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# THE STRATEGIC PLAN

2020-2023

## 2022 **SIXTH** MEETING OF **BUREAU** OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

12 SEPTEMBER 2022

**MAIMUNAH MOHD SHARIF**  
Under-Secretary-General  
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# 1. PROVISIONAL AGENDA



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## Provisional Agenda

1. Adoption of the provisional Agenda
2. Preparations for the 2022 second session of the Executive Board.
3. Outcomes of eleventh session of the World Urban Forum (WUF 11).
4. Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the management and administration in the United Nations Human Settlements Programme
5. Discussion on the next steps for the open-ended informal contact group on Resource Mobilisation matters.
6. Any other matters.



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## 2. PREPARATIONS FOR THE 2022 SECOND SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD



## 2a. Guidance on the format and venue

**Recommendation: Hybrid format, with higher in-person participation taking into account the following:**

1. COVID-19 related restrictions have been largely lifted at UNON effective 1 September 2022.
2. Meeting participants can now flexibly access UNON.
3. Conference room facilities can now operate at their optimal capacity.
4. All **Members States** of the Executive Board, all other delegations from State Members of the United Nations, any other member of a United Nations specialized agency, and intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council or accredited to the UN-Habitat Assembly **may decide to participate in person or online.**

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## 2b. Proposed organization of work during the session



	DAY 1 – MONDAY, 21 NOVEMBER	DAY 2 – TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER	DAY-3 WEDNESDAY-23 NOVEMBER
<b>Morning</b> 9.00am to 12 noon	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Opening of the session.</li> <li>2. Organizational matters:</li> <li>3. Reports of the ad hoc working groups established by the Executive Board.</li> <li>4. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters, including the implementation of the resource mobilization strategy</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Implementation of the normative and operational activities of UN-Habitat .. flagship programmes, and the engagement of UN-Habitat in countries, territories and areas affected by conflict and disaster.  <b>NOTE: This Agenda item will be complemented by the participation of partners of UN-Habitat to expound on the work of UN-Habitat</b></li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services.</li> <li>12. Report of the Ethics Office</li> <li>13. Working methods of the Executive Board, including a review of the results of the survey following the first Executive Board session of 2022.</li> <li>14. Briefing by the Joint Inspection Unit on the findings of its management and administration review of UN-Habitat.  <i>Informal consultations on draft decisions</i></li> </ol>
<b>Afternoon</b> 2.00pm to 5.00pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Draft work programme and draft budget for 2023.</li> <li>6. Annual report for 2021 on the strategic plan for the period 2020–2023  <i>Informal consultations on draft decisions</i></li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. Outcome of the high-level meeting of the New Urban Agenda.</li> <li>9. Outcome of the eleventh session of the World Urban Forum.</li> <li>10. Preparations for the second session of the UN-Habitat Assembly.  <i>Informal consultations on draft decisions</i></li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15. Consideration and adoption of the outcomes of the session, including the provisional agenda for the first session of 2023 of the Executive Board.</li> <li>16. Other matters.</li> <li>17. Closure of the session</li> </ol>

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### 2c. Informal consultations on possible outcomes of the 2022 second session of the Executive Board

BEFORE THE SESSION	DURING THE SESSION
10 October 2022	Monday, 21 November 2022
19 October 2022	Afternoon of Day 1
2 November 2022	Tuesday, 22 November 2022 Afternoon and evening of Day 2
9 November 2022	Wednesday, 23 November 2022 Lunch time, if required



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# 3. OUTCOMES OF ELEVENTH SESSION OF THE WORLD URBAN FORUM (WUF 11)

# | Key Themes of the Eleventh Session of The World Urban Forum





**WORLD URBAN FORUM**  
ELEVENTH SESSION

The Eleventh Session of the World Urban Forum (WUF11) was successfully held in **Katowice, Poland, 26-30 June 2022**

***Transforming Our Cities for a Better Urban Future***

Strengthening relationships and creating linkages to promote accelerated implementation of global goals

In response to urban crisis recovery and reconstruction and strengthening of UN-Habitat' Domain of Change 4: *Effective urban crisis prevention and response*, an “extraordinary dialogue” was established.



