



Evergreen and UN-Habitat Join Forces to Strengthen Urban Resilience Globally

Barcelona, 8 November 2023 – Evergreen, a renowned Canadian non-profit dedicated to transforming public spaces in cities for the health of people and our planet, and UN-Habitat, a global leader in advancing urban resilience and sustainable development, have officially reinforced their commitment to collaborative efforts. This landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), announced during the prestigious Smart City Expo World Congress in Barcelona on November 8, 2023, marks a significant milestone in the ongoing partnership between Canadian institutions and organizations and UN-Habitat.

At announcement was made at the Canada Pavilion during the Smart City Expo World Congress during which, Jennifer Angel, CEO of Evergreen, and Esteban Leon, Head of UN-Habitat City Resilience Global Programme (CRGP), proudly declared their alliance. The collaboration holds the promise of creating a profound impact, with a particular focus on supporting UN-Habitat City Resilience Global Programme, recognized worldwide for its role in helping cities identify and overcome resilience challenges. Evergreen, drawing upon its rich expertise, will aid CRGP in developing innovative capacity-building and knowledge-sharing approaches, while also connecting the program with Canadian wisdom and know-how.

During the launch ceremony, Jennifer Angel, CEO of Evergreen, expressed her enthusiasm, stating, “We are thrilled to join forces with UN-Habitat to support their crucial work in building resilient cities. We hope to learn from city-builders worldwide and share Evergreen’s diverse knowledge and practical experience supporting inclusive and resilient communities in Canada. “

Esteban Leon emphasized his eagerness to explore how to leverage Canadian expertise, stating, "Our goal is to bolster cities in the global south, in alignment with UN-Habitat's mission to cultivate more resilient and sustainable urban environments."

In the upcoming months, Evergreen and UN-Habitat will embark on a collaborative journey of project scoping and knowledge exchange, laying the foundation for their joint initiatives. Their collective aim is to fortify urban resilience, champion sustainable development, and pave the way for more prosperous and equitable cities. This MoU establishes a robust framework for cooperation, ensuring that both organizations work in synergy to enhance the institutional capacity of cities and community leaders on a global scale.

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About Evergreen Canada:

Evergreen is a national Canadian non-profit transforming public spaces in our cities to build a healthier future for people and our planet. www.evergreen.ca

About UN-Habitat:

The United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) works with partners to build inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable cities and communities. UN-Habitat promotes urbanization as a positive transformative force for people and communities, reducing inequality, discrimination and poverty.