



...Together Towards A New Urban Agenda

# 17 Months...

**REPORT ON GAP ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIP SURVEY RESULTS**  
April 2015- October 2016

# GAP IN THE WORLD

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October 2016

1,423 members -- 1,100 unique organizations  
323 individuals  
**58,000 networks**

# TIMELINE YEAR ONE

April 2015 GAP Plenary 1 (Nairobi) GAP founded (Constitution, 14 PCGs)

Structure emulates UN General Assembly  
with elected president and vice president  
Nairobi Declaration presented to Bureau

Identify group and functions: We are here!  
Commit to develop common positions for NUA

June 2015 GAP Executive Committee meets (Stockholm)

Habitat Secretariat invites GAP ExCO to R&T drafting  
committees

October 2015 GAP Plenary 2 (New York) Chairs Handbook approved

PCGs organize roadmaps

New York Declaration presented to Bureau

Details legacy document: focus on multi-stakeholder  
partnerships and developing fit-for purpose governance  
architecture for 21<sup>st</sup> century urbanism

December 2015 GAP recognized in UNGA Res 70/210

February 2016 GAP Executive Committee meets (Berlin)

Outline Partnerships for the New Urban Agenda

March 2016 GAP Plenary 3 (Prague) Partnerships for New Urban Agenda

Membership rises to 900 unique organizations

15<sup>th</sup> PCG added: Older Persons

GAP in opening & closing plenaries of Prague Conference  
GAP ExCo meets with Bureau; presents outline of Partnerships

# TIMELINE YEAR TWO

**June 2016 Stakeholder Hearings (New York)** GAP organizes one-day hearing

PCG Chair presentations

40+ speakers comment on zero draft NUA

PCGs organize GAP/PCG statements/intergovernmentals\*

Co facilitators meeting (one hour+)

*Exchange of views*

**June 2016 German Habitat Forum (Berlin)** GAP presentation/PCG Speakers throughout

**July 2016 GAP Plenary 4 (Surabaya)** GAP Statements at PrepCom 3

PCGs organize statements

16<sup>th</sup> PCG added: Persons with Disabilities

Consolidated mailing list created (finally!)

Co facilitators meeting

*Exchange of views*

**September 2016 NUA Draft Finalized**

Membership rises to 1,156 unique organizations – 58,000

networks – outreach est. one billion+

GAP recognized in para 128

**October 2016 GAP Plenary 5 (Quito)**

GAP PCGs organize 16 stakeholder roundtables  
and 4 assemblies plus innumerable other events

\* GAP PCGs offer statements at intergovernmental informals in late June/July

# IMPACT

## How did GAP proposals fare in the NUA?

- **Advocacy**
  - OP167 – WCD, WUF
  - OP169 – WHD
- **Knowledge**
  - OP 128 – evidence based and practical guidance
  - OP129 – normative work, knowledge development, capacity development, tools
  - OP150 – STI/ TFM
  - OP157 – Science-policy interface; institutional mechanism for information / knowledge/ experience/ data-sharing
  - OP159/160 – Evidence-based data
- **Innovation**
  - OP58 – Promoting innovation/ entrepreneurship
  - OP60 – Economic growth through innovation
  - OP94 – Innovation in technology
  - OP118 – Innovation in mobility/ transport
  - OP126 – STI/ knowledge
  - OP133 – Creativity of business
  - OP150 – STI
  - OP156 – National ICT Policies/ tools

# IMPACT ... [2]

## How did GAP proposals fare in the NUA?

- **Multi-stakeholder monitoring**
  - OP110 – Inclusive and transparent monitoring
  - OP151 – Capacity development of local governments in monitoring
  - OP159 – locally generated data/ community-based monitoring; four-yearly review with civil society inputs
- **Investment advisory committee**
  - Most radical of our proposals; limited traction

**ON BALANCE** – MORE WINS THAN LOSSES; BUILD ON WINS, WORK ON LOSSES



# MEMBERSHIP SURVEY: WHO RESPONDED?

PCG	Response as % members
Business and Industry	31%
Children and Youth	8%
Civil Society Organizations	57%
Farmers	24%
Foundations and Philanthropies	17%
Grassroots	18%
Indigenous People	22%
Local and Subnational Governments	48%
Media	19%
Older Persons	54%
Professionals	52%
Research and Academia	49%
Trade Unions	27%
Persons w/ Disabilities	did not participate new PCG
Parliamentarians	Limited participation /mailing list issue
Women	21%