**Extraordinary Dialogue on urban crisis response**



**Equitable urban futures**



**Greener Urban Futures**



**Innovation and Technology for Inclusive Urban Futures**



**Resilient Economies and Sustainable Finance: Catalyst for Productive Urban Futures**



**Urban Planning and Governance for Sustainable Urban Futures**



**Building Resilience for Sustainable Urban Futures**



# | Overall Attendance at WUF11 in Katowice



## Over 17,000 attended in-person/virtually

In-person: **10,799** from **158** countries Virtual: **6,204**



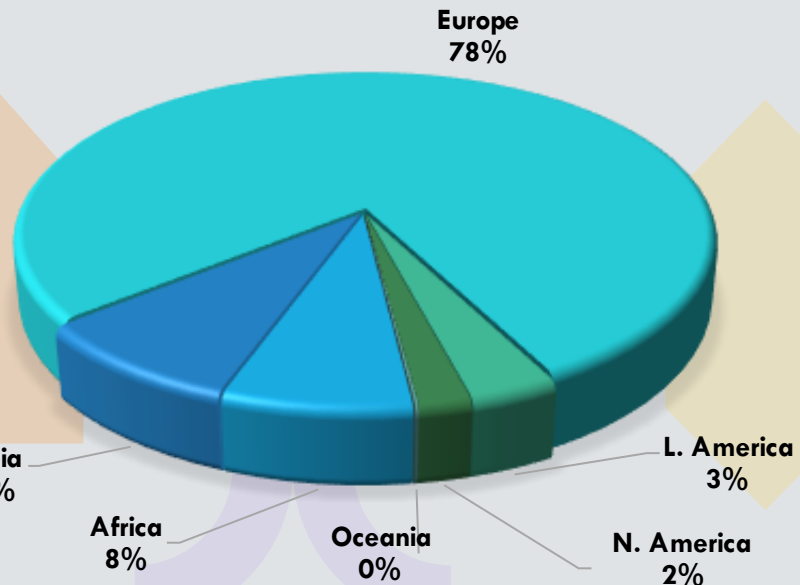
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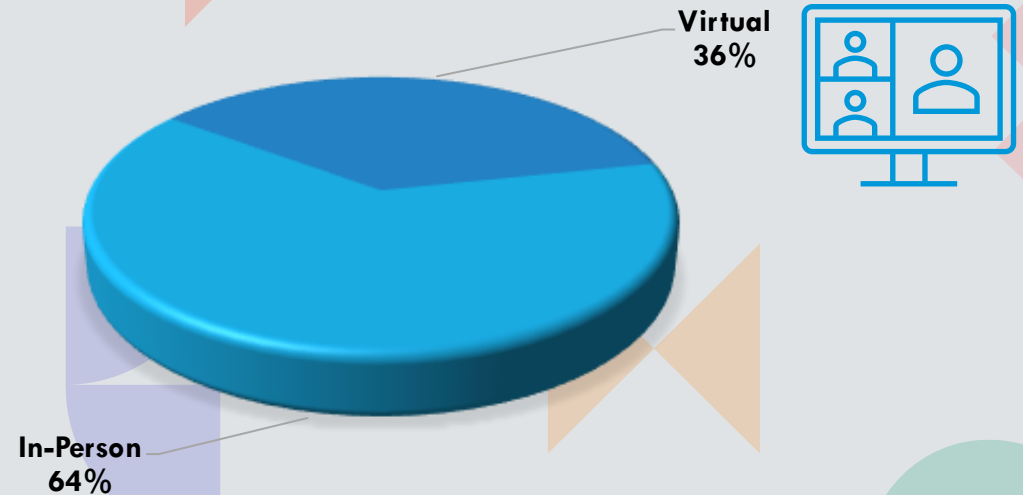
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**Prefer not to say: 1%**

