



UN-HABITAT'S PARTNERSHIP WITH UNIVERSITIES WORLDWIDE

THEMATIC HUBS

Consortia of universities collaborating on a mutual theme.

To date 8 established Thematic Hubs, hosted by universities across the globe.

UNI Thematic Hubs are consortia of universities that agree to work on the same thematic priority and further the field through mutual collaboration, exchange and learning, producing outputs which strengthen the role of universities in forwarding sustainable urban development. To engage with the hubs, go to their pages under the UNI portal. There you find current projects, opportunities and news.

INFORMAL URBANISM

HOST LEIBNIZ UNIVERSITY HANNOVER, GERMANY
COORDINATOR CHRISTIAN WERTHMANN

Provides a knowledge exchange platform for academics studying the phenomenon of informal urbanization, in order to enable useful academic contributions to *practices and policies that improve the lives of those living in informal conditions*. Events organized by this Hub link academic outputs and research with strategic dialogues and urban policy formulation.

CLIMATE CHANGE

HOST MAKERERE UNIVERSITY, UGANDA
COORDINATOR SHUAIB LWASA

Responds to the knowledge and practice gaps in *adaptation and mitigation of climate change and disaster risk reduction in cities*. University modules focusing on climate change have been developed as part of the UN-Habitat Cities and Climate Change Academy, and are available online. These are currently being tested by 30 Latin American universities.

URBAN REGENERATION

HOST UNIVERSITY OF NAPOLI FEDERICO II, ITALY
COORDINATOR LUIGI FUSCO GIRARD

Collects evidence and supports research aimed at informing urban policies in urban regeneration. The premise is that increasing the attractiveness of cities can stimulate investment and thus, economic, social and environmental regeneration. This Hub aims at connecting knowledge of a holistic regeneration of cities with urban planning processes, including participatory planning.

SAFER CITIES

HOST UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON, UK
COORDINATOR MICHELE ACUTO

Focuses on knowledge exchange and cross-institutional integration for academics studying *urban crime, violence, societal conflict and lawlessness*, visualized in spaces defined as city laboratories, supported by centres of excellence at global, regional, national and local levels. This Hub supports the UN-Habitat Global Network on Safer Cities, led by the Safer Cities Programme.

URBAN ACCESSIBILITY

HOST UNIVERSIDAD PILOTO DE COLOMBIA, COLOMBIA
COORDINATOR CARLOS A. MORENO

Serves to document and analyze effective practices in urban accessibility worldwide, paying special attention to the *promotion of sustainable transport means in cities*, and to improve the lives of the urban poor by providing access to good quality transport.

URBAN GOVERNANCE

HOST LONDON METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY, UK
COORDINATOR LARA KINNEIR

Documents, analyses and promotes effective *governance models, processes and tools* to deliver sustainable urban development in line with current global trends. This Hub is creating an evidence base of promising practices, alongside evaluation of such practices, sharing the results across the UN family, and with theorists, practitioners, experts, and local and national governments.

GENDER

HOST UNIVERSITY OF CÓRDOBA, ARGENTINA
COORDINATOR ANA FALÚ

Gathers researchers and academics from different regions of the world, who are working with issues of *gender and habitat*. The Gender Hub supports the UN-Habitat Gender Unit in providing evidence and academic research to advance the integration of diverse social actors and gender issues in sustainable urban governance models.

URBAN FORM

HOST ROYAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN
COORDINATOR ALEXIS PONTVIK

Serves as a platform for academic exchange and cooperation in the fields of urban typology and morphology. Focus are on new urban patterns concerning *compact city typologies and sustainable dense environments*. New projects coming up include pilot projects such as comparing the new city program in Egypt and the present creation of mass housing in Morocco.