The Tenth Session of the World Urban Forum (WUF10) will take place from 8 to 13 February 2020 in Abu Dhabi, the United Arab Emirates with the theme Cities of opportunities: Connecting culture and innovation. UN-Habitat joins the Government of the United Arab Emirates and the City of Abu Dhabi in warmly welcoming you to attend and participate in the Forum.

THE WORLD'S PREMIER CONFERENCE ON CITIES

The World Urban Forum, established in 2001 by the United Nations, is the most open and inclusive gathering of its kind on the international stage. The Tenth Session of this pivotal event will bring together national leaders, slum dwellers, cabinet ministers, United Nations representatives, women groups, mayors, youth, academics, diplomats, community and business leaders, parliamentarians, local government groups, urban activists, and more. All who share the vision for better and smarter cities of the future are invited.

HOW IT WORKS

The Forum meetings are divided into dialogue sessions, special sessions, roundtables, youth, gender and business assemblies, networking events, caucus meetings, training events along with an exciting array of side events, exhibitions, cultural events and much more.

APPLY TO HOST AN EVENT

Stakeholders have an exciting opportunity to host one of the official events and to share and discuss best practices, new ideas, innovations or to provide relevant training to the Forum participants.

Networking events

Networking events last two hours and should focus on strengthening partnerships, calling for new alliances or launching joint initiatives on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. They are an opportunity to share ideas and commitments to advance sustainable urban development in towns and cities around the globe.

Side events

The topic of a side event should be related to the overall WUF10 theme and will last one hour. A side event could include book launches, receptions and presentations to showcase projects, research, data, knowledge and initiatives relating to the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.

Training events

UN agencies, universities, local governments, capacity development institutions and other stakeholders will provide training on a range of topics lasting three hours. Training events should focus on developing the skills and knowledge of the trainee by providing the "how to" approach to development challenges with innovative tools, methodologies and instruments to support and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

The deadline for event applications for Side events, Networking events and Training events is 14 October 2019 on www.unhabitat.org/wuf

THE EXHIBITION

An International World Urban Forum exhibition, the Urban Expo, will be open throughout the Forum. This will showcase the work of some of the world’s premier exhibitions, United Nations agencies, and other international and regional organizations focusing on innovations in urban development in relation to the main theme. It will provide an exciting glimpse into the future of our urban world.

Apply here for the opportunity to showcase your work on www.unhabitat.org/wuf

JOIN US AT WUF10

Online registration to participate in WUF10 is open at www.unhabitat.org/wuf and will close on 21 January 2020.

Find detailed information on the Forum website of WUF10 including the concept note, events application criteria, exhibition guidelines, the WUF10 venue and other exciting news.

For more information, please contact us on unhabitat-wuf@un.org

We are looking forward to seeing you in Abu Dhabi!