UN-Habitat Report Virtual Launch

PROGRAMME
30 MARCH 2021 AT 14:30 – 17:00 EAST AFRICAN TIME (11:30 – 14:00 GMT)

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

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Keeping social distance during covid-19 coronavirus pandemic in Bellwoods park, Toronto, Canada. © Shutterstock

I. Opening remarks – Maimunah Mohd. Sharif, Executive Director of UN-Habitat

14:30

II. Introduction. Cities and Pandemics Report’s key messages
Eduardo Moreno, Chief, Knowledge and Innovation, UN-Habitat

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(mins 60)

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:
  1. Aissata M.B. Camara, Deputy Commissioner, New York City Mayor’s Office for International Affairs
  2. Prof. Sahar Attia, Urban Designer and Parliamentarian, Egypt
  3. Emilia Saiz, Secretary-General, United Cities and Local Governments
  4. Dr Nathalie Roebbel, Head, Urban Health, Social Determinants of Health, WHO
  5. Rosemary Kalapurakal, Deputy Director a.i., UN Development Coordination Office

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- Reactions by the moderator

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- Reactions and questions from the audience

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- Closing remarks

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:
  6. Prof. Siraj Sait, University of East London, SAGE Co-chair
  7. Leilani Farha, The Shift – Right2Housing
  8. Maitreyi Das, Practice Manager, The World Bank
  9. Robin King, Director, Knowledge Capture and Collaboration, Ross Center for Sustainable Cities
  10. Prof. Saskia Sassen, University of Columbia

16:45

- Reactions and questions by the moderator

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- Closing remarks by the moderator