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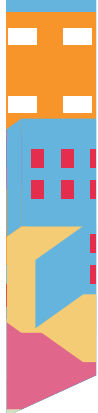


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WORLD HABITAT DAY EVENTS

WORLD HABITAT DAY'S VIRTUAL GLOBAL OBSERVANCE IN SURABAYA, INDONESIA

World Habitat Day was celebrated on Monday 5 October 2020 with the theme Housing for All: A Better Urban Future. There were 69 events celebrated globally in 42 countries and 58 cities.

The Global Observance of World Habitat Day co-hosted this year by UN-Habitat and the Government of Indonesia, came from Surabaya, Indonesia combining dynamic physical meetings with global online participation and video messages. While Surabaya held a local gathering to host the event, the pandemic prevented many people from travelling so instead they joined online.

In his video message, the United Nations Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres, called for increased efforts to improve housing in cities through promoting partnerships, pro-poor policies and regulations.

"As we strive to overcome the pandemic, address the fragilities and inequalities it has exposed, and combat climate change, now is the time to harness the transformative potential of urbanization for the benefit of people and planet," he said.

President Joko Widodo, of the Republic of Indonesia, in a video message, said urbanization was a great opportunity to advance as cities were centres of creativity leading to economic growth and increased livelihoods.

He said the Housing for All theme was ***"the right agenda for all of us"*** as globally a house is a basic need, adding that the Indonesian Government was trying hard to ensure everyone had decent housing.

In her statement the Executive Secretary of the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, said a quarter of world's population living in slums and informal settlements were in the region.

"To realize a future vision of "cities without slums" we need to make large-scale public investments in affordable and adequate housing and slum upgrading to ensure that marginalized groups have access to shelter that facilitates physical and mental health during the pandemic and beyond," she said.

Mexico's Undersecretary for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights, Martha Delgado said the pandemic underlined that a house was much more than a place to sleep. Her words were echoed by Indonesia's Minister of National Development Planning/Head of Bappenas, Suharso Monoarfa, who

said everyone now realised that ***"housing is an important need and pre condition for properly accessing needs such as education and health."***

UN-Habitat's Regional Goodwill Ambassador for Arab States H.R.H. Princess Lamia Bint Majed Al Saud, thanked UN-Habitat for its work supporting local governments and for providing community driven solutions in informal settlements during the pandemic.

The UN-Habitat Executive Director launched the Urban Agenda Platform explaining it was a space for Member States to "share their voluntary reports on progress in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, and for all stakeholders to share what they are doing, and to make committed actions moving forward."

She also launched the Housing for All Campaign which will run for five weeks raising awareness about the key role of housing, gathering solutions and encouraging global commitment.

One of the highlights of the Global Observance, was the awarding of the UN-Habitat Scroll of Honour Awards to the five winners.



UN-Habitat Executive Director Maimunah Mohd Sharif watches the Global Observance of World Habitat Day 2020 broadcast from Subang Jaya, Malaysia
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Colombia's Minister of Housing, City and Territory, Jonathan Malagón, said that his Ministry, which was one of the winners, was one of the youngest in Colombia but they had achieved great results reducing the housing deficit and providing drinking water and subsidies for housing purchases.

The Executive Director was in Subang Jaya, Malaysia where the Municipal Council was given the award for its holistic and integrated approach to affordable housing and community empowerment. The Mayor of Subang Jaya, Noraini Roslan, said she hoped their programme would inspire others around the world.

Community Impact Nepal, from Kathmandu, Nepal was honoured for empowering entrepreneurs to produce eco-friendly constructions for families in substandard housing. Pratik Singh Parmar, the Project Manager and Partnership Developer, speaking from Nepal said: **"if you want to make a real change never ever give up."**

The founder of the fourth winner, Upcycle Africa, Johnmary Kavuma speaking from Uganda spoke about his own family's struggle to find decent housing when he was a child. His organization was awarded the Scroll for transforming lives through affordable housing provision, waste education and job opportunities.

The representative of the fifth winner, Mexico's ECOCASA SHF, Dr. Jose David Alvarez, General Director of Promotion, travelled to Surabaya to receive the award. He said his organization was committed to offering sustainable financing solutions. ECOCASA SHF received the award for addressing energy efficient construction standards for housing, facilitating inclusive access to financial mechanisms and creating decent homes.

The Executive Director congratulated all the winners and called for everyone to join forces and share solutions.

During the second day of the virtual Global Observance the Urban Agenda Platform, was discussed in more depth during the first Roundtable on The launch of Urban Agenda Platform: Reporting progress and sharing knowledge in the Decade of Action.

Ms. Emilia Saiz, Secretary General of the United Cities and Local Governments network (UCLG), who moderated the Roundtable said that **"the New Urban Agenda is much more than SDG11, but SDG11 is a building block and the cornerstone of all the other SDGs."**

Poland's Minister of Development Funds and Regional Policy, Małgorzata Jarosińska-Jedynak, said that the Agenda for Sustainable Development 2030 and the New Urban Agenda were important for her country in designing a National Urban Policy and an Urban Policy.

"Poland is determined to implement the 2030 Agenda and approaches this programme as a long-term investment," she said.

Rwanda's Minister of Infrastructure, Claver Gatete, said that reporting progress on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda mattered to governments because they could assess and evaluate their performance progress level against commitments, goals, and indicators.

In her opening remarks at Roundtable Two on Responding to resilient, inclusive, gender-equal and green economic recovery in informal settlements, the Mayor of the host city, Surabaya, Tri Rismaharini said the city aimed to protect the rights and dignity of people living in informal settlements.

"The city has never encouraged demolition of informal settlements to pave the way for new developments; instead, we embarked on campaigns to teach them on how to better their living conditions," she said.

The Mayor of Freetown, Sierra Leone, Yvonne Aki-Sawyer said that due to the lack of development and planning control, they had 74 informal settlements across the city. She added that successful interventions needed everyone on board, including informal settlements' residents.

Kenya's State Department of Urban Development Principal Secretary, Charles Hinga, said that the right to adequate housing was enshrined in his country's constitution and that the provision of housing was key in ensuring social justice.

In his address, the European Commission's Lars Groenvald, Team Leader urban development, advocated for an all-inclusive plan for cities which included those living in informal settlements.

South Africa's William Jiyana, Chief Director in the Department of Human Settlements,

said they were committed to working with other governments to find solutions to the current pandemic.

During Roundtable Three on Housing at the centre of the COVID-19 response Mexico's Undersecretary for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights, Martha Delgado, said the pandemic had highlighted the critical role of housing.

"I firmly believe one of most outstanding opportunities during COVID-19 for both national and sub national governments is to develop strong policies that not only ensure adequate housing but help strengthen urban sustainability and the resilience of communities in order to create a new normality," she said

Cities Alliance Regional Manager for Latin America and Caribbean, Anacláudia Marinheiro Centeno Rosbach, said: "In the global south the informal settlements are very prevalent and COVID has affected the financial capacity of families here so we have observed an increase in people living on the streets and an expansion of informal settlements."

According to Marissa Plouin, Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development: "COVID did not create a housing problem but it turned a lot of chronic housing challenges into a housing crisis and they become much more visible and hard to ignore."

From the European Investment Bank, Senior Housing Specialist Grzegorz Gajda, said one key lesson from the pandemic was the importance of public spending and public services such as health.

In her closing remarks, UN-Habitat Executive Director Maimunah Mohd Sharif underscored the unique circumstances during which this year's World Habitat Day celebrations were held.

"World Habitat Day 2020 is historic for many reasons. For the first time since 1986, we held the Global Observance in hybrid fashion," she said. "For the first time, World Habitat Day is truly global in its reach and scope."



UN-Habitat Executive Director Maimunah Mohd Sharif presents the Scroll of Honour to Mayor Noraini Roslan of Subang Jaya Municipal Council during the Global Observance of World Habitat Day 2020 ©Subang Jaya Municipal Council

AFRICA

CAMEROON

Douala city hosted a lively World Habitat Day 2020 event with the presentation of several awards recognizing developers and city cleanliness and a virtual speech at the Global Observance ceremony from Surabaya, Indonesia.

Under the patronage of the Prime Minister represented by the Minister of Housing and Urban Development, Célestine Ketcha-Courtès, the meeting brought together cabinet ministers, representatives of ShelterAfrique, UN agencies, the African Union Commission, the UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), the Minister of Housing and Infrastructures of Burundi, UN-Habitat's senior officials and some 500 other participants both online and physically present.

The celebrations presented an opportunity to recognize the winners and participants in the inaugural Real Estate Awards and the Clean City Competition.

The Executive Director of UN-Habitat Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, in a video message, encouraged participants to continue the enthusiastic work of the Clean Cities Campaign.

"I personally followed this mobilization for cleaner environment online through the WhatsApp group set up by the Minister last year. On behalf of UN-Habitat, I thank the people and mayors who decided to take this opportunity to improve their living condition and children's well-being," she said.

Speaking from Addis Ababa, the Executive Secretary of UNECA, Dr Vera Songwe, stressed the need to prioritise the housing sector and ensure it takes the aspirations of girls and young women into account.

"As SDG 11 implies, we must continue to work to ensure that we build enough houses so that we can ensure our girls and young women study well. You need efficient and effective housing to be able to produce the rest of the resources that society need," she said.

The African Union Commission, through the Commissioner for Political Affairs, Cessouma Minata Samata, sent a video message where she welcomed the celebration and the link with the African Union's 2063 Vision.

