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Learning from the City:

The Midwest Regional Convening of UN Habitat III

Date: March 31, 2016

Location: The University of Chicago's Ida Noyes Hall, 1212 E 59th St, Chicago, IL 60637

Time: 8:30 am to 5:30 pm

Event Partners

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PROGRAM AT-A-GLANCE

8:30- 9:00 am	Breakfast is Available
9:00- 9:30 am	Welcome
9:30- 11:00 am	Investing In People and Communities For Upward Mobility
11:00-11:15 am	Break
11:15 -12:30 pm	Securing Housing Options For All
12:30- 12:45 pm	Break
12:45 – 1:30 pm	Lunch Keynote
1:30-1:45 pm	Break
1:45- 3:00 pm	Responding To Shocks And Building Resilience
3:00-3:15 pm	Break
3:15-4:30 pm	The Role Of Big Data In Shaping Regional Policy
4:30-4:45 pm	Concluding Remarks
4:45-5:30 pm	Reception

PROGRAM DETAIL

8:30- 9:00 am **BREAKFAST AVAILABLE**

9:00- 9:30 am **WELCOME & GOALS**

Salin G Geevarghese, Deputy Assistant Secretary Office of Policy Development & Research, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development





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Antonio Riley, Regional Administrator, Midwest Region V, U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development

Derek Douglas, Vice President, Office of Civic Engagement, University of Chicago

9:30 – 11:00 am **INVESTING IN PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES FOR UPWARD MOBILITY**

This panel will examine current research around using a neighborhood-specific lens to analyze economic development. Practitioners will address the costs and benefits to the hyper-local approach for promoting mobility. Funders will talk about the challenges to funding at the grassroots level and their methods for identifying which “places” merit a funder’s spotlight. Key questions for the panel: When can you scale-up neighborhood-based programs? Do neighborhoods provide lessons for the entire city? For other cities? For other countries? What can research tell us about the advantages and disadvantages of this approach?

Moderator: **Marisa Novara**, Director, Metropolitan Planning Council

Caroline Goldstein, Interim Executive Director and Director of Development & Public Relations, Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) Chicago

Mayor Karen Freeman Wilson, City of Gary, Indiana

Michael Jasso, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Economic Development, Cook County

Susana Vasquez, Vice-President, Strategic Initiatives & Resource Development, IFF

Theaster Gates, Director Arts + Public Life, Office of the Provost and Professor, University of Chicago





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11:00 – 11:15 am **BREAK**

11:15 -12:30 pm **SECURING HOUSING OPTIONS FOR ALL**

This panel will start by outlining the state of housing in the Midwest region – who is not being housed, who is precariously housed, and how has the region responded to the overhauling of the US Public Housing system in the last twenty years (both in Chicago and beyond.) The panel will discuss the effectiveness of targeted housing policies on particular populations, including youth, the elderly, ex-offenders, and former public housing residents.

Moderator: **Robin Snyderman**, Principal, BRick Partners LLC

Anne Houghtaling, Executive Director, HOPE Fair Housing Center

Bob Dean, Deputy Executive Director for Planning, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Nonie Brennan, Chief Executive Officer, All Chicago

Rob Chaskin, Professor and the Deputy Dean for Strategic Initiatives at the School of Social Service Administration, Director, Urban Network

12:30- 12:45 pm **BREAK**

12:45 – 1:30 pm **LUNCH KEYNOTE**

Harriet Tregoning, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Community Planning and Development, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development





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1:30- 1:45 pm **BREAK**

1:45-3:00 pm **RESPONDING TO SHOCKS AND BUILDING RESILIENCE**

America's cities have become increasingly vulnerable to environmental shocks and natural disaster. In addition to the pressures that climate change holds for aging urban infrastructure, several older industrial Midwest cities have suffered for decades from the loss of population in the wake of economic shocks. What is the role of city government in responding to shocks and to building resilience? How have state and federal policies affected local regional resilience strategies? What local and regional approaches experiences provide models of how cities can prepare for disaster, climate change, and economic shocks?

Moderator: **Jeremiah Boyle**, Managing Director of Community and Economic Development, Community Development and Policy Studies, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

Anika Goss-Foster, Executive Director, Detroit Future City (DNC)

Mark Templeton, Associate Clinical Professor of Law and Director of the Abrams Environmental Law Clinic, University of Chicago Law School

Mayor John Dickert, Racine, Wisconsin

Michael Pagano, Dean, College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs, The University of Illinois at Chicago





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3:00- 3:15 pm **BREAK**

3:15- 4:30 pm **THE ROLE OF BIG DATA IN SHAPING REGIONAL POLICY**

Policymakers, researchers, and technologists have long recognized the potential for data to enrich our understanding of the challenges facing cities and regions. However, the rapid rise of data collection and dissemination, without a comparable rise in analytical frameworks to guide its use, has widened the gaps in experience, understanding, and expertise between technologists and public policy makers. There is also a growing suspicion that the “opening” of civic data is not necessarily leading to a more democratic or even efficient society. How is the Midwest region meeting the challenges/opportunities of big and open data? How are our regional institutions – civic, non-profit, and educational - activating the potential of this data? And what does current academic research tell us about these concerns?

Moderator: **Ianna Kachoris**, Senior Program Officer, The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

Brenna Berman, Chicago Department of Innovation and Technology, Commissioner and CIO

Geoff Smith, Executive Director, Institute for Housing Studies at DePaul University

Stacy Tessler Lindau, MD, MAPP, Director, CommunityRx and Founder, NowPow

Shawn Bucholtz, Director, Housing and Demographic Analysis Division, Office of Policy Development and Research, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development





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4:30- 4:45 pm **CONCLUSION and CLOSING REMARKS**

Ana Moreno, United Nations Habitat III Secretariat Coordinator

Antonio Riley, Regional Administrator, Midwest Region V, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

4:45- 5:30 pm **RECEPTION**

