

**Short History of the UN-HABITAT Professionals Forum**

Members: AUDI, APA (i.f.), CASSAD, FIG, IFHP, IFLA, IsoCaRP, UIA.

1. Initiative of UN - Undersecretary General Prof.Dr.Toepfer/President IFHP Dr. Wiese-v.Ofen on the occasion of an invited statement to the Round-table-Forum at the UN in New York, 29.October 1998 in connection with the Second Committee of the UN-General Assembly on "Implementation of the Outcome of the UNCHS (HABITAT II)". First presentation of the idea of a "Professionals Forum" as a co-operation of the international acting professionals NGO by Dr.Wiese-v.Ofen.
2. Invitation of Dr.Toepfer, Executive Director UNCHS (HABITAT) Nairobi to Dr.Wiese-v.Ofen, IFHP, to present at the 17<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on Human Settlements in Nairobi 6.May 1999 the proposal of founding of a Professionals Forum as a platform for the review and assessment as well as supporting the implementation of the HABITAT-Agenda. Founding of a Steering Committee. Appointment of IFHP continuing to play the role of the forum's focal point.
3. Second Steering Committee meeting of the UN-HPF from 25.-27. October 1999 in New York (meeting Dr.Toepfer and the relevant representatives, organised by IFHP)
4. Third meeting of the Steering Committee UN-HPF 10.-11. March 2000 in Frankfurt/Main – organised by IFHP
5. Professionals Forum at the "Urban 21"-Conference in Berlin 5.July 2000 in Berlin – organised by IFHP and BBR, Bonn. Speakers from all members.
6. Fourth Steering Committee meeting of UN-HPF 13./14. January 2001 in The Hague – Organised by IFHP.
7. Fifth Steering Committee meeting 3.January 2001 in New York – organised by IFHP.
8. Professionals Forum offering three workshops during the UN General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) 6.-8-June 2001 in New York.- Organised by IFHP and APA; speakers and statements from all members.
9. Statement of Dr.Wiese-v.Ofen, chair of the Steering Committee of UN-HPF to UN General Assembly on 7.June 2001 in New York on behalf of the Professionals Forum.
10. Sixth Steering Committee meeting of UN-HPF 1.-4.November 2001 in Ankara – organised by UIA and IFHP.
11. Seventh Steering Committee meeting 22.April 2002 in Washington DC – organised by FIG and IFHP.
12. Professionals Forum at the FIG World Congress 19.-26.April 2002 in Washington, DC – organised by FIG. Speakers from FIG and IFHP.
13. Advisory group at the World Urban Forum 29.April – 3.May 2002 in Nairobi; appointment of Markku Villika, FIG, on behalf of the UN-HPF.
14. Professionals Forum at the UIA World Congress 22.-26. July 2002 in Berlin – organised by UIA and IFHP. Speakers from FIG, IFHP, IsoCaRP, IFLA, UIA.
15. Professionals Forum at the "Intergeo" 16.October 2002, Frankfurt/Main. Organised by FIG, speakers from FIG and IFHP.
16. Eighth Steering Committee meeting 6.-8-December 2002 in Copenhagen – organised by FIG and IFHP.

Presented papers / reports / statements

Event	Author
Round Table, UNO, NY, 29.10.1998	I.Wiese-v.Ofen, IFHP
17.Session CHS,Nairobi, 6.5.1999,	I.Wiese-v.Ofen, IFHP
Urban 21, World Congress Berlin, 5.7.2000	A.Erim, UIA, D.Mammen, IFHP, F.Malusardi, IsoCaRP, M.Villikka,FIG, I.Wiese-v.Ofen, IFHP
Workshop at UNGASS, NY, 6.-8.6.2001	M.Cohen, H.Magel, D.Argyriades; Moderation: D.Rachewski. E.Hedman, I.Wiese-v.Ofen,
Statement to UNGASS, NY, 7.6.2001	I.Wiese-v.Ofen, IFHP
UN-HPF at FIG-Congress, Washington DC, 22.4.02	David Mammen APA, I.Wiese-v.Ofen, IFHP
UN-HPF at UIA-Congress, Berlin, 5.7.2002	H.Magel, FIG, S. de Topelson,, UIA, M.Brkovic, ISoCRP, A. Schmid, IFLA, I.Wiese-v.Ofen, IFHP