"The African Union Commission welcomes the choice of the theme for this year's World Habitat Day, "Housing for All: A Better Urban Future". In line with that theme, we will make sure that the drafting of the African Union Model Law on Housing and Urban Development pays particular attention to the issue of the right to decent and affordable housing for all," she said.

The final keynote speaker read a message from the Minister of Infrastructure, Equipment and Social Housing from the Republic of Burundi and head of the STC8 sub-committee on housing, Déogratias Nsanganiyumwami.



Cameroon's Minister of Housing and Urban development Célestine Ketcha-Courtes, speaking during the press briefing in Douala, Cameroon on celebrations to mark World Habitat Day 2020 ©MINH DU

"The Government of Burundi will spare no effort to honour its commitments to the sustainable development of our country in particular, and the African continent in general," he said. "In conclusion, allow me to send my thanks to the Minister of Housing and Urban Development of Cameroon for inviting me to participate in this celebration. My thanks also go to UN-Habitat and its Executive Director. To the African Union Commission and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa for their efforts to organize the coordinated development and visibility of the continent."

The Minister linked up live to the Global Observance of World Habitat Day streaming from Surabaya, Indonesia. In her speech, Ms. Courtès highlighted that the Day had been widely celebrated by many African States with national celebrations in Senegal, Benin, Mozambique, Chad, Kenya, Comoros, Guinea, and Burundi.

"I cannot conclude my message without calling for the examination and the launch of a Global Action for Decent and Affordable Housing for all in Africa (GADAH). The Government of Cameroon under the upcoming framework of collaboration with UN-Habitat and the Cameroon Real Estate Corporation is keen to facilitate this process. I would be delighted if the Government of Indonesia can be part of this process," said Ms. Courtès.

This year's celebrations introduced an innovative competition calling on young professionals and students to submit ideas for the "Resilient Urban Housing in the City of Douala" competition. This

initiative will be replicated in the coming years in other cities in Cameroon to create a pool of realistic and bankable projects for local governments.

EGYPT

Egypt Housing Strategy Launch Webinar

In light of the World Habitat Day 2020's theme: "Housing For All: A better Urban Future"; The Egyptian Ministry of Housing, Utilities and Urban Communities (Housing and utilities sector) in partnership with UN-Habitat launched Egypt's National Housing Strategy through a webinar which was attended by more than 150 participants.

The webinar was started with a welcoming note from Erfan Ali, UN-Habitat's Regional Representative of Arab States (recorded message) and Rania Hedeya, UN-Habitat Programme Manager of Egypt's Office to officially launch the strategy. The floor was then given to Naffissa Hashem First Deputy of the Minister, Head of Housing and Utilities Sector, in the Ministry of Housing, Utilities and Urban Communities to present the key findings of the National Housing Strategy.

This was followed by a moderated open discussion between the panel and the participants addressing the questions received from the floor by Ms. Naffissa, Ms. Rania Hedeya and Mr. Ahmed Yousry who led the final formulation of the strategy. The webinar also promoted Housing for All Campaign as it was presented by Giulia Lavagna, Associate Human Settlement Officer, Land, Housing, and Shelter Section | Global Solutions

Division, Nairobi, Kenya. Finally, the event was also featured in the World Habitat Day celebrations hosted by the city of Surabaya, Indonesia.

The human-rights based strategy is the first in Egypt and the Arab countries and is based on the recommendations of the Global Housing Strategy, the Arab strategy for housing and urban development, and comes in line with global and regional requirements. It also comes in a time of global increase in urbanization rates and the consequent increase in demand for housing and basic urban services, and despite the development of urban policies in many countries, the population of informal and poor areas in the world has increased from 725 million in 2000 to an estimated 889 million in 2020. This increase widened the gap between social groups in urban communities and elevated the vulnerability and deprivation of the poor.

GHANA

Ghana celebrates World Habitat Day and also launched Urban October with a briefing in Accra

The celebrations for World Habitat Day were attended by the UN Resident Coordinator, Mr Charles Abani, the Minister for Works and Housing, the Minister for Sanitation and Water, the Minister for Science Technology and Innovation and the Deputy Minister for Local Government and Rural Development and CSO representative.

The event was used to remind all stakeholders of the importance of urbanization and how housing inadequacies may also increase the

vulnerability of women to violence and abuse. Local and national governments were urged to move towards reducing inequalities and poverty levels .

Cities in Ghana were urged as a matter of good practice to make efforts to integrate the vulnerable, the poor who are usually excluded in overall city development. The poor in cities, usually living inadequate housing conditions - in slums and informal settlements - are hit hardest during the COVID-19 crisis as is exemplified in the case of Ghana where the Greater Accra and Greater Kumasi Metropolitan areas were the main centres of occurrence.

The UN Resident coordinator assured stakeholders of the UN's support and reminded them of the need to work together and share the best solutions as efficiently and widely as possible in the country's quest for more sustainable urban development in Ghana.

CAPE VERDE, GUINEA-BISSAU, MOZAMBIQUE, SÃO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE AND EQUATORIAL GUINEA

World Habitat Day- Masterclass - Housing for All

World Habitat Day 2020 was an opportunity for broad participation in a global discussion on the transformational impact of COVID-19 in the housing sector and how to explore better ways to build our societies, leveraging the role of housing as a catalyst to progressively guarantee human rights as a basis for people's well-being.

A Masterclass presented by Prof. Claudio Acioly, former Chief of the Housing unit at UN-Habitat, presented the global panorama of housing in the Portuguese-speaking world, its main challenges, and key principles to inclusive, accessible and adequate housing.

The masterclass was moderated by UN-Habitat's Regional Office for Africa and had a representative from each Lusophone country in the debate, including experts, government officials and activists from Brazil (Inês Magalhães, former Minister), Angola (Ana Inglês, Housing department head), Cabo Verde (Pedro Bettencourt, Head of Architecture Association), Guinea-Bissau (Ildo Baticã, Housing director), Mozambique (Anselmo Cani, Head of Architecture Association) and São Tomé and Príncipe (Luis Cassandra, Housing director).

Organizations: UN-Habitat Regional Office for Africa, UN-Habitat Angola, UN-Habitat Brazil, UN-Habitat Cabo Verde, UN-Habitat Guinea-Bissau, UN-Habitat Mozambique, UN-Habitat São Tomé and Príncipe.

KENYA

People from 21 countries joined the first IDEAMAPS Lounge webinar on World Habitat Day. Six speakers looked at diverse approaches to mapping "slums" and informal settlements, though the focus was ultimately on processes that are inclusive of communities and local authorities.

The themes of the event were (1) "exchange" of data, knowledge, and trust

among stakeholders, and (2) housing for all, in line with World Habitat Day 2020. IT was organized by IDEAMAPS Network; African Population and Health Research Center; University of Warwick - Institute for Global Sustainable Development; University of Lagos; University of Twente - ITC; George Washington University; University of Chicago - Mansueto Institute for Urban Innovation; University of York; University of Southampton and UN-Habitat.

The IDEAMAPS Lounge Webinar Series is a relaxed environment for diverse local and global stakeholders to exchange ideas, experiences, and approaches to mapping deprived urban areas. The events are hosted as part of our co-design of an IDEAMAPS Network research and implementation agenda. Each webinar is 2 hours with short presentations from multiple discussants, and plenty of time for Q&A and productive conversation."

The Integrated Deprived Area Mapping System (IDEAMAPS) Network combines citizen-generated, Earth Observation (EO), census, survey, social media, web-scraped, and other data to produce a common, accurate map of deprived urban areas so that all cities can become equitable, healthy, and prosperous places to live. The IDEAMAPS Network was launched in 2020 by the IDEAMAPS Project and both grew out of workshops hosted by the African Population and Health Research Center, Slum Dwellers International - Kenya, and UN-Habitat in Nairobi in 2019.

NIGERIA

To celebrate World Habitat Day the Association of City Managers in Nigeria (ACMAN) @ACMANNIGERIA organized a Twitter chat with Abubakar Sidiq Usman @MrAbuSidiq The Special Assistant on New Media to the Senate President of Nigeria and Godswill Unekwujo Musa @GUMSFather The Secretary General, ACMAN,

Contemporary issues of housing deficit, housing affordability and way forward to achieve housing for all in Nigeria were discussed. The coverage reached about 166,000 people within and outside Nigeria.

The event is on ACMAN Website here: <https://acman.org.ng/world-habitat-day-2020-twitter-chat-organized-by-acman/>. The twitter link to the chat is <https://twitter.com/MrAbuSidiq/status/1313147269051551744>

The organizations involved were the Association of City Managers in Nigeria, Centre for Human Settlements and Urban Development, Federal University of Technology Minna.

MOROCCO

Morocco celebrated World Habitat day with a webinar on "Housing for All" organized by the ministry of National Planning, Urban Planning, Housing and City Policy and attended by the Minister, representatives from UCLG, League of Arab States and UN-Habitat.

During the event, students of the Institute for Cooperation in Basic Habitability (ICHaB) from Universidad Politecnica de Madrid (UPM) presented a working paper on Flood Risk Analysis and Urban Resilience to the Local and Regional Government of Beledweyne and Hirshabelle State in Somalia and other stakeholders.

This working paper was developed under Midnimo II (Unity) project - Support for the Attainment of Durable Solutions in Areas Impacted by Displacement and Returns in Galmudug and Hirshabelle States, funded by United Nations Peacebuilding Fund.

