



**WORLD HABITAT DAY 2015**  
**“PUBLIC SPACES FOR ALL”**

**A Public-Space Teleconferencing Bridge**  
**between Italy and Latin America**  
**“Puente Espacio Publico”**

*organized by the Italian National Institute of Planning (INU)  
and the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs and International  
Cooperation*

5 October 2015, 3-6 pm, Rome time  
Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs  
and International Cooperation  
Piazzale della Farnesina, Rome  
Sala Onofri, Main entrance, Right side, 5<sup>th</sup> floor

## **In brief**

Public Space figures prominently in the package of Sustainable Development Goals just adopted by the 70th UN General Assembly.

INU, Associate Partner of the World Urban Campaign and founder of the Biennial of Public Space, has partnered with the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation to celebrate the 2015 World Habitat Day.

This year, the traditional event format has been replaced by an internet-based conversation (“Puente Espacio Publico”) between Italian public-space actors and representative cities from Latin America, a region that has distinguished itself for its focus on public space, citizen participation and local action and networking.

## **Goal**

The main goal of “Puente Espacio Publico” is to create new bridges between Latin American and Italian cities and institutions by exchanging information on on-going public-space initiatives, thus opening the way to new partnerships in view of the Habitat III UN Conference, to be held in 2016 in Quito, Ecuador.

## **Programme**

**Introductions: Anna Zambrano**, Directorate – General for Development Cooperation, Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

**Welcome Address: Fabio Cassese**, Deputy Director, Directorate – General for Development Cooperation, Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation,

**Moderator: Pietro Garau**, INU Coordinator, UN system

## **Speakers:**

**Giovanni Caudo**, Urban Transformation Commissioner, Roma Capitale (TBC)

**Mario Spada**, Coordinator, Rome Biennial of Public Space

**Laura Petrella**, Leader, City Planning, Extension and Design Units, UN-Habitat, Nairobi

**Daniel Chain**, Minister for Urban Development, Buenos Aires

**Nelson Yovany Jiménez**, Director, Department for the Defence of Public Space, Bogotá

**Maria Regina Rau de Souza**, consultant, Municipality of Porto Alegre, and Member, Strategic Planning Committee, United Cities and Local Governments (TBC)

## **Discussion and conclusions**

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