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Next City Seeks Artists to Showcase Work on UN World Stage

Apply now for the UN gatherings in Indonesia and Ecuador later this year.

Next City is proud to announce an international arts opportunity for visual and performing artists from eight rapidly urbanizing cities to show work at United Nations meetings in Surabaya, Indonesia and Quito, Ecuador later this year.

Showcasing the work of selected artists, Next City World Stage will be the premier hub for the creative urbanist community in Surabaya and Quito for the two historic convenings — PrepCom3 and Habitat III. These once-in-a-generation UN events bringing together world leaders from government, academia and the private sector will culminate in new international commitments to sustainable urbanization. At the close of the Habitat III conference, UN member states will approve the New Urban Agenda, a 20-year road map for ending poverty, mitigating climate change and improving living conditions for the 4 billion people living in the world's cities.

Next City's site-specific gallery and performance space will be a platform for public engagement, education and dialogue. Artists from Shanghai, Lagos, Stockholm, Cairo, New Orleans and Melbourne are invited to submit visual arts projects that address Resilience + Mobility, Opportunity + Equality and Public Life + Design in their respective cities. Artists from Surabaya and Quito are invited to submit performance art that could be presented in the host city during a series of evening events. Artists who wish to be considered for the project are welcome to submit work here: <https://nextcity.submittable.com/submit/50036>.

Artists will receive a stipend to create work and travel expenses to attend one of the two conferences and represent their work on Next City's global stage. Please feel free to contact us for further information.

Next City is a nonprofit organization with a mission to inspire social, economic and environmental change in cities through journalism and events around the world. Our vision is for a world in which cities are leading the way toward a more sustainable, equitable future.

Nextcity.org provides daily online coverage of the leaders, policies and innovations driving progress in metropolitan regions across the world. In an age when original, on-the-ground reporting is increasingly rare, we send our writers into urban communities around the world to produce award-winning longform content. In addition to our online journalism, we produce events including an annual urban leadership conference, Vanguard. Next City is a trusted voice on urban policy, reaching more than 2.5 million readers through its website and influencing conversations across the media landscape.

EXHIBIT TITLE: VISIONS FOR A NEW URBAN FUTURE

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Resilience + Mobility

By 2050, four out of every five people on earth will live in cities. We are soliciting artwork that reflects upon the infrastructure and urban environment of tomorrow's urbanized world. Work can comment on climate change, sustainability, adaptation and mitigation, or the current state of high--carbon, pollution--ridden cities.

Opportunity + Equality

Staggering rates of economic and social inequality shape today's cities and threaten their future. We are soliciting artwork that reflects upon poverty; class, race, gender, orientation and other disparities; migration, and the possibilities for change within an urban context.

Public Life + Design

Rapid urbanization means that more people than ever before are sharing a finite amount of space and wrestling with difficult questions of inclusion and the clash between public and private needs. We are soliciting artwork that documents or proposes a vision for the civic commons of the future.

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