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Global Urban Research Unit (GURU) at Newcastle University is pleased to announce the publication of *'Planning Sustainable Cities: Global Report on Human Settlement 2009'* by the United Nation Habitat.

The Report has been produced collectively by researchers from across the globe including a team of researchers from GURU (Prof Simin Davoudi, Prof Patsy Healey, Dr Geoff Vigar and Dr Mike Majale). GURU, through Dr Graham Tipple, is also represented in the membership of the Advisory Board of the UN GLOBAL RESEARCH NETWORK ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (HS-Net) and hosted their meeting on 24-26th September 2008, which was followed by Newcastle City Council's Lord Mayor reception for the delegates. In addition to the UN delegation and the authors of the 2009 Global Report, other experts from the University, the North East Region and the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) were invited to take part in the discussions. On 10 November, Prof Davoudi will represent GURU in a seminar organised by the RTPI for the London launch of the Report. The event will also mark the World Planning Day.

GURU's involvement in the authorship of the Report, membership of the Advisory Board, hosting of the UN HS-Net meeting and participation in the launch is indicative of its commitment to the global planning agenda for sustainable cities and to the Newcastle University's regional and international engagement mission.