### ATTENDANCE BY REGION



### PHYSICAL/VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE



# | Agenda Item 9: In-person Participation - Top 10 countries



Nationality	Users	%
Poland	3,918	71.59
Germany	288	5.26
Malaysia	205	3.75
France	202	3.69
United States Of America	177	3.23
Ukraine	158	2.89
Kenya	153	2.80
Italy	131	2.39
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	130	2.38
Spain	111	2.03

## Heads of State / Government

H.E. Mateusz Morawiecki, Prime Minister, **Poland (Opening)**

H.E. Nuno Gomes Nabiam, Prime Minister, **Guinea-Bissau (Closing)**

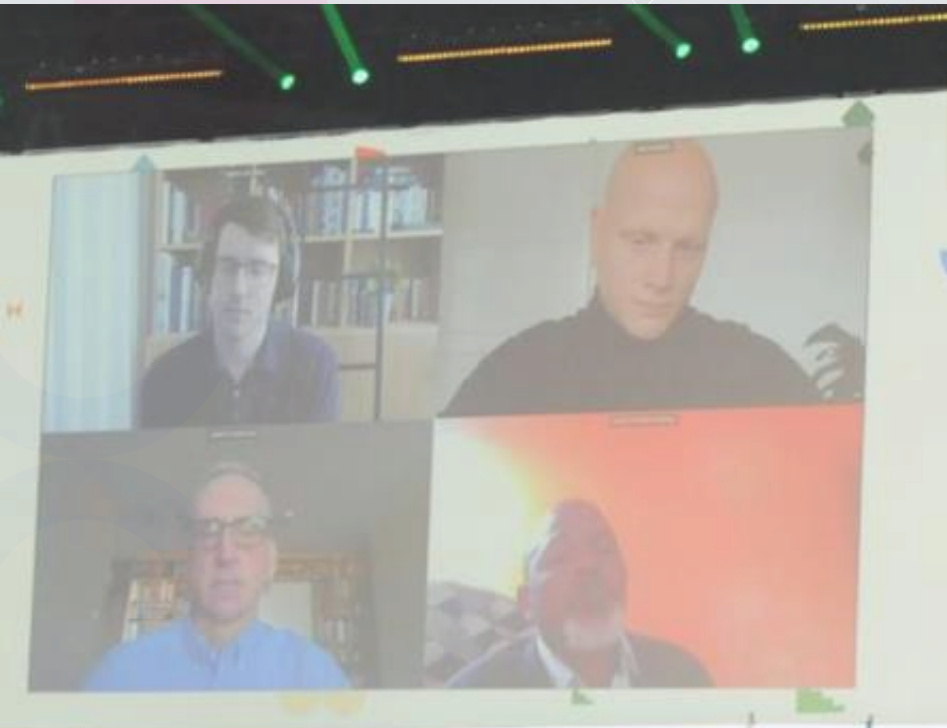
H. E. Mr. Collen Vixen Kelapile, President of ECOSOC (**Closing**)

H.E. Martha Delgado Peralta, President of the UN-Habitat Assembly (**Closing**)

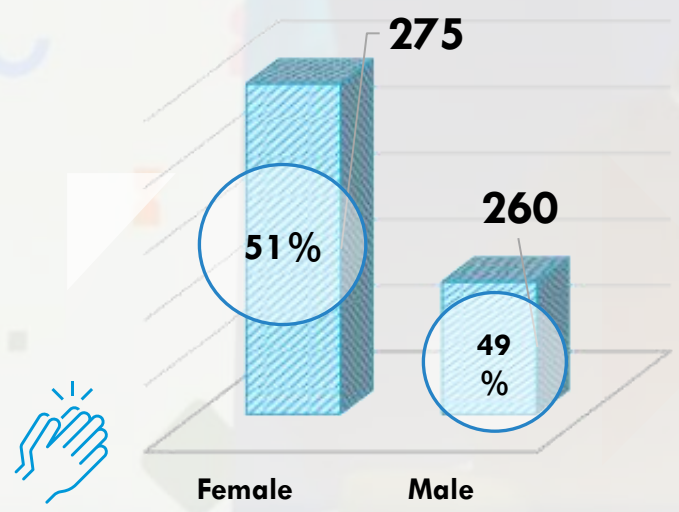
## Ministers:

