

Welcome to WUF11!

The Eleventh Session of the World Urban Forum (WUF11) will take place from 26 to 30 June 2022 in Katowice, Poland. UN-Habitat joins the Government of Poland and the City of Katowice in warmly inviting you to participate in the Forum.



What do we want our cities to look like?

The theme of WUF11, <u>Transforming Our</u> <u>Cities for a Better Urban Future</u>, will highlight a state of informed preparedness that provides us with the opportunity to anticipate change, correct the course of action if necessary, and become more knowledgeable on the different possibilities that the future of cities offers. It also illuminates the ways that policy, strategies and actions can promote desirable futures.

The long-term prospects point to a world that will continue to urbanize over the next decade— from 56% as is currently the case to 60% by 2030, with urban areas expected to absorb virtually all the future growth of the world's population.

Sustainable urbanization provides the basis and prosperity that are crucial to the global efforts to build back better, stronger,

greener, safer and smarter from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and get the world back on track to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Once viewed primarily through the lens of challenges to be addressed, urban areas are now crucial to securing sustainable economic, social and environmental futures.

WUF11 will provide greater insights and clarity on the future of cities based on existing trends, challenges and opportunities, as well as disruptive conditions, including the valuable lessons that cities have learned from the ongoing pandemic, and suggest ways cities can be better prepared to address future pandemics and a wide range of other shocks.

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 global stage for one of the most pressing issues facing the world today: rapid urbanization and its impact on communities, cities, economies, climate change and policies.

WUF Universal Logo

A new WUF universal logo identifies with elements of dialogue, people, and structural space as being of the very essence of WUF. It is modern, simple and fits well with UN-Habitat, the New Urban Agenda, and the SDGs' logos.

Keeping our Promise on Collaborative Implementation and Progress

Over a year ago, during the WUF10 convened in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, more than 13,000 partners and stakeholders committed to supporting the implementation of the New Urban Agenda to achieve the SDGs in the Decade of Action by adopting a set of voluntary actions and commitments: <u>The Abu Dhabi Declared Actions</u>. The Actions are part of WUF Legacy to leave a better world for future generations.

The report, <u>The Abu Dhabi Declared Actions: One year of implementation</u>, highlights actions to date from partners and stakeholders across the world, that are contributing to the development of cities that are more equal, inclusive and resilient.



Share your actions with us!

The progress of implementation of the Abu Dhabi Declared Actions is available on UN-Habitat's <u>Urban Agenda Platform</u>. All partners are invited to share their actions. Visit the Urban Agenda Platform and share progress on the Abu Dhabi Declared Actions.



SAVE THE DATE!

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