



UN CITY OPENING

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BACKGROUND

On 4 July, Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II together with the UN Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon, the Prime Minister, Helle Thorning-Schmidt, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Villy Søvndal and the Minister for Development Cooperation, Christian Friis Bach will officially open the UN City in Copenhagen.

The ceremony will officially open both Campus 1 and Campus 2, but will be held in Campus 1.

A longstanding commitment

It is more than 50 years ago that WHO moved its regional office for Europe to Copenhagen. Since then, several other organisations have followed suit.

Today, Copenhagen is the world's 6th largest UN City in the Western world (measured in terms of UN staff). There are around 1,250 UN staff employed in the 8 UN organisations, affiliated agencies and international organisations in Denmark (see pp. 8-10 for more information on the individual UN organisations, affiliated agencies and international organisations). Earlier, the UN organisations were spread between three different addresses in Copenhagen (around the harbours at Frihavn and Svanemøllen). With the UN City, these organisations have now been gathered under one roof, generating economic and operational benefits.

Through hosting the UN organisations in Copenhagen, the Danish Government contributes to strengthening the UN and the UN's achievements. By having access to rent-free premises, the organisations can free up funds for their development work at country level. This "in kind" contribution thus serves as an extremely flexible instrument for the organisations, as the freed funds can be used in areas where the need is greatest. Offering office space in Copenhagen to the organisations also ensures that the core functions that are performed in Copenhagen and which support the country programmes are afforded the best possible framework conditions.

Campus 1 & 2

The entire UN City project is made up of two parts: Campus 1 and Campus 2.

Campus 1 comprises an office building with 45,000 m² of floor space. This office complex has been constructed to low-energy class 1 standards, which is partly reflected in the installation of solar panels, and as such is a state-of-the-art building in the energy and climate field.

Campus 2 is a new, high-tech warehouse for UNICEF, which has been built further out on the Nordhavn waterfront. The warehouse was handed over to UNICEF last year.

In support of One UN

The UN building supports the reform efforts in the UN

system, including the One UN approach, which entails a more coordinated, efficient and collaborative UN system. Gathering the organisations in the same building saves the organisations not only money for administration and running costs, but also facilitates and enhances cross-organisational learning and cooperation.

3XN's star-shaped design reflects the nature of each UN unit working independently, efficiently and professionally with clear roots in a mutual set of values – Delivering as One.

Why Copenhagen?

The UN organisations themselves highlight many advantages of a location in Copenhagen: the highly educated workforce, the infrastructure, the well-functioning society, the high level of security, as well as the location in a "central" time zone, enabling the organisations not only to work in parallel with the UN's activities in Africa and the Middle East, but also to reach colleagues in Asia and America within the same working day. At the same time, the location in Copenhagen is a natural choice in relation to the Nordic countries, which are important and constructive partners as well as major donors.

Many benefit from the UN

The location of UN organisations in Denmark also offers a clear benefit to Denmark in terms of providing wide scope for close contact with the UN system. Denmark's international engagement and role as a major development aid donor places the UN at the heart of Danish foreign and development policy. There are also many other positive aspects of the UN's presence in Copenhagen:

It creates jobs, it promotes Copenhagen's image as an international city, and it benefits not only companies that sell goods and services to the UN but also Denmark's international business environment, tourism, culture, etc.

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The atrium is the centre of daily life offering visual and physical connections across floors and units in a space full of natural daylight and a central staircase. Photo: Adam Mørk

Bringing together the various agencies and functions of the United Nations offices in Copenhagen, the new main office building is located at the northern harbour of Copenhagen.

Balancing openness and security

High security and accessibility standards have been central considerations in the design of the new main office building. The UN City must live up to the most stringent requirements, providing a protected and safe environment, while at the same time appearing open and accommodating to the city. Located on an artificial island the building is naturally separated from its immediate surroundings, while still being highly visible from both the city and the water.

From above, the eight-pointed star shape is a clear visual reference point, which, like the UN, reaches out to all corners of the world. Similar to the surrounding rusty pier edges, the UN city has a dark burnished steel base from which the white main building rises. This is a reference to the elegant white ships that characterize this part of the Copenhagen harbor.