SOMALIA

Discussion session on Flood Risk & Urban Resilience

UN-Habitat Somalia Programme organized an online discussion session on Flood Risk Analysis and Urban Resilience of Beledweyne, Somalia.

During the session, the Minister of Interior and Local Government of Hirshabelle State, the Governor of Hiran Region, the Mayor of Beledweyne together with UN-Habitat Somalia programme team and ICHaB members discussed long-term solutions to make the city of Beledweyne, including its most vulnerable communities, more resilient to floods and other natural hazards. The recording is here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zgBekP3syuw>

Organizations: UN-Habitat Somalia Programme; Ministry of Interior and Local Government, Hirshabelle State, Somalia; Instituto de Cooperación en Habitabilidad Básica, Madrid, Spain.



World Habitat Day Nigeria ©UN-HABITAT



ASIA

INDIA

Urban Innovation Action Lab

UN-Habitat's 40 days safer cities challenge:

World Habitat Day in New Delhi was marked with UTC 5.0 - Citizen Action Lab for Safe and Inclusive Cities which identified existing indicators and crowdsourced citizen indicators for safe and inclusive communities. Based on this citizens were invited to share their action for safe and Inclusive Cities.

The Panel on Urban Innovation for Safe and Inclusive Cities included ElsaMarie D'Silva, founder and CEO of Red Dot Foundatio as the moderator. Speakers included Juma Assiagio of Safer Cities Project, Dr. Sangita Hasnale, assistant commissioner of Municipal corporation of Greater Mumbai, Barbara Mueller of Connect Asia, BMW Foundation, Naim Keruwala CITIES Programme Manager, NIUA and Prathima Manohar, Founder & CEO, The Urban Vision

Organizations: Red Dot Foundatiion, BMW Foundation- Herbert Quandt, World Urban Campaign, The Urban Vision, National Institute of urban Affairs, Catalan Agency for Development Cooperation

Webinar by India's Institution of Engineers

World Habitat Day-2020, a Webinar was organized by the Institution of Engineers (India), Uttar Pradesh State Centre The

Chief Guest on this occasion was Prof. Subodh Shankar, an eminent architect and Urban Planner, Former Chief Architect Planner of Uttar Pradesh Housing & Development Board and Former Dean, Faculty of Architecture, Integral University. He said that global housing problem was extremely alarming and as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the crisis has also become much more challenging requiring highly thoughtful and innovative solutions.

Prof. Shankar put forward the views of Mahatma Gandhi that in India, the concept of such development was laid down 100 years ago when Mahatma Gandhi said that "The world has enough for everyone's need, but not enough for everyone's greed."

He said Mahatma Gandhi also used to emphasize more on the development of villages rather than the cities. In Corona Era, the importance of this thinking of Gandhi has become more relevant now. Gandhi had advocated for local development with availability of all essential items and today the need for this thinking is being felt again. Prof. Shankar, while presenting the example of Dayalbagh Sub -City in Agra, said India already has a model of self-sustainable developmentit take inspiration from the country's thinkers and existing models and present these sustainable models to the whole world.

The National Council Member of the Institution of Engineers and Convener of the programme, Mr. V.B. Singh said the primary purpose of World Habitat Day is

to identify and give adequate shelter to humanity's basic right to proper housing. Also development of safe and healthy living environment for all, adequate and sustainable transport and energy, greenery and plantation in urban areas, pure and safe drinking water system as well as hygiene, fresh and pollution free to breathe The system of improvement of living standards of air, slum dwellers and better management of garbage disposal are also part of the habitat, which is also the goal of this day.

At the beginning of the programme, Chairman of the State Centre, Mr. RK Trivedi welcomed all the guests. At the end of the programme, Mr. Prabhat Kiran Chaurasia, Honorary Secretary thanked all the participants. A large number of senior engineers and architects from various departments participated in the programme.

INDONESIA

Sharing on Urban Development: Learning from Cities Around the World in Response to COVID-19

Kemitraan Habitat Indonesia and Regional Infrastructure Development Agency – Ministry of Public Work and Housing have a partnership programme to support the formulation of Urban Development Policies and Strategies in Indonesia, especially for the Metropolitan of Mamminasata dan Bimindo in Sulawesi. Since the COVID-19 outbreak, urban health should be a consideration

for Urban Development Policies and Strategies in Indonesia.

The partnership collaborated with UN-Habitat and the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in two cities that practice good examples in response to COVID-19 which are Singapore and Wellington, New Zealand to organize a Webinar Knowledge Sharing on Urban Development: Learning from Cities Around the World in Response to COVID-19.

The event, which took place on 23 September hosted from Jakarta that went on for over two hours began with Mr. Bruno Dercon from UN-Habitat sharing about the importance of taking planning for healthy cities and territories into account in the era. Soon after, Mr. Hadi from the Regional Infrastructure Development Agency shared about how the Government of Indonesia responds to COVID-19 in terms of COVID-19 response, Mitigation of Economic impact, and New Normal Adaptation in the workspace. The COVID-19 response such as through the construction of New Hospital. The Mitigation of Economic impact such as Padat Karya (Cash for Work). After that, Mr. Didik from the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Singapore shared about how Singapore built integrated planning for each sector such as water, wastewater, spatial planning, the use of technology for mobility tracking, etc. that support Singapore to respond to COVID-19. Last but not least, Mr. Panca from the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Wellington shared how New Zealand stamped out the COVID-19 pandemic through restriction, closing border and lockdown, the stimulus package, and also water management and waste water management since

water becomes more important because people to clean their hands more often. Some 120 participants took part in the discussion.

As a conclusion, The Urban Development Policies and Strategies in Indonesia, especially Metropolitan Mamminasata and Bimindo need to consider urban health and learn how to develop strategies in the pandemic era from Singapore and Wellington, New Zealand such as integrated planning, healthy and green city and the use of technology"

Organizations: Kemitraan Habitat Indonesia (Indonesia Habitat Partnership), Regional Infrastructure Development Agency – Ministry of Public Work and Housing of the Republic of Indonesia; UN-Habitat ROAP; the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Singapore; the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Wellington, New Zealand

JAPAN

Approximately 100 participants joined a virtual World Habitat Day event in Fukuoka City to discuss what should as companies, local governments and individuals do in the corona era.

The event organizers invited six guest speakers from Japan and overseas. They were a representative of MLIT (Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism), a professor of Kyushu university graduate school, a doctor from WHO Kobe centre (World Health Organization Centre for Health Development) and UN-Habitat staff members from Sudan, Kenya and Myanmar.

The UN-Habitat staff members reported that people in Sudan were devastated by other disasters such as flood and economic crisis rather than COVID-19 crisis and that people living in refugee camps in Kenya and Myanmar are living in harsh environment and that they are not connected to clean water and sanitary services which are needed to prevent infection arising from COVID-19.

The professor from Kyushu university graduate school said that we need to accelerate to build a smart and compact city in Japan on that next stage based on preventing the spread of the coronavirus.

Finally, the doctor from WHO Kobe Centre said that he wanted everyone to take good care to act daily life with three key words; "Be safe, Be kind and Be smart". The event was organized by the UN-Habitat Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Kyushu University and WHO.

LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

Vientiane, Lao PDR, 8 October 2020
- World Habitat Day in Lao PDR was organized by the Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT) and Vientiane Mayor's Office with UN-Habitat in the capital. It was attended by some 150 representatives from ministries and departments including the Department of Housing and Urban Planning (DHUP) and Information Bureau of Central Committee Party.

An additional 250 provincial government officials also participated virtually from their respective offices through a video conference call.



A group photo with Government representatives and UN-Habitat in Vientiane. ©UN-HABITAT

The Minister of MPWT chaired the meeting and consultations on this year's theme, "Housing For All: A Better Urban Future". The meeting was co-chaired by Vice Mayor of Vientiane Capital City and UN-Habitat.

UN-Habitat shared the Executive Director's message and delivered presentations on "Housing for All" principles and ongoing shelter projects in Lao PDR.

In addition, Lao National Urban Forum (LNUF) was launched by the Minister of MPWT. The preparatory work on the LNUF was led by UN-Habitat and DHUP (MPWT).

MYANMAR

In Myanmar, events could not be held due to the lockdown placed by the Government; however, UN-Habitat Myanmar produced a video, HOUSING FOR ALL - WHD 5 OCT 2020 which was promoted through SNS.

PALESTINE, STATE OF

Ramallah

UN-Habitat and the Government of Palestine renew their collaboration for 3 more years towards achieving sustainable and inclusive urban development

In celebration of the World Habitat Day 2020, the Ministry of Local Government (MoLG) and the Special Human Settlements Programme for the Palestinian People, UN-Habitat Palestine renewed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for 3 years until 30 September 2023. The MoU outlines the scope of interventions agreed under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the New Urban Agenda in Palestine with a focus on spatial planning, local governance, urban basic services, and urban management, with a special attention to advocacy work to defend the building, planning, and land rights of Palestinian communities, across the Gaza Strip, and West Bank, including occupied East Jerusalem.

Organizations: UN-Habitat, Government of Palestine represented by Ministry of Local Government

PAKISTAN

Islamabad – Housing for all: A better Urban Future

5 October 2020 – The first Urban October event 2020 commenced with a Webinar on "Housing For All: A Better Urban Future" to celebrate the World Habitat Day. The webinar was held in collaboration with the Ministry of Climate Change and the Generating Global Environmental Benefits, GEF Project of UNDP.