**22** Ministers and **20** Vice Ministers from **51** countries

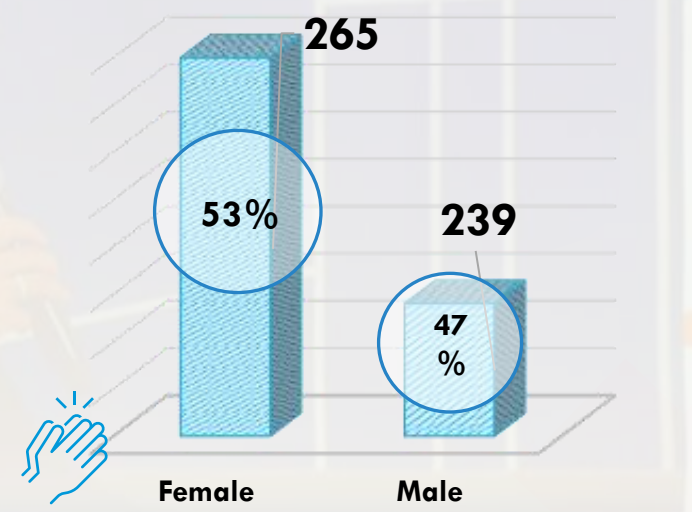
**Local Authorities:** More than **75** local and regional government representatives including Mayors & Deputy Mayors & Governors & Deputy Governors)



**535 CONFIRMED SPEAKERS FOR ALL SESSIONS**



**504 - ALL SESSIONS EXCLUDING MINISTERIAL ROUNDTABLE**



## Sessions:

Assemblies:	5
Dialogues:	7
Roundtables:	15
Special sessions:	13
UN-Habitat Arena events:	19
Press conference centre events:	20
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>79</b>

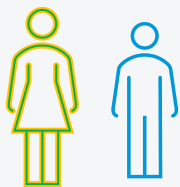
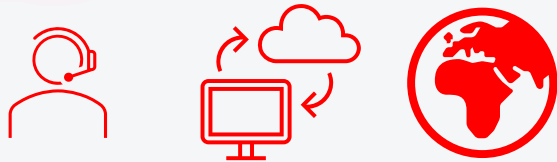
**OVERAL TOTAL (Sessions & events): 451**

## Events hosted by partners:

Networking event:	200
Training event:	48
One UN Room event:	15
Voices from Cities event:	30
SDGs in Action event:	15
Urban Library:	22
Urban Cinema event:	42
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>372</b>



# | Important Benchmark for WUF11 OVERALL ACCESSIBILITY & INCLUSIVITY



**WUF11 established a new benchmark for accessibility;**

**Full interpretation** in all 6 UN languages as well as in Polish and Ukrainian (6 events). Most of the events were held with Hybrid capability for the global Audience.

Both the International and Polish **sign languages** were also provided. **CART (Communication Access Realtime Translation)** and numerous improvements for the **visually and physically impaired**.

Overall, **gender parity** was achieved in terms of the participants with **47% women and 53% men**.