The building has a façade cladding of white perforated aluminum shutters, developed by 3XN and contractor Pihl specifically for the UN City. The shutters ensure solar shading without blocking the view or the daylight. Since the facade is divided into three meter long modules, it is possible for the employees to control the sunshade from their computers. The result is an improved indoor environment, and a dynamic façade expressing a building full of life.

From the core of the star-shaped building, a daylight filled atrium connects the lobby level containing all common functions, with the office levels, where the various UN agencies are distributed. From the atrium a central staircase binds all levels together. 3XN has created the staircase as a dramatic spatial sculpture, which is to be seen as a symbol of the UN's work to create dialogue, interaction and positive encounters between people in all parts of the world. In the daily life, the sculptural form inspires the UN employees to want to use the stairs, and thus the staircase also forms the basis for dialogue, cooperation and informal meetings between the various UN organizations.

All office levels are characterized by an open and flexible layout encouraging knowledge sharing and interaction as well as individual concentration. Work stations are ensured plenty of high quality daylight and a good indoor climate.

Meeting facilities

The main office building has more than 90 meeting rooms including a number of flexible rooms on each floor that staff can use for various purposes. The auditorium is

a conference facility with a total capacity of 450 people. For smaller conferences and meetings, the auditorium can be divided into smaller rooms by using specially designed partitions.

Sustainability at all levels

From the design phase and onwards, the teams involved in the UN City project have worked to comply with international environmental standards and regulations. Campus 1 has been designed to use at least 55% less energy than expected from a similar-sized office building. The UN City is thus expected to become one of Denmark's most energy efficient buildings with an annual energy consumption of less than 50 kWh per m² (Danish Energy Class 1). The UN City (Campus 1) is registered with the LEED sustainability ratings system with the certification goal of LEED® Platinum and has been awarded the prestigious "GreenBuilding Award 2012" by the European Commission.

Greening measures

Air quality - The building has been designed to limit the use of chemicals and pollutants during both its construction and its use. The building is entirely ventilated with filtered outside air. This ensures that only clean, fresh air is present in the building and helps balance the interior humidity level.

Solar panels - More than 1,400 solar panels are lining the roof of the building to support the goal of generating renewable energy onsite. With an estimated total production of 297,000 kWh/year, the solar panels significantly reduce the need for electricity from the grid.

Sea water cooling - Cold seawater pumped into the building's cooling system, almost entirely eliminating the need for electricity to power the cooling cycle.

Water efficiency - Innovative aerators have been placed in the taps in kitchens, toilets and showers throughout the building. The low-flow taps reduce water usage. In addition, pipes on the roof capture almost 3,000,000 litres of rainwater annually, which is almost enough to flush the toilets of the entire building without using potable water.

Solar shades - Sophisticated solar shades on the building's facade can be opened and closed to either trap or reflect the sun's heat.

Reflective roofs - The roof of the building has been coated with a white, recyclable membrane, made from plant-based materials. The environmentally-friendly coating reflects sunlight and reduces the solar warming of the building.

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Engineering consultancy

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Ownership

The UN City is owned by ATP (45.75 %), PensionDanmark (45.75 %) and CPH City & Port Development (8.5 %). The three parties have formed a consortium, Harbour P/S, that leases the UN City to the Danish State.

Staff

Approximately 900 UN staff from 104 countries are currently working in the UN City Campus 1.

Building process

Construction of the UN City Campus 1 started in the spring of 2010. Phase 1 was completed by the end of 2012. Phase 2 will be completed by the end of 2013.

UNICEF's supply operation has been in Copenhagen since 1962. It moved to Marmormøllen in 1975, and administrative buildings were added in 1984.

In March 2012, over 300 UNICEF staff moved to Campus 2 to allow for the construction of Campus 1 to be completed. Campus 2 is home to the world's largest humanitarian warehouse which stores some 850 different kinds of life-saving supplies for children. Campus 2 also features UNICEF's Innovation Lab and Global Learning Centre. Temporary pavilions provide additional office space.

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Ownership

Campus 2 is owned by CPH City & Port Development.

