



HABITAT PROFESSIONAL FORUM (HPF) STATEMENT IN THE FIRST SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UN-HABITAT

Dear Excellences, Distingue Quests.

Habitat Professionals Forum (HPF) Is one of UN-Habitat partner where the human settlement professionals around the world are in the front-line who are showing acts of humanity by protecting, supporting, and leading the world's population during the COVID-19 crisis. With their expertise in built settlements, land use, economic development, social equity, and environmental stewardship, they are well positioned to rebuild and inclusively socialize local settlements, communities, territories, cities and regions during the COVID-19 pandemic crisis.

Habitat Professionals Forum (HPF) stands for advocacy and knowledge exchange, raising awareness, solidarity and support among professionals in this difficult time, which has revealed the fragility of urban and territorial systems and of our capacity for their management. Since the arise of covid-19 pandemic HPF conducted a survey amongst its members on the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on achieving resilient human settlements, Responses received representing thousands of professionals around the globe, highlighted the need for Efficient and effective healthcare, Greater research and leadership regarding resilience, Learning from history and heritage, , Emphasis the role of technology and smart cities in territorial and urban planning, A review of the effectiveness and efficiency of urban planning standards and principles .

In response to these concerns, HPF will develop ***a Roadmap document*** offering guiding principles on how to build resilience, respond, and recover during and after a pandemic according toward the new normal as the world before and during Covid-19 will be never be the same after post covid-19 Digitalization, localization, standardizations, new regulations is the new concepts for the new normal through reinforcement and coalition the role of The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the New Urban Agenda whom provide an effective framework for coordinating with the recovery efforts of professionals. This Roadmap document will support the ***UN-Habitat Covid-19 Response Plan*** works to assist cities, regional and national governments in building resilience, that why The HPF encourages and supports all professionals globally to participate, contribute and engage with all the initiatives taken by professional organizations seeking solutions for the pandemic crisis.

Now "more than ever" is the time to invest in professional multilateralism. If we stand together, we will rise together. We will recover better together. WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER and that no one is safe until everyone is safe acting in Speed, Scale and Solidarity to save lives of our communities, protect societies and recover better future of the world.

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