**52% of speakers in the main sessions of WUF11** comprised of women among more than **630 session speakers**.

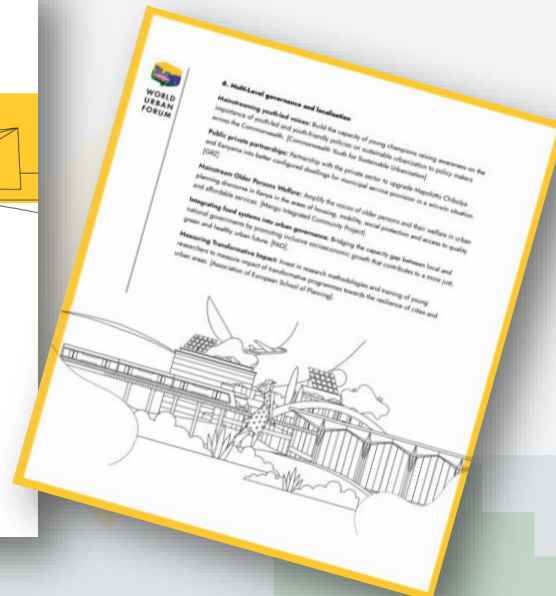
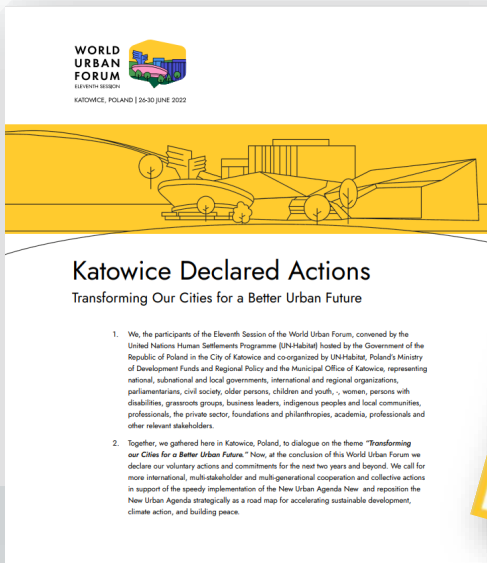


# | The Outcome - The Katowice Declared Actions



## WUF11 closed with calls for urgent urban action

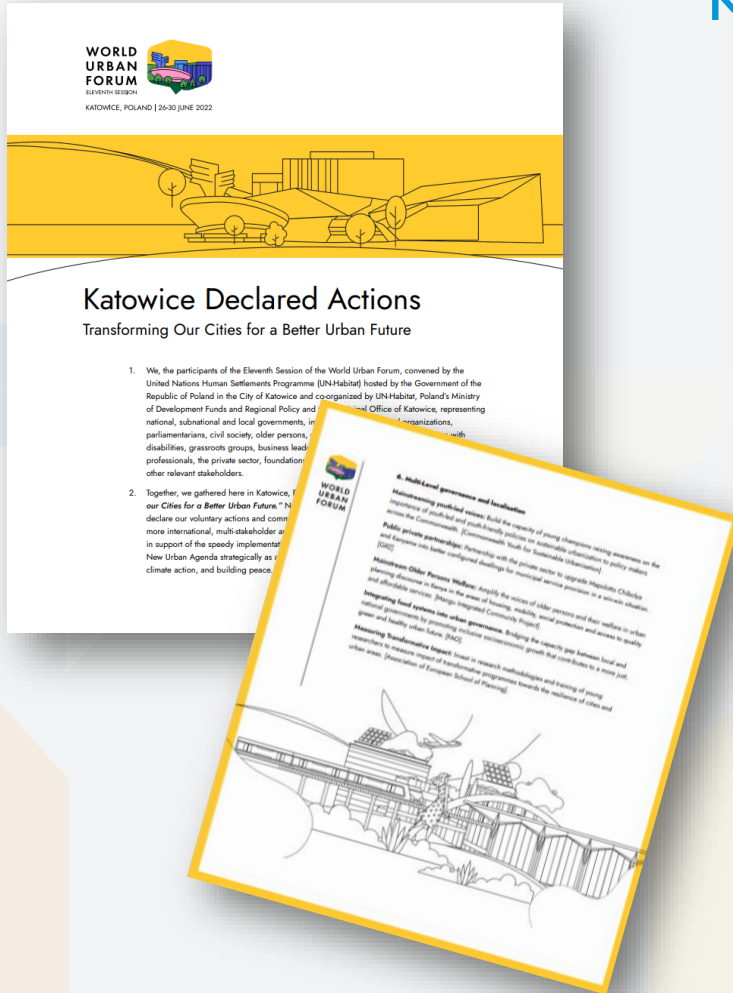
Approximately **100 of commitments** have already been received from city planners, mayors, governments, civil society and community groups as of **31 July 2022** on the Urban Agenda Platform [www.urbanagendaplatform.org](http://www.urbanagendaplatform.org) on the WUF11 theme of 'Transforming Our Cities for a Better Urban Future'