The Chief Guest of the webinar was the Advisor to the Prime Minister for Climate Change, Mr. Malik Amin Aslam.

The Webinar was opened by Mr. Malik Amin Aslam who highlighted that the Government of Pakistan was committed to make housing accessible to all through Prime Ministers' Five Million Naya Pakistan Programme. This programme particularly focuses on providing low cost housing for people who cannot afford to buy or build a house in open market. The panelists emphasized that housing is a fundamental human right but, access to affordable housing is a great challenge; yet it offers, unique opportunities too.

Ms. Lari emphasized on how housing can be made affordable by using indigenous building materials such as bamboo, lime and mud to make housing accessible to urban poor and thus reduce the carbon footprint.

Mr. Houvila drew attention on the approach of the One Planet Sustainable

Building and Construction Programme (SBC). The programme works towards circular built environment aiming at reducing waste and a global 30 percent recovery rate of construction and demolition waste. It focuses towards affordable and resilient built environment supporting 10 countries with social housing/reconstruction programme.

Professor ul Abedin highlighted the role of academia in facilitating access to housing as one of the basic human needs. Universities are like a cauldron where students come from far and wide and thus academics have access to grass root society and its problems. Academia can create a hub for linkages of all stakeholders to suggest realistic options and priorities to the government and guide the industry on availability of new technologies.

Dr. Janjua, explained how housing can play its role in promoting global environmental benefits. Traditionally in the past, the expansion of housing sector had generally adverse impacts on environment. Housing sector accounts for 40 percent of the energy use, 30 percent of landfill waste, 30-40 percent of carbon dioxide emissions and 12-15 percent of the water consumption. But with the use of green building concepts and triple bottom line approach of sustainability can reduce the impact on the negative environment. Implementation of new concepts requires site planning, community engagement as well as sustainable transportation and infrastructure to address housing affordability issues.

Dr. Javed explained that 90 percent of housing is provided by the private sector. Supply and demand balance

out a certain price which is a market phenomenon and in Pakistan this market phenomenon is set at a very high level which is affordable only by the upper middle and high classes. For housing for all the government needs to provide policy interventions for making housing affordable like promote rental market, revise building regulations and land use policies.

Mr. Khan, Habitat Programme Manager, UN-Habitat emphasised that UN-Habitat has pursued urbanization as the engine of development, a transformative force which can potentially lead to sustainability. Housing at the centre aims to shift the focus from simply building houses to a holistic framework for housing development placing people and human rights at the forefront of urban sustainable development. Cities can build better futures through their housing policies, by identifying broad policy goals and principles to guide housing investment decisions, and laying out specific strategies and programs that can be effective in building the local housing market, and creating neighborhoods of choice.

Mr. Arif Hassan, architect and planner said that the land issue is crucial to the whole housing policy and housing delivery systems. Land use in Pakistan is determined by land value and its location. Hence there is a need to define land use by social and environmental considerations.

He also emphasized on the urgent need of urban land reforms and levy of land non utilization fee, to accelerate the pace of housing development leading to reduction housing backlog and urban footprint.

He suggested that there must be a land ceiling act to make housing affordable for all.

Densification is a new phenomenon in Pakistan which is demand driven by the community to stay close to their work so there is a market for these high rise buildings.

Housing sector accounts for 40% of the energy use, 30% of landfill waste, 30-40% of carbon dioxide emissions and 12-15% of the water consumption.

PHILIPPINES

Quezon City – The Right to Stay Home: Forced Evictions in the Time of COVID-19

An online discussion was organised and facilitated by Karapatan ang Tahanan, a platform for advocating housing and urban poor issues. The discussion was open to the public and was attended by more than 100 persons (Zoom and Facebook). Speakers included representatives from Joly Homes Foundation who spoke about the right to the city, Urban Poor Associates who presented their 2018 Eviction Report including demolitions that took place during the pandemic. A child leader shared his experience as his home was demolished, and no relocation was offered. SALIGAN presented the

proposed bills entitled Just and Humane Resettlement Act (JAHRA) and Least Displacement of Informal Settler Families Act (LISA). The proposed bills will give extra protection to informal settler families against illegal and violent evictions and demolitions and will put People's Planning at the centre of any housing strategy. Law makers - Sen Tolention, Sen. De Lima, Rep. Vargas, and Rep. Benitez also sent their messages of support to the groups' advocacies.

Organizations: *Karapatan Ang Tahanan SALIGAN; Urban Poor Associates; Community Organizers Multiversity; Joly Homes Foundation; Save the Children Philippines*

In the Philippines, a video Housing as a Shared Responsibility: A Look into the Rebuilding Marawi Project on #WorldHabitatDay was produced and featured on Housing for All Campaign site.

REPUBLIC OF KOREA

World Habitat Day Local Observation in Seoul

To commemorate World Habitat Day 2020, Korean National Committee for UN-Habitat and The Seoul Housing and Communities Corporation(SH) hosted local.

The event was attended by researchers, representatives of private sectors, youth and other stakeholder including Soohyun Park (President of Korean National Committee for UN-Habitat, (KNCUNH), Seyong Kim (CEO of Seoul Housing & Communities Corporation, SH), Heeseon Jin (Former Deputy Mayor of the city of Seoul), Donyun Kim (Professor of Smart Green City Lab), Bongsoo Son (President



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of Korea Agency for Infrastructure Technology Advancement), Hyunsoo Kang (President of Korea Research Institute for Human Settlements, KRIHS), Wangjin Seo (President of The Seoul Institute) among others.

Dr. Hye-kyung Yoon of the University of Korea and Hye-jung Kim, director of the SH Space Welfare Strategy Office, presented their visions for future housing under the themes of **"Housing and Urban Environment Welfare for Everyone"** and **"Housing Welfare go beyond space welfare."**

To keep with COVID-19 protocols, the event was held on a small scale with only 50 on-site participants and 40 online participants through a live online broadcast

SRI LANKA

The World Habitat Day celebration was cancelled due to the escalation of COVID-19; but, the article Towards 'housing for all' through peoples' participatory process was issued by Sunday Times on 4 October 2020.

TAJIKISTAN

Khorog

To mark World Habitat Day a meeting was held on 7 October to initiate the Integrated Spatial Plan for Environmental and Socio-Economic Resilience project in Khorog. This is the first collaboration between UN-Habitat's Urban Planning and Design Lab (Urban Lab), and the Aga Khan Agency for Habitat (AKAH), a subset of the Aga Khan Development Agency (AKDN). It is the Urban Lab's first project in Tajikistan.

The project was launched at an online forum attended by Governor Fayzov of Gorno-Badakhshan Autonomous Oblast (GBAO), Mayor Shamiri of Khorog, Christine Knudsen, UN-Habitat's Director of External Relations, Strategy, Knowledge and Innovation, Sezin Sinanoglu, UN Resident Coordinator in Tajikistan and Onno Ruhl, the Aga Khan Agency for Habitat General Manger.

Governor Fayzov noted the importance of this project for the city, with particular emphasis on the need to facilitate long-term, sustainable development in a fast changing context.

Khorog, the administrative and cultural centre of the Gorno-Badakhshan Autonomous Oblast (GBAO), is one of the highest-altitude peri-urban settlements in Central Asia, and was planned for a population of 15,000. As the currently population is double that number, new residents are at risk from natural hazards and have limited access to municipal services.

The project aims to increase the resilience of Khorog, to strengthen its potential for economic development and to position the city as a model for resilient economic growth in a dynamic urban planning environment while enhancing social stability.

UN-Habitat aims to increase its technical support capacity in the Commonwealth of Independent States, as part of its Strategic Plan 2020-23. The work involved promotes the Sustainable Development Goals in Tajikistan through the reinforced partnership between the Government and the United Nations Country Team.

The project will take place within the framework of the Khorog Urban Resilience Programme (KURP), funded by the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO), and will draw from global expertise, lessons learned, best practices and tools from UN-Habitat and other United Nations agencies such as the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction Framework. It will guide spatial strategy, improve capacity and facilitate participatory, local development, with a forward-looking approach, to guide safe and resilient development for years to come. For more information see this article and short film, from AKDN.

THAILAND

Bangkok - UN-Habitat joins the 20th Anniversary of the Community Organizations Development Institute (CODI) commemoration

27 October 2020 –UN-Habitat took part in activities commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the Community Organizations Development Institute (CODI), which was marked with community exhibition, and consultations with local leaders including former Prime Minister, Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva.

There was also an awards ceremony, acknowledging best practices across Thailand, officiated by Mr. Maitri Inthusut, Chair of the Board, CODI. Under the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the population in both urban and rural areas of Thailand have confronted and overcome significant challenges with support received from CODI.

Jointly celebrating World Habitat Day 2020 with the theme of "Housing for All: A better urban future", the work of CODI over the past 20 years has helped to provide adequate shelter and housing being recognized as a fundamental human right and the foundation to prosperous



20th Anniversary of the Community Organizations Development Institute (CODI) commemoration Bangkok Thailand



World Habitat Day Thailand ©UN-HABITAT

lives and equitable societies. Through initiatives such as “Baan Mankong”, “Baan Por Pieng” and, many others providing citywide housing for all, community savings and loan initiatives, CODI is supporting over 2.7 million vulnerable and homeless in Thailand.

