

Nairobi, 22 August 2017

Dear Mr. Jaume Guardans

Re: Letter of Collaboration – Towards the City Labs on Safer Cities in Latin America and the Caribbean

As the next step following your letter of intention received on June 7 2017, we would like to extend this letter of collaboration to institutionalize the cooperation between UN-Habitat's Safer Cities Programme and *Fundación IdeaBorn*. This cooperation will entail the support of UN-Habitat's projects in Latin America, the promotion of UN-Habitat's Safer Cities approach and its initiatives within *Fundación IdeaBorn*'s projects and programmes, and other related commonly agreed activities framed within the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Being aware of the expertise and experience of *Fundación IdeaBorn* and their efforts in implementing the *America's Juvenile Violence Prevention and Access to Justice Programme* (FONDO RECUERDA) in Latin America and in particular in the cities of Medellín (Colombia), San Salvador (El Salvador), Corregidora (Mexico) and Bogotá (Colombia); this collaboration should have the potential to enhance education, research, professional development, policy advice and knowledge management in supporting the development of safer cities in these territories.

Moreover, based on our common interests in developing new crime and violence prevention policies integrated into urban strategies and interventions (NUA para 103); as well as in promoting safe and inclusive public spaces (SDG 11.7); this collaboration will encourage interaction and cooperation between *Fundación IdeaBorn* and other local and regional stakeholders and cities, always framed within the Global Network on Safer Cities initiative and UN-Habitat's City Labs on Safer Cities. We certainly hope that this partnership will have an important impact within The Global Network's goal of developing a network of 30 City Labs on Safer Cities by the end of 2019.

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On the other hand, UN-Habitat's Safer Cities Programme will make available its extensive know-how, tools, networks, training and capacity building programmes (such as internships, technical advisories, conferences, Expert Group Meetings, among others).

With the objective of creating synergies, finding more effective and concrete collaboration with the final goal of strengthening knowledge base, learning, innovations, policies and practices on urban security; UN-Habitat Safer Cities Programme would be honoured to entering into cooperation with *Fundación IdeaBorn* according to the annexed potential (but not exhaustive) areas of co-operation for the period 2017-2019.

We look forward to working closely with *Fundación IdeaBorn* in the Global Network on Safer Cities project: City Labs on Safer Cities.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Juma Assiago', with a date '22/9' written above it.

JUMA ASSIAGO,
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ANNEX

Expected Accomplishment 1.1 - Thirty (30) City Labs on Safer Cities established and consolidated by 2019

Develop the City Lab on Safer Cities network as a space to promote a scientific debate on the cities prevention policies and in a framework of the NUA and SDGs.

In particular:

1.1.1 Promote the creation of City Labs on Safer Cities in the cities of Medellín (Colombia), San Salvador (El Salvador), Corregidora (Mexico) and Bogotá (Colombia)

1.1.2 Formal constitution of each City Lab on Safer Cities

1.1.3 Creating opportunities for dialogue between experts, representatives of national and local governments and local stakeholders to co-produce, innovate on tools, policies and manage the knowledge in urban crime and violence prevention

Expected Accomplishment 1.2 - Consolidated knowledge on crime and violence and promote global exchanges

Initiate a fluent, permanent and effective knowledge exchange through international networks that will benefit from its experience, in particular among the City Labs under the GNSC Project initiative.

Provide a common vision on crime prevention and urban safety practices framed into the Global Network on Safer Cities project (through seminars, workshops, tools, adopted strategies, methods, policies and proved best practices).

In particular:

1.2.1 Documentation of experiences

1.2.2 City-to-city learning and exchanges on urban safety strategies and public policies

1.2.3 Development of an online resource facility on policy and practices on crime prevention and urban safety

1.2.4 Development of curriculum for Masters Programme on Urban Safety and Security building on the practices learned in the framework of GNSC Project and UN-Habitat Safer Cities Programme

1.2.5 Set a prize open to the projects that promote the SDGs and implementation of NUA towards safer public spaces, urban security and cohesive societies, with evidence-based results, exportable best practices, sustainable and compromised with the urban environment where the project has been implemented.

Expected Accomplishment 1.3 - New monitoring tools, strategies and policies on violence and crime prevention developed

+20 years of UN-Habitat Safer Cities Programme experience has the potential to support, in collaboration with *Fundación IdeaBorn*, and framed in the City Labs on Safer Cities project, the implementation of NUA and the SDGs 5, 11 and 16 towards development of sustainable and evidence based policies and strategies in urban crime and violence prevention.

The underlying logic here is that a well-crafted Urban Safety Monitoring tools have the potential to set in motion high-impact change processes in urban policy and programming. Policymakers and citizens alike will be empowered to press for evidence-based policies and programming by a tool that promotes benchmarking, transparency, and accountability. Moreover, such monitoring tools will seek to discover the most important drivers of urban crime and violence and the policy implications for the city and to advance the most effective interventions to tackle the problem of urban crime and violence. This development of a credible, base of evidence for the effectiveness of Safer Cities interventions is the key to advancement of a normative framework for urban safety and security policy and practice. Thus, the underlying logic of the monitoring aspects of the lab is to contribute to production of a safe city by influencing policy and programming of the city.

In particular:

- 1.3.1** Production of an Urban Safety Monitor prototype
- 1.3.2** Field-testing and evaluation of the prototype
- 1.3.3** Publication and dissemination of the periodical safer cities monitoring flagship report
- 1.3.4** Dissemination of knowledge and insight via open data approach