**36% (n.360 )  
response rate**

## Highest responders:

(as % of membership)

Civil Society (57%)  
 Older Persons (54%)  
 Professionals (52%)  
 Research/Acad (49%)  
 Local Gov't (48%)

# WHAT DID THEY SAY? EXPERIENCE

## WHEN I JOINED GAP

1,423 members

1,100 organizations  
323 individuals

32% March to June

27% October to February

33% April to October 2015



# WHAT DID THEY SAY? EXPERIENCE

*Prior participation in UN Stakeholder activities*

**33%** had never been involved before

*Heard about GAP from*

**30%** Habitat3 website

**22%** Professional affiliation

**16%** Major group communications

**7%** World Urban Campaign

# WHAT DID THEY SAY? **PENETRATION**

## **KNOWLEDGE ABOUT GAP AND ITS ACTIVITIES**

**75%** READ PARTNERSHIPS FOR NUA

**82%** READ H3 WEBSITE DESCRIPTION OF GAP

57 % READ GAP DECLARATIONS

57% READ GAP CONSTITUTION

**37%** VISITED GAP/PCG ON GLOBAL URBAN COMMONS

**87%** Expect to be at Quito

# WHAT DID THEY SAY? PARTICIPATION

## Nature of Participation in H3 activities

**68%** contributed to local conversations about H3

**67%** participated in R&T Conferences

**46%** lobbied national government on H3 issues

**35%** attended Prep Com III

**25%** attended PrepCom II

**22%** organized an Urban Thinkers Campus

# WHAT DID THEY SAY? **BENEFITS OF GAP**

## **#1- Opportunity to contribute to New Urban Agenda (70%)**

*(“amplifying the voice of my PCG in the NUA and ensuring our priorities are represented”*

*75% submitted feedback on NUA items – 59% viewed feedback was reflected in NUA; 48% report their organization’s activities have been affected by GAP participation/H3 preparatory activities)*

## **#2- Access to updates regarding H3 (66%)**

*(80% received regular updates from PCG chairs)*

## **#3- Networking with PCG stakeholders (55%)**

## **#4- Giving voice to stakeholders in H3 preparatory process (54%)**

## **#5 Having chance to contribute to H3 R&T Conferences (42%)**

## **#6 Networking with other PCGs on H3 matters (42%)**

*(“understanding the views of other stakeholders and their aspirations”)*

# WHAT DID THEY SAY? **THE FUTURE**

***GAP (or a similar platform) SHOULD CONTINUE***



## ***Purposes:***

**82% information-sharing on NUA implementation**

**73% Collaboration/Coordination for NUA implementation**

**68% Collaborative monitoring/reporting NUA**

# WHAT DID THEY SAY? PARTICIPATION POST H3

60% Knowledge Platform

47% Advisory Committee WUF

43% Advocacy

42% Monitoring

29% Programming for WUF

32% Piloting

12% Investment advisory committee

# WHAT DID THEY SAY? IMPROVEMENTS

**75%** More opportunities to participate in implementation activities

**61%** More frequent communications to all members from GAP leadership

**34%** More frequent communications to PCGs by PCG chairs

**7%** Changes to GAP Constitution



# WHAT DID THEY SAY? **COMMENTS**

## **FROM THE MEMBERSHIP**

“Would like to see a formal role for partner groups in UN Habitat. Past 20 years of token engagement have been more than enough.”

“Maintain political momentum for urban development Issues.”

“Capacity building”

“Empowering public leaders to implement NUA”

“Piloting of innovative urban projects and sharing of the resulting urban changes.”

## **FROM THE EXCO**

“I believe the articulation of a common position among such a diverse group of stakeholders was unprecedented and our most important success.”

“Funding permitted participation and getting to know colleagues, Diplomats and the co-facilitators. Being part of GAP enhanced Visibility for issues...which had been left out. Important to learn from each other and be supportive of each others’ issues as well as gain the Clout of a coordinated GAP position.”



# DISCUSSION