Organizations: UN-Habitat, Community Organizations Development Institute (CODI)

YEMEN

Yemen marks World Habitat Day with a workshop on Urban Development Challenges



UN-Habitat's team in Yemen and the Ministry of Works and Highways marked World Habitat Day with a workshop on urban development challenges. ©UN-HABITAT

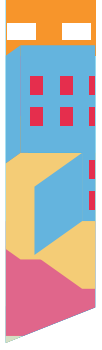
Aden, 5 October 2020 - UN-Habitat's team in Yemen, along with the Ministry of Public Works and Highways, marked World Habitat Day with a workshop on urban development challenges in the country.

Participants, including government representatives and urban planning experts, discussed several papers on housing policy and the Sustainable Development Goals as well as land use and slums in Aden, and the need to deal with the damage caused by war and natural disasters.

The Prime Minister of Yemen, Dr. Maeen Abdulmalek, sent a video message referring to the challenges and catastrophic consequences of the protracted conflict, natural disasters, and the related displacement of over three million people. He mentioned that the Yemeni Government signed a Memorandum of Understanding with UN-Habitat in 2019, launching a new phase of partnership to enhance the capacities of local and central institutions on urban planning and contribute to the recovery process at national and local levels.

In his video message, the Director of UN-Habitat's Regional Office for Arab States, Erfan Ali, said UN-Habitat in cooperation with various national and local government agencies, was responding to the essential needs of Yemen by focusing on urban planning, rehabilitating water and sanitation facilities, and protecting and promoting housing, land and property rights.

UN-Habitat's representative in Aden, Mohammed Zain, provided an overview of the work that had been implemented since the start of the UN-Habitat Programme in Yemen, as well as future planned projects.



EUROPE

NORWAY

UN-Habitat aims to use plastic waste to support housing for all

UN-Habitat in partnership with Othalo, a Norwegian start-up company is working on producing homes from plastic waste to tackle the housing deficit in Africa.

"As we celebrate this year World Habitat Day, UN-Habitat is partnering with Othalo to promote adequate, sustainable and affordable housing for all," said UN-Habitat Deputy Executive Director, Victor Kisob

Following successful laboratory tests, Othalo's factory in Estonia has started the production of components to build three demonstration homes for Nairobi (Kenya), Yaoundé (Cameroon) and Dakar (Senegal) and have put out a video about the work <https://youtu.be/uuOinpxmCzw>

The first factory for producing the building elements such as partitions for walls, ceiling, roofs and floors using recycled plastic will be built in Kenya next year.

During the process, plastic waste is shredded and mixed with other elements including non-flammable materials and used to produce building components such as walls, floors and roofs. This can be used to build up to four floors and a 60 square metre home will need 8 ton of recycled plastic. A factory with one production line produces 2800 housing units annually.

It has been estimated that around 60 per cent of people in Africa living in urban areas are in informal settlements. At the same time between 1990 and 2017 African countries imported around 230 metric tonnes of plastic which mostly ended up in dump sites creating a massive environmental challenge.

SPAIN

Barcelona and UN-Habitat mark World Habitat Day with hybrid urban resilience event

To mark World Habitat Day 2020, the Barcelona City Council and UN-Habitat's City Resilience Global Programme organized an in-person event with virtual participation to announce their commitment to create more resilient cities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The collaboration between Barcelona and UN-Habitat, during the next four years, is aimed at delivering the United Nations operational urban resilience projects, contributing to the achievement of global agendas (Agenda 2030 and Sustainable Development Goals, New Urban Agenda, Paris Agreement on Climate Change and Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction), sharing innovative practices from Barcelona globally and linking Barcelona with global initiatives such as the Making Cities Resilient 2030 and the World Urban Forum.

The UN-Habitat Executive Director, Maimunah Mohd Sharif told the meeting: "Cities must be better planned, managed and financed to improve resilience and meet citizens' needs, leaving no-one behind. Having cities like Barcelona to lead urban innovation and support others is living proof that the change is possible."

The deputy mayor for the 2030 Agenda, Digital Transition, Sports and Territorial and Metropolitan Coordination of Barcelona City Council, Laia Bonet stated: "The pandemic has been a stress test that has shown us that we must build more resilient cities at a social, ecological, urban and digital level. This means responding to the social emergency; addressing the digital divide through digital inclusion policies, and accelerating the ecological transition to a healthier and more democratic urban model."

This new agreement provides an opportunity to revisit goals and to focus on current realities: providing high quality technical expertise and provision of innovative solutions in areas related to urban resilience; and facilitating access to field experiences, tools, knowledge, and current capacity development and training methodologies, with a special focus on COVID-19 response and recovery.

As a follow up of to this agreement, during Urban October, Barcelona City, UN-Habitat and local partners SUEZ and Cetaqua, organised the Urban Resilience in a context of Climate Change (URCC) conference on October 20 and 21.

This online meeting was open to all and brought together participants from academia, administrations, companies and local communities to exchange knowledge and share challenges and solutions in cities, with a special focus on European urban areas.

Barcelona City is recognized as a centre for promoting research in urban sustainable planning, urban governance and risk management, as a leader in urban innovation and digital transformation and a reference for other municipalities. It supports cities in developing countries (city-to-city cooperation), such as Maputo (Mozambique) and Dakar (Senegal) in expanding their capacity to implement actions for resilience. Initial years of collaboration made possible to advocate for more resilient cities through the Barcelona Resilience Week.

Housing for all: a perspective from the international cooperation

Within the framework of Urban October and World Habitat Day, UN-Habitat and the Andalusian Agency of International Cooperation for Development jointly organised a virtual discussion open to the public, which included the participation of experts from UN-Habitat, Ministry of Development, Infrastructure and Land Management of the Junta de Andalucía, the Andalusian Fund of Municipalities for International Solidarity (FAMSI) represented by EMVISESA and experts from civil society. The discussion addressed, from the perspective of international cooperation, the role of housing as a catalyst for the progressive delivery of human rights and as a basis for people's well-being.

Organizations: UN-Habitat office in Spain; Andalusian Agency of International Cooperation for Development (AACID)

5 October: Entreplanos 4: movies. city. architecture - The Contemporary Architecture Foundation realized the fourth edition of the Entreplanos urban audiovisual contest, a participatory activity to celebrate World Habitat Day. Any person or group could participate in Entreplanos, since no specific training was required. Participants had to send a 2-minute video recorded with their mobile phone.



LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

ECUADOR

Quito – Improving awareness and training on Human Mobility, Protection and the Right to Housing

5 October 2020 – Under the framework of the project “Fostering local communities of solidarity for migrants and refugees from Venezuela”, the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and UN-Habitat, supported by the European Union, developed four virtual webinars (5, 8, 12 and 15 of October) on “Improving awareness and training on Human Mobility, Protection and the Right to Housing”, addressed to staff of the

Secretariat for Social Inclusion of the Metropolitan District of Quito.

The objective of these virtual workshops developed during four days was to raise awareness among local government officials in the Ecuadorian capital about the main challenges faced by refugees and migrants in the country. It also helps understanding the considerations and principles of humanitarian protection, and how to address people in situations of human mobility.

In addition, there was an opportunity to contextualise the migration process of Venezuelan citizens, as well as refugees who have arrived in Ecuador. Deepen understanding of human mobility, the challenges faced in the process of

regularization and socio-economic inclusion in our cities and raise awareness of the opportunities that migration brings to cities.

Among the challenges faced, the right to adequate housing was contextualised, which must ensure their safety and facilitate their inclusion and socio-economic integration. It was emphasized at the close of the workshops that ***“Housing is a fundamental human right, a catalyst for access to human rights and the basis of the well-being of people especially for the most vulnerable population, such as the population in situations of human mobility, the central axis of our work with the Municipality.”***

BOLIVIA



Bolivia presents its Cities Policy on World Habitat Day 2020 in La Paz.



NORTH AMERICA

CANADA

Toronto – Urban Economy Forum 2020

The Second "Urban Economy Forum 2020" (UEF 2020) was held virtually on October 5 and 6, 2020 on occasion of World Habitat Day and the 75 Anniversary of United Nations. The Forum was inaugurated with a message from the Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau highlighting the importance of UEF2020, which **"brings together community leaders and financial stakeholders to monitor, assess and improve the sustainable development of urban economies"**.

Hundreds of speakers and participants joined UEF2020 throughout the 2-day program. Several representatives from UN and UN Agencies, such as UN-Habitat, UNESCO, UNYOUTH, UNEP and UNICEF, joined the forum to share their evaluation of sustainable urbanism to achieve the urban SDG. Mayors, city leaders, urban practitioners, and academics from dozens of countries also provided their perspectives and practical approaches that others could take back home.

The forum launched with video messages from the Secretary General of UN and Executive Director of UN-Habitat, who shared their remarks about this year's World Habitat Day theme **"Housing for All: A Better Urban Future"**. The theme was a major topic of discussion throughout the 2-day forum as

participants discussed the experience, challenges and opportunities in a world impacted by COVID-19.

Lieutenant Governor of Ontario Elizabeth Dowdeswell applauded participants' virtual engagement amidst a global pandemic and said that it was a "recognition that adequate, safe and affordable housing is critical for the health and wellbeing of individuals and communities from around the world".

Her message was reiterated by the Canadian Federal Minister of Youth, Families and Social Development Ahmed Hussen who highlighted the opportunities that COVID-19 has given rise to and that now it is time for everyone to come together to build a stronger and more resilient country and world.

Reinforcing housing as a crucial urban resource at the centre of cities and communities, Rafael Tuts, Director of Global Solutions Division, UN-Habitat emphasised the importance of reflecting on the moral aspects of humanity to create positive economic impacts for housing and sustainability.

