Cities of Opportunities: Connecting Culture and Innovation
Report to the Executive Board, October 2020
WUF10 OBJECTIVES

The United Nations General Assembly in its resolution 69/226 recognizes the WUF as the foremost global arena for interaction among policymakers, local government leaders, non-governmental organisations and expert practitioners of sustainable urban development and human settlements.

1. Raise awareness of sustainable urbanisation among stakeholders and constituencies, including the general public

2. Improve the collective knowledge of sustainable urbanisation through inclusive open debates, sharing of lessons learned and the exchange of best practices and good policies

3. Increase coordination and cooperation within the UN System and with different stakeholders and constituencies for an effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the urban dimension of the SDGs

4. Provide substantive and strategic inputs from multilateral organisations, national and subnational governments and stakeholders into the reporting of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda
ROADMAP TO WUF10

Continuous advocacy campaign

2018
February

OVER 20 National Urban Forums

2020
February

World Urban Forum 11
Katowice, Poland

2022
WHAT MADE WUF10 A SUCCESS

▪ Planning, Preparation & Governance
  ▪ Mapping & continuous response to the evaluation and audits’ recommendations
  ▪ Alignment of the WUF theme with organization priorities (e.g. Strategic Plan; Flagship Programmes)

▪ Standard Operating Procedure and protocols:
  ▪ Invitation Letters
  ▪ Expenditure of WUF10 Budget (In-country spending)
  ▪ Travel Policy for UN-Habitat staff
  ▪ Speakers management
  ▪ Advisory Group (Terms of Reference and criteria)

▪ Inclusiveness and Consultation
  ▪ Establishment of Task Force to engage with staff as a learning opportunity
  ▪ Collaboration with Stakeholder Advisory Group Enterprise (SAGE)

WUF10 Facts & Figures
– highest numbers among WUFs

• WUF convening power drew 7,726 international participants – the most of any WUF

• Delegates from 169 countries, including those from 43 of LDCs

• Achieved gender parity among speakers (52% for women)

• Well-balanced regional representation

• Increased presence of local and regional governments, UN System & media
VOICES AT WUF10

I believe strong grassroots participation and participation by persons with disability will be of great value in future WUFs.

A great transition: During WUF1 grassroots were speaking to themselves but in WUF10 we are active participants and engaging all stakeholders and pushing governments to take actions.

Contextually, balanced WUF programme design could aim to contribute to the decade of action...

WUF is mandated as a United Nations Conference. Participation of the UN agencies, the group whose cooperation and support is required most, was evident.

Heritage forms an opportunity to integrate culture in sustainable development. Let us preserve, keeping what is of value in the past as we implement the New Urban Agenda.

WUF10 is excellent and very professionally managed.

The exhibition was very good and I liked the launch of the Alumni journey of WUF1-WUF10.
WUF’S CONTRIBUTION TO ACTION AND IMPACT

- Successful kick-off of the Decade of Action for Agenda 2030 to bring up innovation, commitments and actions from a wide range of actors

- Reflected the unique role and relevance of WUF as an inclusive platform supporting the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and achievement of SDGs

- Raised awareness of five Flagship Programmes launched to catalyse transformative change in cities and human settlements so as to leave no one behind

- Provided technical and substantive inputs to the Strategic Plan 2020-2023 as a continuous learning process across the biennial cycles
SAFE AND SECURITY IN VIEW OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC

- Updated health & safety advice on WUF10 website on a regular basis in English and Arabic

- Cooperated with all relevant authorities to ensure visitors are safe and secure during WUF10

- Shared access to Medical Services (toll free number) while at ADNEC & outside of ADNEC (WUF10 venue)

- Provided access to Medical Room at ADNEC for medical care

- Prepared for hand-sanitizers & ambulance at ADNEC
WUF 10 AT A GLANCE

Overall Attendance

- Total Attendance: 13,333
- Services: 3,117
- Security: 636
- Total Workforce: 753
- Total Participants: 9,580