# | The Outcome - The Katowice Declared Actions (continued)

## Key takeaways from the Katowice Declared Actions

- 1 Move from incrementalism towards fundamental shifts in urban environments, systems of governance and forms of habitation, in line with human rights treaties;
- 2 Focus on imminent urban crises such as climate and biodiversity emergencies, pandemics, violence and conflicts, and other natural and man-made disasters that all converge in cities and surrounding territories;
- 3 Reconfirm culture as a core component of local identity;
- 4 Encourage all development actors to mobilise their capacities in the UN Decade of Action and appeal to governments to better fund UN-Habitat.
- 5 Reconfirm that accessibility and universal design are an integral part of the solution to the challenges of urbanisation;





## WUF12 Host Country Agreement signed

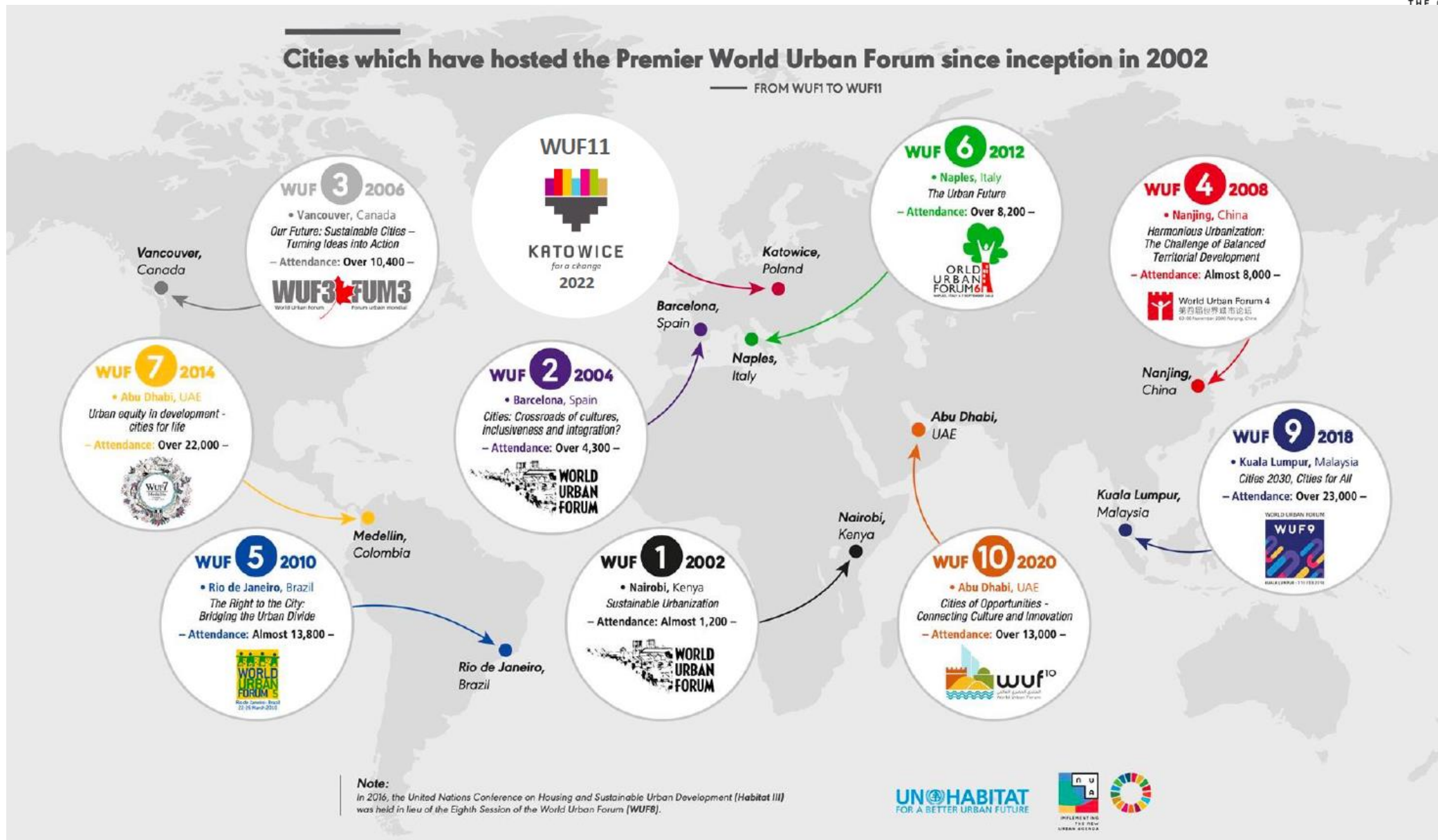
H.E. Mahmoud Shaarawy,  
Minister of Local  
Development, Egypt, and  
UN-Habitat Executive  
Director, signed the WUF12  
agreement



