S. government delegation, includes officials from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, U.S. Department of State, USAID, Smithsonian Institution and the U.S. Geological Survey. They will participate in dialogues and workshops designed to address the challenges of governance, finance, planning, decentralization, and rapid growth which confront cities in the developing world.



The U.S. government will host several workshops and panel discussions intended on how to create and sustain conditions of economic and political freedom and sound governance that stimulate sustainable economic growth and job creation. Events will reflect the importance we place on partnerships, capacity building at the local level, involving the private sector in development, innovative finance and urban revitalization tools, and supporting participatory democracy.



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Academics, non-governmental organizations, and private partners will also explore ways to better promote good governance, democratization, economic prosperity, social justice, and sustainability. The U.S. will promote the implementation of international commitments and encourage partnerships that enhance the health and vitality of the world's cities.



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