Automated warehouse system

SSI Schaefer Denmark A/S - <http://www.ssi-schaefer.dk>

Staff

Approximately 320 UNICEF staff are working at Campus 2.

Building process

The construction of Campus 2 started in September 2010 and was completed in March 2012.

Dimensions

The warehouse covers over 20,000 m². The fully automated high-bay storage alone is 25m high, 63m wide and 150m long, with 36,000 pallet locations and 8 robot cranes. The warehouse can handle 1500 pallets of essential supplies for children per day.



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Resilient nations.*

UNDP – United Nations Development Programme

UNDP has several headquarter functions located in Copenhagen including its Staff Administrative Services (SAS), which supports UNDP globally and up to nine other UN agencies with HR and payroll services; the Office of Information Systems and Technology (OIST) provides ICT advisory services to UNDP country offices worldwide while the Procurement Support Office (PSO) runs complete procurement solutions, training, advisory services and e-solutions. In addition, UNDP hosts the UN Common Services at the UN City. UNDP's Nordic Representation Office (NRO) is also located in Copenhagen. Its role is to inform and raise awareness of UNDP's mandate, work and results in promoting sustainable human development. NRO serves as a liaison office between UNDP headquarters in New York and the Nordic donor governments and as a communication office. NRO seeks to reach and engage stakeholders and the broader public through media coverage, public events, presentations and study tours, and through cooperation with development actors in the Nordic countries including civil society, research institutes, think tanks and the private sector. Approximately 180 UNDP employees are located in Copenhagen making it the second largest UNDP hub outside of its headquarters in New York.

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UNEP – United Nations Environment Programme

UNEP is the voice for the environment within the United Nations system. In Denmark, UNEP is in the process of opening the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) in the UN City. The CTCN is the operational arm of the UNFCCC Technology Mechanism. The CTCN will work to reduce the risks and costs of technology transfer by helping developing countries make informed decisions about mitigation and adaptation technologies that suit their needs. In addition, UNEP is represented in Denmark by two collaborating centres UNEP Risø Centre (URC) on Energy, Climate Change and Sustainable development and UNEP DHI on water. URC is a UNEP Collaborating Centre that focuses on energy, climate change and sustainable development and supports UNEP's activities in these areas. Established by a

tripartite agreement between UNEP, the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Risø DTU in, URC is an integral part of UNEP's Division of Technology, Industry and Economics (DTIE) and is organizationally a part of the Technical University of Denmark. The UNEP-DHI Centre is a United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) centre of expertise dedicated to improving the management, development and use of freshwater resources from the local to the global level. The Centre is hosted at DHI, an independent, international consulting and research-based not-for-profit foundation.

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UNFPA - United Nations Population Fund

UNFPA has two offices in Copenhagen – the Nordic Office and the Procurement Services Branch. The UNFPA Nordic Office manages UNFPA's cooperation with the central Nordic donor countries; including the national development agencies, politicians and local NGOs. Moreover, the office works through on-going dialogue, public events and campaigns to keep media and the public informed about UNFPA's work to ensure that

every pregnancy is wanted, every child birth is safe and every young person's potential is fulfilled. This is essential to alleviate poverty and achieve the MDGs. UNFPA Procurement Services Branch procures contraceptives for health and emergency programmes in developing countries. It is the world's largest procurer of contraceptives and related commodities. The procurement office in Copenhagen works with governments in developing countries, NGOs and other partners to enhance awareness, and to develop and build capacity in all areas of procurement including quality assurance and distribution.

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UNICEF – United Nations Children’s Fund

UNICEF Supply Division procures life-saving supplies for children, and works with partners and industry to create healthy markets and improve products through innovation. Supply Division oversees

UNICEF’s emergency supply response, and, through Country Offices, provides technical support to governments to strengthen in-country supply chain systems for vaccines, pharmaceuticals and nutrition, education and water and sanitation items. Supply Division, located at UN City, Campus 2, is home to the largest humanitarian warehouse in the world (20,000 m2).