# | An ongoing commitment - The WUF Alumni



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# | An ongoing commitment - The WUF13 Expression of Interest



## WUF13 Expression of Interest uploaded on website

Hosting of the Thirteenth Session of the World Urban Forum  
(WUF13) – in 2026

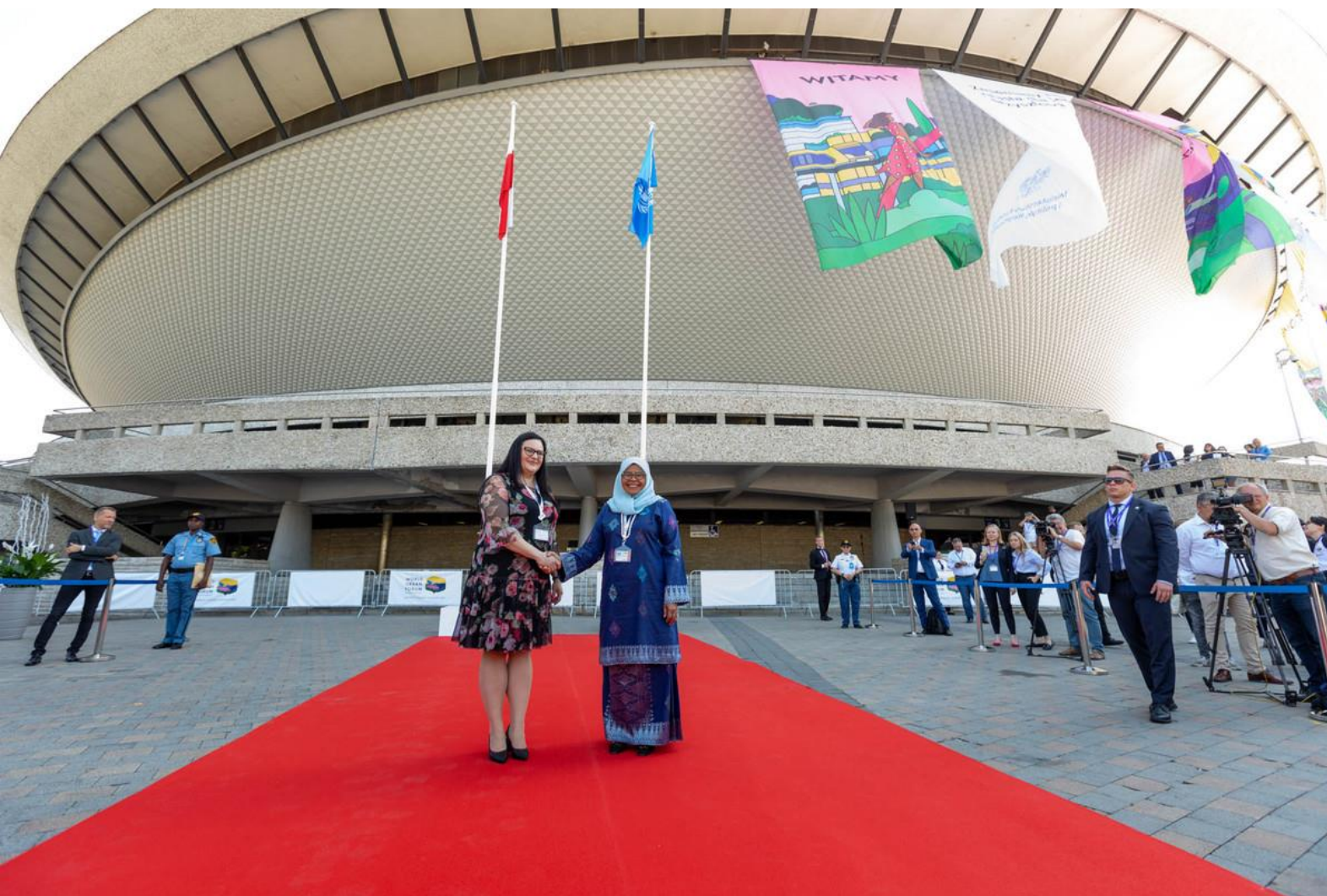
<https://unhabitat.org/calls/hosting-of-the-thirteenth-session-of-the-world-urban-forum-wuf13-in-2026>

