

## **Civic Engagement and Development of Collaboration between Community Organizations in Cities**

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### Background

Living in the city for more than eight years, I have realized the great disconnect between the aspirations of many people who come to the city and the reality that hits them once they get here.

From high cost of life, lack of a stable employment, overstretched social amenities, lack of affordable housing and air pollution; all these realities stood in stark contrast to the hopes of better opportunities and improved quality of life in cities. In 2015, I interacted with young people from around the globe who were coordinating the engagement of young people in the Habitat III process. From then on, I joined the UN MGCY and engage in the global work of involving young people in the making of the New Urban Agenda.

### The Poster

This research by the Nairobi Urban Creators seeks to find the correlation between urban poverty and livelihoods of individuals through organizing youth consultations in communities around the city and collecting their priorities regarding sustainable urban development.

We will be working on the FuR process of the New Urban Agenda over the long-haul - through organizing youth engagement forums by partnering with various partners including the State Department of Housing, the Nairobi County Government, the Youth Unit of UN Habitat and the University of Nairobi.

After the Habitat III conference in Quito, Nairobi Urban Creators will be providing a platform of engaging young people and their networks meaningfully in the national implementation framework, including the Follow Up and Review process, of the New Urban Agenda.

The poster will discuss the execution of this program and the significance of why this program will be important to community organizations that work to improve the quality of life within the urban space.