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THREE CENTERS AT PENN JOIN FORCES TO TACKLE URBAN ISSUES AT WORLD URBAN FORUM

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA – December 13, 2017 – Three research centers at Penn are working together to bring Penn's expertise on urban issues to this year's World Urban Forum (WUF), the world's premier conference on urban issues, to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from February 7-13, 2018.

The three centers—the Penn Institute for Urban Research (Penn IUR), the Kleinman Center for Energy Policy, and Perry World House—are publishing a white paper series in advance of the February event, staging a large exhibition of Penn research at the week-long event, and sending a delegation of nearly a dozen researchers, students and staff members to Kuala Lumpur to participate.

Through these efforts, the three centers aim to showcase their research as well as the research of established and emerging Penn scholars affiliated with the centers. By joining forces to present at this year's WUF, the centers aim to bring Penn-based scholarship that addresses pressing sustainable urbanization issues to leading policymakers and practitioners across the globe.

Penn IUR, Perry World House and the Kleinman Center for Energy Policy are pleased to announce the following timeline of upcoming events related to WUF:

- December 2017: Penn IUR, Perry World House, and the Kleinman Center for Energy Policy will release a new white paper series titled "PENN: Current Research on Sustainable Urban Development." The 10 papers explore topics central to the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals. They will have a special focus on governance, energy, urban migration and integration, and planning and land use.

- January 17, 2018: In advance of the WUF, the three centers will host a one-day workshop entitled *The New Urban Agenda: How Stakeholders are Defining and Driving Implementation*. The workshop will convene policymakers, practitioners, and scholars for a set of panels and moderated conversations on interpretations of authority the New Urban Agenda. Topics of discussion will include the power of alliances, cities in the global south, and the future of urban governance.
- February 3, 2018: The Penn delegation will travel to the WUF in Kuala Lumpur. The delegation includes: Eugenie Birch, Co-Director, Penn IUR, Lawrence C. Nussdorf Professor of Urban Research and Education, Department of City & Regional Planning; Amy Montgomery, Managing Director, Penn IUR; Cara Griffin, Publications Director, Penn IUR; Mary Rocco, Postdoctoral Researcher, Penn IUR; Laura Barron, Program and Communications Manager, Penn IUR; Bill Burke-White, Richard Perry Professor and Inaugural Director, Perry World House, and Professor of Law, PennLaw; Kyung-Hwan Kim, Visiting Scholar, Perry World House; Kate Leader, Program Manager, Perry World House; Mark Alan Hughes, Faculty Director, Kleinman Center for Energy Policy, and Professor of Practice, Department of City and Regional Planning; Cornelia Colijn, Deputy Director, Kleinman Center for Energy Policy; and Mollie Simon, Administrative Assistant, Kleinman Center for Energy Policy.
- February 7-13, 2018: The delegates will welcome visitors to the Penn exhibition booth, which will be on display at WUF in Kuala Lumpur. The exhibition includes information about Penn IUR, Perry World House and the Kleinman Center for Energy Policy and highlights each center's initiatives. The exhibit will also feature information on the paper series that the centers have partnered to produce, and a speaker series of brief, "intimate" presentations by experts from the three centers' extended networks.

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