

2024 FIRST JOINT MEETING OF BUREAUX OF THE GOVERNING BODIES OF UN-HABITAT

AGENDA ITEM 7: STATUS OF THE 12TH SESSION OF THE WORLD URBAN FORUM

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Updates





4 - 8 November 2024

Where

Egypt International Exhibition Centre

Who

Over 20,000 participants expected in person and virtually





CAIRO, EGYPT | 4-8 NOVEMBER 2024

Theme

It All Starts at Home

Local Actions for Sustainable Cities and Communities

WUF12 Background Paper is available in our website.





WUF12 BACKGROUND PAPER

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Local Actions for Sustainable Cities and Communities



Introduction

Consider the pressing issues that affect our daily lives: the availability and cost of housing, the ease of commuting, the air we breathe, the safety of our water supply, access to safe public spaces, the impacts of climate change, as well as urban crises and conflicts. These are not trivial matters; they are central to humanity's shared urban existence and how 4.4 billion people live, work and find happiness across crises and communities.

Hence, the theme of the twelfth session of the World Urban Forum (WUF72) is "It All Starts at Home." The concept of "fome" extends beyond the physical structures that shelter us to encompass the cultural, social, economic and environmental dimensions of daily life. If further embodies the intangible attributes of belonging, meaning and values that shape the sustainability of our cities and communities.

At WUF12, the focus is on the critical role of local action in enabling accelerated progress towards urban sustainability. The phrase is also an invitation for WUF12 participants to take home values, innovations, solutions and inspiration from the Forum to lead transformational change: locally, together and now.



Dialogues

The Dialogues are the high-profile events which set the agenda for policy and action.

They provide a platform for global thinkers, practitioners and decisionmakers to share insights, and includes active discussion with the audience.

Discussions collect key reflections on the implementation status and achievement of the New Urban Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals.





The Six WUF12 Dialogues

The WUF12 theme "It All Starts at Home: Local Actions for Sustainable Cities and Communities" is supported by six dialogues, each exploring a different dimension of the theme.



2 Housing **Cities and the** Stronger our future climate crisis **Together** Financing The loss **Putting localization and** of home people first in localizing a digital era finance

Engaging Member States

The WUF12 provides a variety of engagement opportunities, networking spaces, and collaborative discussions throughout 5 days.

Member states are encouraged to;

- a. Nominate their ministers and delegates.
- b. Notify the Secretariat of Governing Bodies
 (SGB) of UN-Habitat through a Note verbale
 (NV) as soon as possible.
- c. The WUF coordination office will identify the best opportunities for ministers and nominated delegates to engage in.



Showcase country initiatives at the Urban Expo – info will be shared in coming weeks

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Apply to hosting a partner-led event

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Engage with other ministers and high-level representatives in any of the six dialogues, or at the Ministerial Round table



Partner-led events



Why join as an event organizer or attendee?

Showcase your work

- Present your projects and research to a global audience
- Establish yourself as a thought leader in urban development

Collaborate and Learn

- Engage in interactive sessions with diverse stakeholders
- Learn from fellow experts
 and practitioners
- Contribute to discussions shaping urban policies worldwide



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Partner-led events

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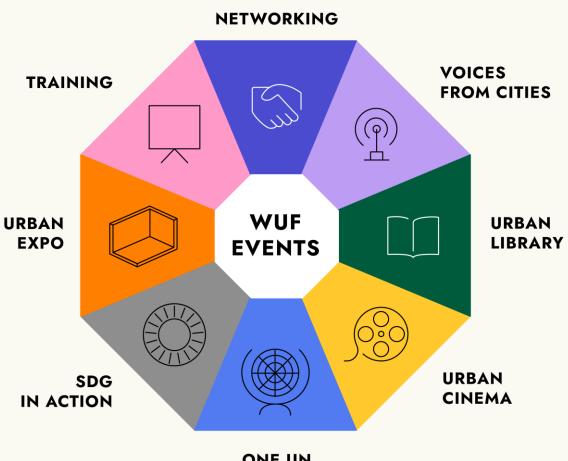
Whether citizen, local and national government representatives, academia, private sector, civil society, UN entities, grassroots, international organizations, etc.; are all welcome to apply to host partner-led events.

In-depth event descriptions are available on the WUF website.

Applications will close on:

6 p.m. (UTC + 2) on 08 April 2024





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How to apply for an event



Applications are open

https://events.unhabitat.org/



Urban Cinema and Urban Expo applications are coming soon.







See you in Cairo Thank you!

Questions? Check the Practical Info section on our website or contact us at: <u>unhabitat-wuf@un.org</u>

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