Participation by Gender

- Total: 9,580 (100%)
- Male: 5,823 (60.78%)
- Female: 3,757 (39.22%)

7,726 (80%) were internationals coming from all regions of the world (169 countries)
Participation by Partner-type

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<td>Inter-Government Organization</td>
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<td>Private Sector</td>
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<td>Local and Regional Government</td>
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<td>Media</td>
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<td>Parliamentarian</td>
<td>268</td>
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<td>29</td>
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<td>Individual</td>
<td>442</td>
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<td>Volunteer</td>
<td>1,474</td>
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<td>TOTAL PARTICIPANTS</td>
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Participation by Age

Note: Total participants who provided information on the date of birth when registering online

TOTAL 8,688 (100%)
Participation by Region

Top 10 Countries
1. UAE
2. India
3. USA
4. Nigeria
5. UK
6. Egypt
7. Malaysia
8. Kenya
9. Russia Federation
10. France
HIGH LEVEL PARTICIPATION

- Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, **Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi** and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces
- High-level participation included two heads of state and government respectively from **Afghanistan** and **Fiji**;
- Over 110 Ministers and Deputy Ministers
- Nearly 100 Mayors and Governors
SPEAKERS

Regional Balance

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<td>Europe</td>
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Total: 642 (100%)

Gender Balance

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<td>Female</td>
<td>334</td>
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SPEAKERS

Partner's Group Balance

12.2% 23.8% 2.8% 3.4% 7.1% 15.4% 15.4% 0.3% 0.4% 15.0% 4.2%
78 153 18 22 45 99 99 2 3 96 27

Civil Society Organization
Foundation
National Government
Media
United Nations System
Academia / Research
Inter-Governmental Organization
Private Sector
Local and Regional Government
Parliamentarian
Individual
WOMEN’S PARTICIPATION

▪ WUF10 was the first World Urban Forum of its kind and magnitude to achieve parity amongst speakers 52%:48% represented by women’s and men’s speakers respectively

▪ WUF10 brought a wide range of diverse women’s speakers
URBAN EXPO & URBAN VILLAGE

130 exhibits from 51 countries, showcasing technology and best practices to tackle the most pressing urban challenges

• A number of pavilions with networking spaces to share experiences and build partnerships (Urban Library, Urban Cinema)

• Promoted role of culture through the Urban Village, which featured art and cultural performances
ABU DHABI DECLARED ACTIONS

- WUF10 began with a call to action and concluded the Abu Dhabi Declared Actions
- Abu Dhabi Declared Actions bring together voluntary actions and diverse commitments by different partners and stakeholder groups in support of the New Urban Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals
- Voluntary declared actions can be registered at https://wuf.unhabitat.org/page/wuf10-declared-actions-voluntary-contributions
WUF10 REPORT

The Report captures:

1. Role of culture in sustainable urbanization
2. Decade of Action and role of cities
3. Highlights of discussions
4. Call for Declare of Action
5. Thematic debates - advancing together the global urban agenda through innovation, creativity and culture
6. Key statistics of participation
WUF10 LEGACY

Launch of the WUF Alumni & its Exhibition
Cities Investment Platform
Public Art for Abu Dhabi
Living Legacy - Tree Planting
WUF10 LEGACY

Local Voluntary Reviews

Given the Voluntary Local Review Declaration, in total 17 cities committed and signed the Voluntary Local Reviews to be presented at the United Nations High-Level Political Forum.

- Barcelona
- Sipalay City
- Moscow
- Rostov-on-don
- Brussels Capital Region
- Seberang Perai
- Betio Town
- Tawau
- Asker Kommune
- Kuala Lumpur
- Esplugues de Liboregat
- Turkestan City
- San Justo
- Acapulco de Juarez
- Dhankuta
- Tandil
- Buang
Thank you

Looking forward to seeing you at WUF11 in Katowice, Poland in 2024!