Dear All,

The just adopted Sustainable Development Goal 11 Target 7 aims to, “by 2030, provide universal access to safe, inclusive and accessible green and public spaces, in particular for women and children, older persons and persons with disabilities”. Aptly, this year’s theme of World Habitat Day was *Public Spaces for All*. Aswe close the celebration of this Urban October, would like to bring this challenge forward by launching a call for innovative and exciting public space projects which could receive a small grant to support implementation.

All Regional and local Offices, as well as partners already working with UN-Habitat on similar or related activities are invited to submit proposals that will contribute to the achievement of our expected result: the effective creation, protection, design and management of public spaces, particularly in disadvantaged communities in rapidly urbanizing cities and towns, as critical preconditions for poverty reduction and the fulfillment of human rights in urban areas.

The proposal must demonstrate that it contributes toward the following outcome:

*Improved local policies, plans and designs for safe, inclusive and accessible public spaces for all which supports more compact, integrated and connected, socially inclusive cities and neighborhoods in partner cities*.

We will assess all proposals on a comparative basis against the following assessment criteria:

* + How important is the space for the community
	+ Accessibility
	+ Connected, networked and integrated in terms of functions and location
	+ Multi-functionality
	+ Safety
	+ Social inclusiveness and human rights
	+ [Gender equality](http://www.international.gc.ca/development-developpement/priorities-priorites/ge-es/index.aspx?lang=eng)
	+ Y[outh](http://www.international.gc.ca/development-developpement/priorities-priorites/governance-gouvernance/index.aspx?lang=eng) empowerment
	+ Sustainability of results, management structures and maintenance frameworks
	+ Financial sustainability and counterpart contributions
	+ Plan for scaling-up on city-wide level
	+ Link or potential impact with local/national policy
	+ Inclusion of design, financial and legal dimensions (three-legged approach)
	+ Regional balance and type of cities covered will be an additional criteria for final selection, as it would be the link with existing/ongoing projects.

We will provide an amount of between 20,000 to 100,000 USD over 1 year (depending on the scale of the intervention and the local capacity) to 5 to 10 proposals selected among the above. In addition to the funds, wherever possible, we would be able to provide direct support (expertise) for a participatory design workshop using Minecraft, under the Block by Block partnership.

Once selected, a process of detailed formulation in collaboration with the PS Programme will be undertaken to establish an Internal Agreement or Agreement of Cooperation, depending on the key implementer.

The project should be finalized by October 2016 to be showcased at Habitat III in Quito, Ecuador.

**ENTRY FORMAT**

Proposals should be submitted by close of business on the 30st of November 2015 to cecilia.andersson@unhabitat.org with copy to jose.chong@unhabitat .org and laura.petrella@unhabitat.org.

Please follow the project concept outline as below:

1. Project Title:
2. Problem statement:
3. Project’s Purpose or Objective:
4. Expected Outcome/s and Indicators:
5. Planned Activities:
6. Collaborating Partners & Branches/Regions:
7. Main Focus Areas/and Overall link to Work Program Output 2016-2017) :
8. Estimated Total Budget (also indicating other possible contributions):
9. Cross-cutting issues (human rights, gender, youth, climate change):
10. Key assumptions and Risks

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact cecilia.andersson@unhabitat.org or jose.chong@unhabitat .org

For reference and further information on the UN-Habitat Public Space Programme and the Block by Block partnership kindly visit: http://blockbyblock.org/

Warmest regards,

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