On housing, speakers supported the effective regulation by urban authorities of urban land and property markets through the formulation and enforcement of policy instruments such as land value capture, sale of development rights, developer charges and impact fees, land pooling or land readjustment and inclusionary zoning amongst other measures to improve access to affordable and sustainable housing.

The provision of adequate infrastructure catering to all citizens was emphasised along with an encouragement to ensure social inclusion and cohesion through mixed income housing and neighbourhood development.

Homelessness was brought into the discussion by Mayor Don Iveson of City of Edmonton, who supported ending homelessness in Edmonton and called for other cities to join this goal to build a better urban future.

Participants engaged in topics such as urban economy theories and action, sustainable municipal finance, urban assessment, data and technology, shifting paradigms in urbanism, housing and real estate, public participation and social inclusion, and environment and sustainable resources.

Several recurring themes were drawn out during the course of the two days. COVID-19 and the negative impacts it has had on the financial sustainability of cities was examined closely, including how these impacts have affected the most vulnerable populations disproportionately. Mayor of Helsinki, Jan Vapaavuori, highlighted this as an opportunity for the world and called on everyone to **"make the cities of the future work better for the people"**. Juliano De Oliveira, Research and Policy Specialist at UNICEF, emphasized the importance of strengthening the capacity of local governments to deliver results for children and youth. He stated that "our cities must have strong focus on child rights, inclusion and participation".

To achieve this, creativity and innovation will play a crucial role, said Eduardo Moreno, Head of Knowledge and Innovation, UN-Habitat and Honorary Chair of UEF 2020. Participants emphasised the need to build back better and work toward low carbon growth. Investments in affordable and sustainable housing, civil society participation, low carbon transportation, local and circular economies, making cities food secure and expanding sustainable urban farming are just some key elements discussed.

Professor Jyoti Hosagrahar, Deputy Director, World Heritage Centre, UNESCO, called for support to the leveraging of cultural heritage, including those of the Indigenous Peoples, for sustainable urban development and recognise its role in stimulating participation and responsibility. She emphasised the need to promote the integration of heritage protection with innovative and appropriate use of heritage and the historic fabric in its larger setting, with the intention of value creation, through respectful conservation and adaptive reuse, as well as regeneration of housing.

Collaboration was a common thread in the discussions. Cities and people need to work in cohesion at the local, national, and global levels to achieve the SDGs. Sharing evidence-based challenges and opportunities from past experiences is an important mechanism to ensure that limited urban resources are invested in the most impactful policies and programs. Chris Williams, Head of New York Office, UN-Habitat encouraged all participants to interact with the New Urban Agenda Platform, as an important tool for academics and practitioners to exchange knowledge and track progress towards achieving the SDGs.

The forum closed with participants drafting the UEF 2020 Resolution, including:

"Financing the growth of cities and their inhabitants' livelihoods are among the most significant challenges facing leaders worldwide. Creative approaches are required to build awareness across finance and government sectors to better design, build, and finance our cities' agents of development regarding the urban SDGs, such as encouraging cooperatives and circular economies."

UEF 2020 continues to provide an interactive platform for city leaders, urban development organisations, financial institutes, and academics to exchange best practices to achieve the NUA and SDGs, and aims to establish Toronto, Canada, as a global hub for sustainable urbanism. Municipalities are encouraged to join the SDGs Cities Initiative as they work toward the SDGs.

One of the major outputs of Urban Economy Forum is the Regent Park World Urban Pavilion by UN-Habitat (The Pavilion), a collaboration between the Urban Economy Forum, UN-Habitat and the Government of Canada. The Pavilion will be a global knowledge and innovation exchange hub that will pilot innovative and creative programs related to sustainable urbanism. Many cities are already involved in demonstrating their innovations through this platform.

Organizations: Urban Economy Forum, UN-Habitat

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Honolulu, Hawaii – Inclusive, Vibrant Neighbourhoods and Communities - Actions to Address Spatial Inequality

The FIABCI-USA Hawaii Council celebrated World Habitat Day for the third year in spite of the challenges. The two-part webinar focused on spatial inequality and the need to provide quality public spaces, affordable housing and livelihood opportunities to everyone. The first session showcased the City and County of Honolulu's successful urban regeneration projects including SALT at Our Kaka'ako, a project that transformed a vacant industrial block to a vibrant, mixed-use neighborhood with shops, open spaces and multiple housing options. The session also included a report from Hawaii Green Growth on Hawaii's Voluntary Local Review on progress to meet the SDGs and a panel on the recipe for building affordable housing which includes working with the government, financial providers and the construction industry to bring costs down.

The second session began with a look at the emerging Transit Oriented Development around the new light rail stations in Honolulu that will include affordable housing and new public spaces. Then the featured speaker City Council Member Kimberly Pine discussed her years-long work to improve the lives of the homeless community. The programme concluded with a discussion of PUSH the Film, a documentary that follows UN Special Rapporteur on

Adequate Housing Leilani Farha around the world to examine how housing has become a commodity driving prices up and people out.

New York

UN-Habitat New York Office organized a virtual conference titled "Post Pandemic

Cities: Planning for the next 2.5 Billion Residents." The event highlighted that pandemics have historically played a unique role in shaping cities and COVID-19 presents us with a unique opportunity to reimagine the way cities are designed and planned. Planning and design have a critical role to play

in ensuring that cities not only have the capacity to absorb an influx of people but also the ability to integrate newcomers as productive members of society.



OCEANIA

NEW ZEALAND

Auckland – The Most Unaffordable Informal Housing in the Most Unaffordable City

An e-Lecture on the Most Unaffordable Informal Housing in the Most Unaffordable City was presented by Dr Edward Yiu, an Associate Professor of the University of Auckland, New Zealand,

and the founder of the REDBRIC Hong Kong. The e-Lecture was streamed on REDBRIC's YouTube channel at <https://youtu.be/yxmULwjQFio>.

It shows why housing is unaffordable in Hong Kong and how poor households are surviving the high cost of living by living in subdivided units (SDUs), a common type of informal housing in Hong Kong. The unit rent of SDUs can be twice as the most expensive apartment in the

world. The empirical results show that the problem of SDU is not only on its small size but also on the rental premium if a window and/or an independent toilet is preferred.

Organizations: *Department of Property University of Auckland Business School*



Valuing our communities and cities

WORLD CITIES DAY EVENTS



WORLD CITIES DAY GLOBAL OBSERVANCE IN NAKURU, KENYA

World Cities Day took place on 31 October under the sub theme *Valuing our communities and cities*. There were 78 events in 39 countries and 70 cities.

NAKURU, KENYA

Hundreds of people attended the first hybrid Global Observance of World Cities Day which took place online with live links to events in the host country Kenya as well as China and Malaysia.

Kenya's Nakuru County was the in-country host of this year's event with the support of the County Government of Kisumu and the County Government of Uasin Gishu.

In his keynote video address, Kenya's President Uhuru Kenyatta spoke of the challenges of preventing the spread of COVID-19 which, he said, had focused attention on the importance of improving conditions for all urban residents.

He called for UN-Habitat, the co-host of World Cities Day, to "leverage its global mandate as well as its vast experience in urbanization and human settlement matters to continue taking a lead role in addressing urban-centric challenges."

He mentioned that many African countries, including Kenya continued to contend with the negative effects of rapid urbanization including a shortage

of decent housing, a strain on public services, environmental degradation, increased crime and an upsurge in urban disasters.

"We must find a better and more dynamic way to support developing nations in their quest to improve housing and urban development," he said calling for citizens to be "the driving force in shaping their living conditions and amenities."

Kenya's Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure, Housing, Urban Development and Public Works, MR James Macharia who attended a small event at the United Nations Office at Nairobi (UNON) where UN-Habitat has its headquarters, said densely populated urban centres had been the epicentres of the spread of COVID-19.

"The fear of contagion has made many weary of crowded cities, and more and more people are moving to less crowded suburbs and rural areas," he said.

In his video speech, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres spoke of the World Cities Day theme – Valuing our Communities and Cities – saying the United Nations recognized the contributions of

grassroots communities who were supplementing government efforts in combating the COVID-19 pandemic.

Nakuru's Governor Lee Kinyanjui said the pandemic had shown that cities need to forge partnerships within the country and with the rest of the world

"Cities have the potential to make their economies recover and thrive by leveraging on enormous opportunities that can grant the current generation economic and social renewal," he said.

UN-Habitat Executive Director Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif spoke of the importance of appreciating communities and cities.

She said it was in cities like Nakuru, where the bond between urban and rural communities was strongest, that the world would find the best model for the socio-economic recovery from the pandemic.

The live link up to celebrations in Shanghai included the launch of the Shanghai Manual 2020, virtually by the Executive Director and in person by the Shanghai Party Secretary Li Qiang.

Mayor Alexander Vysokinsky of Russia's Ekaterinburg City, last year's host of World Cities Day, said the theme of this year's celebrations was in line with the philosophy of his city's administration.

UN-Habitat Deputy Executive Director Victor Kisob said it was historic that the Global Observance World Cities Day was being held in Africa for the first time.

Ms. Lyazzat Kaltayeva, Chair, Association of Women with Disabilities "Shyrak", Kazakhstan called for more support for people living with disabilities particularly during the pandemic.

