Urban October 2019
31 days of promoting a better urban future
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Each October, UN-Habitat and partners organize a month of activities, events and discussions on urban sustainability.

Starts with World Habitat Day, first Monday in October & ends on World Cities Day on 31 October.

National, regional and local government, NGOs, communities and individuals are encouraged to organize events to promote sustainable urbanization.

In 2018, 320 worldwide events were held in 61 countries.


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World Habitat Day

Since 1985, the United Nations decreed the first Monday of every October as World Habitat Day.

The day focuses on the state of our cities and towns and the basic human right to adequate shelter.

One city hosts the Global Observance, while cities, towns and communities celebrate with parallel activities.

Each year, World Habitat Day has a new theme to promote sustainable urban development policies

In 2018, 80+ cities held events to mark World Habitat Day with the Global Observance in Nairobi.
World Habitat Day 7 October 2019

The Global Observance 2019 is Mexico City

The theme is “Technologies as an innovative tool to transform waste to wealth”

Promoting 5 Rs (refuse, reduce, reuse, recycle, repurpose, recycle

- Integrated waste management in a circular economy;
- Supporting data collection for Waste Wise Cities;
- Monitoring of the waste value chain
- Promoting waste management contribution to SDGs
- Highlighting role of frontier technologies

#WorldHabitatDay #WasteWiseCities
World Habitat Day 2019 update

Concept note finalized and translated into UN official languages
Messages, social media, ppts, logos and merchandise available
https://urbanoctober.unhabitat.org/

Events being uploaded
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Global Observance

Negotiations with prospective host country ongoing
Draft agenda and invitee list being finalized

Expression of Interest Open for WHD 2020
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World Cities Day

Celebrated on the 31 October every year.

Aims to promote international community interest in the New Urban Agenda and enhance cooperation among countries to meet opportunities + challenges of urbanization.


World Cities Day is an opportunity to discuss how urbanization can achieve global sustainable development.

General theme is Better City, Better Life + a yearly sub-theme #Innovate4Change #WorldCitiesDay
The Global Observance 2019 will be held Ekaterinburg, Russian Federation.

This year’s sub-theme is: *Changing the World: Innovations and a Better Life for Future Generations*. #Innovate4Change

- Digital innovations use for urban service delivery
- New frontier technologies that can create more inclusive cities;
- Renewable energy generation in cities;
- Youth involvement and innovation
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Global Observance in Ekaterinburg, The Russian Federation

UN-Habitat pre mission (2 – 5 Sept) met Mayor, Regional Ministers

Agenda and invitee list being finalized

Venue agreed and visited, branding and expo being finalized

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Encourage local and regional governments to get involved and upload events on UN website.

Contact unhabitat-whd@un.org for World Habitat Day & unhabitat-wcd@un.org for World Cities Day.

#WorldHabitatDay #WasteWiseCities #UrbanOctober #Innovate4Change #WorldCitiesDay #UNHabitat

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