

THE UN-HABITAT GOVERNING COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON PUBLIC SPACE

Prior to the launch of the Global Public Space Programme, UN-Habitat had worked in the field of public space for over 20 years. However, at the 23rd Governing Council of UN-Habitat in 2011, United Nations Member States specifically requested UN-Habitat to place a larger focus on public space and how it can contribute to sustainable urban development.

In *Resolution 23/4: Sustainable urban development through access to quality urban public spaces*, Member States mandated UN-Habitat to:

- Advance the agenda on place-making and public spaces in a way that will consolidate local and international approaches to creating inclusive cities, enhance the knowledge of UN-Habitat partners and local authorities of place-making, public spaces and the quality of urban life, and facilitate and implement exchange, co-operation and research between partners working in this field;
- Develop a policy approach on the role that public spaces can play in meeting the challenges of our rapidly urbanizing world, to disseminate that policy and its results widely and to develop a plan for ensuring its application internationally;
- Assist in coordinating UN-Habitat partners in disseminating knowledge to existing sustainable urban development processes at all government levels.