The occasion also saw the launch of UN-Habitat's World Cities Report 2020 on the theme of the Value of Sustainable Urbanization. Minister Macharia, who launched the Report on behalf of President Kenyatta, said the Report

affirmed that "well-planned, well managed and well financed cities and towns create economic, social, environmental and other unquantifiable value that can vastly improve the quality of life."

The Opening Ceremony, attended by around 600 participants online with many more following on a live link, was followed by four Roundtables on different aspects of the day's theme and on the World Cities Report.



World Cities Day on 31 October 31, 2020 in Nairobi, Kenya © UN-Habitat



UN-Habitat Deputy Executive Director, Mr. Victor Kisob with Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure, Housing, Urban Development and public works, Republic of Kenya, Mr. James Macharia launching the World Cities Report in Nairobi, Kenya 2020 © UN-Habitat



World Cities Day 2020 UN-Habitat Executive Director in Penang Malaysia ©UN-Habitat



CAPE VERDE

Praia – Think Smart Cities and Communities in Cape Verde

Considering the global trends of promoting smart cities, the Smart Cities Foundation has on its agenda the promotion of smart cities in Cape Verde, has been developing several initiatives and projects.

A digital forum was held in Praia, involving as many people as possible, to raise awareness and encourage the general population, to think and act smartly, so that our cities can be smart.

The activity was carried out to commemorate the World of Cities within the framework of the various activities of the Urban October held in the country.

Organizations: UN-Habitat; Smart City Foundation Cabo Verde; UN-Habitat Cabo Verde

CAMEROON

Douala – Douala hosts 'Roofs of Cameroon' Exhibition

In the lead up to World Cities Day, the second edition of the "City and Roofs of Cameroon Exhibition" took place featuring a day of activities on the theme: Deconstructing Negative and Discriminatory Perceptions of Popular Neighbourhoods: Contributions and Challenges in Achieving SDG 11.

The overall objective of the second edition of the "Salon Ville et Toits du Cameroun" was to promote the contributions of working-class neighbourhoods in achieving SDG 11. The meeting was organized by CODAS CARITAS DOUALA; Platform of Organisations for the Promotion of the Right to Decent Housing (PLAFODAL) - District Municipalities of the city of Douala.

EGYPT

Cairo – Empowering Local Communities for Inclusive COVID-19 Recovery

United Cities and Local Governments Middle East and West Asia Section (UCLG-MEWA) and UN-Habitat Regional Office for the Arab States (ROAS) organized a session for sharing visions and insights in solving region-specific challenges local governments face in the COVID-19 pandemic in their quest to achieve Better City, Better Life. As the second edition of the webinar series co-organised by UCLG-MEWA and UN-Habitat ROAS, the session provided a platform for the exchange of knowledge, local experiences, and peer learning.

This session marked the Arab region's observance of the World Cities Day aiming to shed light on the role of local communities in building cities' resilience and planning for post-COVID-19 response. The session also highlighted how local governments can engage local communities to address the

urgent needs for public service delivery with experiences from Egypt, Morocco, Lebanon, Jordan, Yemen and Kuwait.

Organizations: UN-Habitat Regional Office for Arab States; UCLG MEWA

GHANA

Local authorities share experiences

Accra, 28 October 2020-- World Cities Day was celebrated on October 28 and saw the local authorities share their experiences regarding their work in the communities. UN-Habitat urged national and local governments to embark on mapping and profiling in the slums/informal settlements to ensure adequate data for proper planning in the various Metropolitan and Municipal Assemblies. Cities also maintained the need value communities beyond the COVID-19 pandemic and pursue programmes with strong ownership and leadership of the community members.

GUINEA BISSAU

Urban Fridays: Supporting local governments for Sustainable Development Plans 2030

Bissau, 30 October 2020 – The "Urban Fridays" were consisted in five meetings held at the Urban Circuit 2020 with the purpose of disseminating tools, methodologies and projects implemented by the UN-Habitat offices in Brazil and in

Portuguese-speaking African countries. The meetings will address several topics, such as: mapping and data production, urban resilience, urbanization policy and financing, spatial development frameworks and Development Plans for 2030.

The fifth meeting, entitled "Urban Fridays: Supporting local governments for Sustainable Development Plans 2030", presented:

- (i) Incremental Participatory Urban Planning (PIUP): tool that presents the step by step to diagnose, plan, operationalize and implement participatory planning processes in cities with limited capacity and resources; and
- (ii) Public Liability Systems in Latin America and the support of UN-Habitat for the preparation of the Sustainable Development Plan for the City of Rio de Janeiro."

Organizations: *UN-Habitat Guinea-Bissau; UN-Habitat Angola; UN-Habitat Brazil; UN-Habitat Cabo Verde; UN-Habitat Mozambique; UN-Habitat São Tomé and Príncipe*

MOROCCO

In celebration of World Cities Day, the Ministry of Planning, Housing and City Policy in Morocco organized a Webinar bringing together a large and diverse panel of national and international experts and stakeholders. The event "Thinking and Designing the City of Tomorrow" aims to draw the broadlines of innovative territorial planning approach allowing us to think and conceive the cities of

tomorrow in a greener, more inclusive and sustainable manner. The event was attended by Prime Minister of Morocco, Morocco Minister of National Planning, Urban Planning, Housing and City Policy, UCLG President, UN Resident Coordinator in the Kingdom

NIGERIA

Owerri, Imo State – Urbanize Africa Summit 2020

"Urbanize Africa" is a youth led non-profit organisation committed to sustainable urbanization, inclusive prosperity and creating economic opportunity for all.

On the 29 October 2020, Urbanize Africa gathered young African leaders and professionals aged 18- 35 in the city of

Owerri, Nigeria to brainstorm, innovate and create new solutions to pressing problems found in our cities.

This year, the focus was on ""Positioning for Opportunities in Digital Era""

Some of the highlights of the event included conversations centred around Decent Jobs and Economic Growth; development of key digital skills needed to stay relevant in the work place, digital analysis, digital designs, Excel, Qlick, Power BI, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, Volunteerism, Personal Branding, Starting Up a new Business, and many more.

This event was relevant because the digital era has far-reaching impacts on urbanization and inclusive economic growth in the region.



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Lagos – Valuing communities and cities in Nigeria

The Association of City managers in Nigeria (ACMAN) held a webinar to celebrate World Cities Day with the theme: "Valuing our Communities and Cities in Nigeria".

Godswill Unekwuwojo Musa, the Secretary General of ACMAN and the Moderator of the event emphasized that ACMAN is a membership-based association of City Managers that include individuals of the built environment and those that have effectively promoted city management in: planning, financing, development, and governance (urban and local), towards equitable, liveable, and sustainable cities.

2. Technical Session

The technical session had four types of presentations by the distinguished professors and experts.

Prof. Mustapha Zubairu suggested Nigeria should emulate Singapore's global development model of: meritocracy, pragmatism and honesty.

Prof. M. B. Nuhu said the theme of the event Valuing our communities and Cities in Nigeria, is very important topical issue in not just in Nigeria but also in Africa. The governance system of Nigeria stipulates three tiers of government. A lot of land ownership in Nigerian cities today comes from communities or traditional rulers, and these are issues that bothers orderly safe and crisis free development.

Mr. Bello Bawa Bwari, said that the problems of our cities are multifaceted and be considered in various categories. Consequent to this, he identified that the most critical approach to all the

categories of problems at this point is the design of strategic solutions. The presentation was concluded with the recommendations that the approach to urban development should include the following:

- i Political leaders must bear the responsibilities of urban and rural planning as part of their development templates.
- ii Town planning regulations must be an integral part for any form of development the government maybe contemplating.
- iii Leaders must be viewed from the lens of clarity of vision and accountability.
- iv Clarity of commitment from stakeholders in the implementation of development is an essential factor suitability.
- v Consideration of multiple window for infrastructural development opportunities.
- vi Community engagement should be considered as a key driver towards achieving an all-inclusive strategic approach.

Dr. Valda Martins said effects of poverty in cities include: homelessness, unsafe neighbourhoods, rape, lack of access to adequate healthcare, food insecurity and that all these affect city dwellers and the value they place on their cities. A great city is an environment that is safe, liveable, open to everybody and provide an enabling environment for people to interact and enjoy the dividend of their interaction or association.

The presentation further recommended that; In order to have a safe, valuable and sustainable cities, poverty should be fought using social capital where city dwellers can be on the driver's seat to direct the affairs of their lives through associations and social interactions.

Visit: <https://acman.org.ng/>

UGANDA

Kampala and Jinja – Uganda World Cities Day celebrations a collaborative effort

The Commemoration of World Cities Day 2020 for Uganda was an opportunity to reflect on the implementation of SDG11 and interesting both state and not state actors to focus on improving resilience and sustainability by relating to the theme "Valuing our Cities and Communities".

Being Urban October it was important to collaborate with the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development (MoLHUD) of Uganda. Gearing up to the commemoration of World Cities Day on 31st October, 2020, a series of activities were been planned for by TEENS Uganda with support from the MoLHUD, the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) and development partners to hold a conversation on the theme of WCD; 'Valuing our Communities and Cities'.

For World Habitat Day there was a clean up exercise in Kampala at Kawaala Village zone 1 and central under Kasubi Parish focusing on sorted waste management awareness and collection for Kavera, spraying of bed-bags for over 40 households and de silting one drainage water way.

Several online dialogues were to focus more on youth engagement.

Organized a media awareness workshop focusing on active mobility in Kampala and the current use of NMT pilot corridor held on Friday, 30th October 2020, at the Holiday Express Hotel, Luwum Street, Kampala.