Submission Period: 1 July - 15 November 2022





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# 4. REPORT OF THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT ON THE MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION IN THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN SETTLEMENTS PROGRAMME



### a. Recommendations of the JIU requiring action by Member States

**Recommendation 1:** The **UN-Habitat Assembly** should consider amending its rules of procedure, in accordance with rule 71 thereof, to further clarify the distinct roles and responsibilities of each of the governing bodies of UN-Habitat. Such an amendment should be adopted by the end of 2024.

**Recommendation 2:** The **Executive Board** of UN-Habitat should approve a realistic budget for the Foundation non-earmarked fund, to which Member States should consider making sufficient contributions so that UN-Habitat can carry out its critical normative work in accordance with its mandate and in a consistent and sustainable manner.

**Recommendation 3:** The **Executive Board** of UN-Habitat should establish a voluntary indicative scale of contributions for the Foundation non-earmarked fund by the end of 2023.



## b. Recommendations of the JIU requiring action by the Executive Director and the Secretary

### General.

**Recommendation 4:** The **Executive Director** should implement activities supported by the Foundation non-earmarked fund within existing resources and should not consider new activities until adequate contributions for that fund are received.

**Recommendation 5:** By no later than the end of 2023, the **Executive Director** should develop a corporate risk register, including risk owners and action plans for each risk, and ensure that critical risks faced by UN-Habitat are regularly monitored and the necessary actions are taken.

**Recommendation 6:** Given the current financial constraints and staffing situation of the UN-Habitat secretariat, the Executive Director should implement the main outstanding audit recommendations as a matter of urgency

**Recommendation 7:** The **Executive Director** should urgently discuss the current financial and human resources issues with the Secretary-General and request substantive support and special arrangements, at no cost to UN-Habitat, until the financial stability of the Foundation non-earmarked fund is secured.

**Recommendation 8:** The **Secretary-General** should, as a matter of priority, address the financial and human resources issues of UN-Habitat, re-evaluate its capability to fulfil its mandate, and explore ways to make it a more viable and sustainable entity.



## c. Amendment of rules of the UN-Habitat Assembly

### ***Rule 71:***

“The UN-Habitat Assembly may, by a decision adopted by a majority of States Members of the United Nations present and voting, amend any of the present rules, but only after it has received a report on the proposed amendment from a committee or working group established by the Assembly for that purpose.”





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# 5. DISCUSSION ON THE NEXT STEPS FOR THE OPEN-ENDED INFORMAL CONTACT GROUP ON RESOURCE MOBILISATION MATTERS.



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## 3. ANY OTHER MATTERS

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