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UNOPS - United Nations Office for Project Service

UNOPS mission is to expand the capacity of the UN system and its partners to implement peacebuilding, humanitarian and development operations that matter for people in need. Working in some of the world’s most challenging environments UNOPS vision is to always satisfy partners with management services that meet world-class standards of quality, speed and cost-effectiveness. With a focus on sustainable infrastructure, sustainable procurement and sustainable project management, UNOPS projects range from helping partners build schools, roads, bridges and hospitals to procuring goods and services and training local personnel. UNOPS employs more than 6,000 personnel and on behalf of its partners creates thousands more work opportunities in local communities. UNOPS Global Headquarters and the Asia, Europe and Middle East Regional Office are based in Copenhagen. Through its headquarters and a network of regional and country offices, UNOPS oversees activities in more than 80 countries.

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UN WOMEN

UN Women is the UN organization dedicated to gender equality and the empowerment of women. A global champion for women and girls, UN Women was established to accelerate progress on meeting their needs worldwide. UN Women supports UN Member States as they set global standards for achieving gender equality, and works with governments and civil society to design laws, policies, programmes and services needed to implement these standards. UN Women’s Nordic Office will

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

liaise with Nordic governments, parliamentarians and key decision-makers, as well as UN Women National Committees in Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden, the private sector, media, civil society and all UN agencies based in Copenhagen. The Nordic countries have a steadfast relationship with the UN, and the Nordic countries have historically been strong advocates for gender equality both within their own countries and as part of their development cooperation policy.

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WFP – United Nations World Food Programme

WFP’s Nordic Liaison Office in Copenhagen works to raise awareness of the key role of the organisation and it’s Nordic partners in fighting global hunger and undernutrition. The Nordic Liaison Office is WFP’s window to the Nordic countries which combined is the 4th largest donor to WFP. WFP’s information and communication activities aim at increasing the political and public support to the fight against hunger and targets a

broad cross-section of politicians and other decision makers, partners, media, students and the public. Activities include presentations and lectures, participation in workshops and conferences, study trips for parliamentarians and journalists, outreach to traditional external media platforms as well as working through WFP’s own websites and social media platforms. WFP’s Nordic Liaison Office also serves as liaison between the WFP headquarters in Rome, regional and country offices and partners in the Nordic countries.

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WHO – World Health Organization

The World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe works on behalf of 53 Member States – stretching from the western shores of Greenland to the Pacific shores of the Russian Federation, and from the Mediterranean to the Baltic Sea. WHO was the first UN organization to be hosted in Denmark, back in 1957. Today, It has over 500 staff in Copenhagen, 29 Country Offices and five other technical centres. The

Office's goal is the attainment of the highest possible level of health for the almost 900 million people who live in the WHO European Region. It works closely with countries and partners to achieve this, with technical expertise and support on health issues including communicable diseases, noncommunicable diseases, disease prevention, governance, health systems and public health, health through the life course, environment and health, information and evidence, and health in emergencies.

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IOM – International Organization for Migration

IOM Copenhagen is one of IOM's more than 470 offices world-wide. While formally not a UN agency, IOM cooperates closely with the UN and has concluded Memoranda of Understanding with most UN agencies. IOM is a member of the UN Country Team in most locations, including Denmark. IOM's 151 Member States strongly encourage ever closer relations to the UN. In Copenhagen IOM has had a small office since 2009 to carry out the organizational mandate of "managing migration for the benefit of all" also in Denmark. IOM Copenhagen currently provides the Government of Denmark and migrants with operational assistance pertaining to return migration, counter-trafficking, direct assistance to vulnerable migrants and other migration related activities. Since migration and development is a strong topic both for the UN and IOM in 2013 due to

the UN High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development in October, IOM Copenhagen expects to strengthen its cooperation with the UN on this topic as well as expand its outreach to migrant diasporas in Denmark.

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UNICEF Danmark is one of UNICEF's 36 National Committees in the industrialised world, each established as an independent national NGO. UNICEF Danmark's mission is to create awareness and raise funds for UNICEF's work to protect children's rights, help meet children's basic needs and expand children's opportunities to reach their full potential. UNICEF Danmark raises funds from the private sector through

thousands of pledge recruitments, one-off donations, corporate partnerships, campaigns, etc. In 2012, UNICEF Danmark raised DKK 137 million for UNICEF's work for children in need.

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