

INTERVENTION by Honduras

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Panel Discussion 1-

The delegation of Honduras is honored and proud to be sharing a space with sister nations who are willing to embrace strategic goals and strengthen coordination and coherence of worldwide systems, specifically in the discussion of the New Urban Agenda.

We, thank Honorable Mr. Thomas Wright for a great presentation on the overview of the panel. Our delegation applauds the excellent work of the represented member groups through the panelists do and continue to do.

We also congratulate the fact that together we work towards targeted goals that promote doable and achievable outcomes for sustainable development goals. We find the New Urban Agenda is significant to achieve these goals given its importance as most of the goals applies to cities. Just Honduras, currently 54% of the population lives in urban spaces and this number is expected to increase to 70% by 2050. Therefore, we see that the zero draft needs to give attention to:

- Coherent coordination and collaboration between private and public partners
- Elimination of duplication – by looking at concrete work and actions that are being taken by members of civil society, governments, and other important actors
- Policies for the effective use of land resources

We share visions with Madame Bedadvides from Agricultural Works and see that the inclusion of youth and civil society into the decision making process is key and imperative in moving forward.

We consider that the recommendations by Habitat for humanity represented by Mrs. Alvarado advance capacity development to generate data necessary to advance land use policies can help us think of achievable solutions in terms of housing and shelter.

Additionally, we see that Mr. Ramon Cruz, Institute for Transportation & Development Policy, and Mr. Clinton Maloney, Pricewaterhouse Coopers, raise an important point when they suggest that we must look at education and engagement as necessary to reach this goals.

The vision for our government is to replicate ideas for Sustainable communities, which we see as places where people want to live and work, now and in the future.