Cities of Opportunities: Connecting Culture and Innovation

The theme of the Tenth Session of the World Urban Forum, Cities of Opportunities: Connecting Culture and Innovation, will focus on harnessing culture and innovation as drivers of sustainable urban development. With 4.4 billion people living in the world’s urban areas, cities are humanity’s real building blocks with their economic contribution, ever-increasing population, high-density, cultural diversity, political dominance, and innovative edge. As urban areas become more heterogeneous, multi-ethnic, multi-cultural and multi-lingual, culture and innovation are becoming mutually reinforcing means of supporting sustainable urban development.

WUF10 Thematic Dialogues

Six thematic dialogues exploring how culture and innovation can contribute to sustainable urbanization in different contexts while be at the heart of WUF10. These are:

- Urbanization, Culture & Innovation
- Frontier Technologies and Sustainable Cities
- Driving Sustainable Urbanization through Innovation & Culture
- Tradition and Modernity: A Creative Convergence for Better Cities
- Urban Planning & Heritage Preservation/Regeneration
- Partnerships & Initiatives: Supporting Culture & Innovation in Cities

More information on the theme is available in the WUF10 Background Paper.

WUF10 Events

Partners and Stakeholders in sustainable urbanization have a unique opportunity to share new and innovative ideas, best practices and lessons learnt by hosting a side event, networking event, or a training event at WUF10.

Explore the different types of events taking place as outlined in the WUF10 Concept Paper here.

Applications to host side events, networking events, and training events has been extended to 31 October 2019.

Exhibit at the Urban Expo

The WUF10 Urban Expo is a platform to showcase innovative and sustainable solutions to some of the challenges faced by cities. SHOWCASE YOUR INITIATIVE by applying to take part in the exhibition before 15 November 2019.

Have you registered for WUF10?

Be part of the world’s premier gathering on sustainable urbanization. Online registration is ongoing at www.unhabitat.org/wuf.

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We look forward to seeing you in Abu Dhabi!