

UN-Habitat Report Virtual Launch

Cities and Pandemics: Towards a more just, green and healthy future

30 March 2021 at **14:30 – 17:00** East African Time (11:30 – 14:00 GMT)

PROGRAMME

(30 mins)	
14:30	I. Opening remarks – Maimunah Mohd. Sharif, Executive Director of UN-Habitat
14:40	II. Introduction. Cities and Pandemics Report's key messages
	Eduardo Moreno, Chief, Knowledge and Innovation, UN-Habitat
(60 mins)	III. Expert Panel 1. Reactions to the Cities and Pandemics Report
	One year on with the pandemic, discussion on the impacts of and learnings from the immediate responses to COVID-19 in cities across the four themes of the report Moderator: Raf Tuts, Director, Global Solutions Division, UN-Habitat
15:00	Opening and introductions by the moderator
	- Panel discussion:
	 World Health Organisation TBC Joyce Msuya, Deputy Executive Director, UN Environment Programme TBC
	3. Prof. Sahar Attia, Urban Designer and Parliamentarian, Egypt
	4. Penny Abeywardena, Commissioner, Intl. Affairs, New York City Mayor's Office TBC
15:35	- Reactions by the moderator
15:40 15:55	 Reactions and questions from the audience Closing remarks
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(50 mins)	IV. Expert Panel 2. 'New normal' for future cities and communities Informed by the pandemic, discussion on how to move towards a 'new social contract' that fosters rights-based, well-planned, inclusive, climate resilient cities Moderator: Christine Knudsen, Director, External Relations, Strategy, Knowledge and Innovation, UN-Habitat
16:00	 Opening and introductions by the moderator
	_ Panel discussion:
	 Leilani Farha, The Shift – Right2Housing Prof. Siraj Sait, University of East London
	3. Robin King, World Resources Institute/ Coalition for Urban Transitions
	4. Sameh Wahba, Global Director, World Bank TBC
	5. Tatiana Gallego, Chief, Inter-American Development Bank TBC
16:35	6. Prof. Saskia Sassen, University of Columbia - Reactions and questions by the moderator
16:45	- Closing remarks
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(10 mins) 16:50	V. UN-Habitat support to Future Cities – Maimunah Mohd. Sharif, Executive Director of UN-
10.50	Habitat
17:00	VI. Closing

