

Review of Child and Youth Participation in the Habitat III Global Conference

Latin America and Caribbean Regional Consultations

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Overview

This document reviews the participation of children and young people from Latin America and the Caribbean in the Habitat III Global Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development, held in Quito, Ecuador in October 2016.

The SRSG on Violence Against Children actively promoted the inclusion of children's voices in urban planning processes, recognising that safe, inclusive cities are fundamental to eliminating violence against children.

Key Findings

- Children from 12 Latin American and Caribbean countries participated in regional preparatory processes
- Young delegates presented recommendations on safe public spaces, school environments, and community protection
- National child advocacy groups contributed position papers on urban violence and children's rights
- The New Urban Agenda adopted at Habitat III includes specific references to child-friendly cities

Recommendations

Regional consultations identified the following priority areas for action:

1. Ensuring that urban planning processes systematically include child participation mechanisms.
2. Investing in safe public spaces that are accessible and inclusive for children of all ages.
3. Strengthening community-based violence prevention programmes in urban settings.
4. Collecting disaggregated data on violence against children in urban environments.