

## **Expert Group Meeting organized by UN-Habitat training and capacity-building branch, March 2011**

Following a long-term collaboration with UN-Habitat, the Weitz Center for Development Studies was invited to take part of the first Expert Group Meeting organized by UN-Habitat, the Danida Fellowship Center and the Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies in the Netherlands. The meeting, the first part of three-year-long program, was held end of March and aimed at shifting "training institutions" to "learning institutions". Dr. Juan Clos, the new executive director of UN-Habitat, addressed the participants, most of them being local and regional training institutions from Africa, Asia, Southern and Eastern Europe and Latin America. In this context, follow-ups will be carried on at regional levels.

Yossi Offer, from the Weitz Center, presented an Israeli based experience of assistance for local authorities, including capacity-building, organization development and strategic management.

Finally, the event was an excellent opportunity to develop future cooperation with participating organizations.