Opens Streets Jinja was a half day activity hosted along a closed 400 metres Jinja Main Street open to pedestrians, cyclists, city enthusiasts, artists, scatters, and the general public. Among other key activities undertaken included; hosting of online meetings (sessions) with state and not state actors cycling in an enclosed 400 meters along main street, book reading, cycling, aerobics, some exhibitions of Art, skipping ropes, skating, street soccer, etc.

Outcomes:

- Improved infrastructural development, housing and human settlement with urban and Physical Planning opportunities for citizens in highly urbanizing zones (Cities, Municipalities & Town Councils like Jinja) with a smart city and sustainable communities concept.
- Open streets Jinja enabling NMT Policy through Critical mass Open Street campaign activities

to demonstrate the need to align designing for safety, accessibility and comfort in growing towns and cities.

- Recognition the role of CSOs (including UNUF) in policy planning, research support and technical competence in implementation of policies leading to universal design principles that ensure there is appropriate pedestrian access for everyone, including the elderly, children and PWDs, including mobility problems and visual impairment,
- Local Government in implementing the NMT policy and to further guide its implementing agencies/ authorities to generate synergy design and in performing its mandate to achieve common objective in city development.
- Inclusive planning in Cities though implementation of Open Streets in their own towns by demonstrating the need for opening streets to the people for walk and cycle.
- Provide for co-existence with natural environment as urban wetlands, forests and other green spaces for plants and animals, enabling livelihood in an unpolluted environment,

- Citizens participating in cultural and social events, leading to an equal citizen of their city with access to every service, regardless of ethnic origin, religion, income, gender or disability

A ministerial statement on the world Cities Day by the Minister for State Urban development. Mr. Isaac Musumba about World Cities Day 2020.

A series of sessions (29th and 30th oct) on topical issues for the cities were organized by MLHUD using virtual platforms in line with the theme for WCD 2020.

Organisations: *Training, Education and Empowerment for Neighborhood Sustainability (TEENS); Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development (MoLHUD); Shelter & Settlement Alternatives (SSA); First Africa Bicycle Information organization (FABIO); Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI); European Union (EU); Uganda Sustainable Transport Network (UST-network); World Cycling Alliance (WCA); Africa Youth Development link (AYDL); Mengo Youth Development Link (MYDEL); Girls for Climate (G4C)*

CHINA

Fuzhou

Online viewers watch China's national observance of World Cities Day 2020 in Fuzhou

China's national observance of World Cities Day 2020 was held in Fuzhou city, capital of the southeastern Fujian province, organized by the national Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development (MOHURD), the Provincial Government and UN-Habitat.

Government officials, experts, scholars and community representatives from China, Russia, Germany and other countries, regions and international organizations shared their experiences and best practices in promoting sustainable urban development and improving the living environment focusing on the theme of Valuing Our Communities and Cities.

Mr. Jiang Wanrong, Vice Minister of MOHURD said that World Cities Day had made a great impact and played an important role in promoting sustainable urban development, the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the New Urban Agenda globally since its first observance.

"China has made prominent and historic achievements in promoting urbanization since its reform and opening up while many challenges emerged and shall not be ignored in the process," he said.

He emphasized that China was willing to deepen cooperation with other countries in the field of housing and urban-rural development, exchange practical experience and innovative measures to value our communities and cities, and jointly address the various challenges of urbanization.

In her video message, Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director of UN-Habitat, thanked China for its efforts in organizing World Cities Day activities. "We are keen to collaborate with more Chinese cities for a people-centred, healthy urban future", she said.

"The theme of World Cities Day 2020, Valuing Our Communities and Cities, is a call to engage all stakeholders, to move from commitment to action, across the full reach of economic development, social progress, environmental sustainability and innovation," she added.

Representatives from over 40 cities signed the Fuzhou Initiative to express their common recognition of the significance of smart cities, communities, ecology, culture and safety in urban governance, and to call for building smart, eco-friendly, and people-centred cities that integrate traditional and modern culture in a participatory way.

The event was opened by Mr Wang Ning, Governor of Fujian Province. There were also messages at the opening ceremony from Mr. Lin Baojin, Secretary of the Fuzhou Municipal Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC), Mr. Li

Dejin, Vice Governor of Fujian Province, and video messages from Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations and Mr. Nikita Stasishin, Deputy Minister of Construction, Housing and Utilities of the Russian Federation.

In his keynote speech, Mr. Benedict Arimah, Chief of UN-Habitat's Global Reports and Trends Unit introduced the newly launched World Cities Report 2020. Mr. Yang Baojun, Chief Economist of MOHURD, highlighted the need for reshaping the value of communities and China's commitment to building adequately serviced communities. Mr. Karsten Sach, Director General for International and European Policy, Climate Policy, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) of Germany, introduced the efforts of Germany and EU in promoting ambitious NDCs on a path towards climate neutrality by 2050.

The Chinese Urban Development Best Practices Exhibition presented case studies of Chinese cities responding to sustainable development challenges with innovative solutions. The event was livestreamed by Xinhua News Agency and attracted more than 2.1 million online viewers. It can be seen here <https://live.xinhuaapp.com/xcy/reportlist.html?liveId=1603675001519373>.



Mr. WANG Ning, Governor of Fujian Province, announcing the opening of the World Cities Day event ©Xinhua News Agency



Opening speech by H.E. Mr. JIANG Wanrong, Vice Minister of MOHURD ©Xinhua News Agency



H.E. Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director of UN-Habitat, delivering a video message to the World Cities Day Observance in China ©UN-Habitat



Mr. Yang Rong, Officer-in-Charge of UN-Habitat Regional Programme Division and Mr. ZHANG Zheng, Deputy Director of the Shanghai Municipal Commission of Housing and Urban-Rural Development launching the Chinese version of Shanghai Manual Annual Report for 2020 ©Xinhua News Agency



Mr. YOU Mengjun, Mayor of Fuzhou, releases the Fuzhou Initiative. Representatives from over 40 cities signed Fuzhou Initiative at the event ©Xinhua News Agency

Shanghai

Opening Ceremony of World Cities Day Shanghai Observance

The opening ceremony of 2020 World Cities Day Shanghai Observance and Global Cities Forum was held in Shanghai Tower. The agenda included: the global release ceremony of the English version of Shanghai Manual: 2020 Annual Report, speeches by guests, keynote speeches and other segments. A series of ad campaigns and promotional events were carried out around the theme of World Cities Day this year.

The Shanghai Manual: 2020 Annual Report (English version) was released on the cloud by Li Qiang, Secretary of the CPC Shanghai Municipal Committee and remotely by Maimunah Sharif, Executive Director of UN-Habitat.

Gong Zheng, Deputy Secretary of the CPC Shanghai Municipal Committee and Mayor of Shanghai, delivered a speech at the opening ceremony of 2020 World Cities Day Shanghai Observance and the Global Cities Forum, and he gave a brief summary of the Shanghai Manual: 2020 Annual Report.

Desmond Lee, Minister for National Development of Singapore, Jiang Wanrong, Vice Minister of Housing and Urban-Rural Development of the People's Republic of China, António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations all delivered online speeches.

The keynote speech segment was hosted by Jiang Sixian, President of China Institute for Urban Governance, Shanghai Jiao Tong University and former Secretary of the Party Committee of Shanghai Jiao Tong University. The first speaker was Hong Hao, Chairman

of the Board of Directors of Shanghai World Expo Museum and Deputy Director of the Standing Committee of the 14th Municipal People's Congress. The title of his speech was "From Shanghai World Expo to World Cities Day: The Impact of Large-scale International Events on Sustainable Urban Development".

The second speaker was Qiao Jie, Academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering and President of Peking University Third Hospital, whose topic was "Healthy City Construction under the Background of Normalization of Epidemic Prevention and Control". In the fight against COVID-19 this year, President Qiao led the Peking University medical team in Hubei, and made a remarkable contribution to the protection of Wuhan. Lastly, Zheng Yongnian, Honorary Dean of the Institution of Politics and Economics of Shanghai Jiao Tong University, delivered a speech entitled "Global Economic and Social Development Trends and China's Urbanization Process".

There were nearly 20 influential top-level, large-scale World Cities Day themed and series activities. In addition to Shanghai, five activities were held in the Yangtze River Delta, including 17 forums (conferences), one exposition, and two promotional activities. Representatives from countries including Germany, Canada, Singapore, Kenya and Japan attended World Cities Day themed and activities such as the "2020 Global Cities Forum" and the "2020 Shanghai Summit on Global Urban Underground Space Development and Utilization". 115 organization/institutions acted as organizers responsible for the activities of World Cities Day, and took an active part in preparations. The participants were estimated to be more than 100,000

Global Cities Forum

On November 1, the 2020 Global Cities Forum, co-organized by the Development Research Center of Shanghai Municipal People's Government, Shanghai Municipal Commission of Housing and Urban-Rural Development and Management, Shanghai Emergency Management Bureau, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and the World Bank, was held in Shanghai Jiao Tong University. Representatives from Shanghai Municipal People's Government, UN-Habitat, World Bank, Shanghai Jiao Tong University and other institutions, as well as the guests from academic, political and industrial circles from countries and regions including China, USA, France, UK, Japan, South Korea, Australia, Singapore, Canada, Denmark and HKSAR attended.

The award ceremony for the first "Best Practice for Shanghai Urban Governance" was held at the Forum. After a five-month process of case collection, initial evaluation, on-site investigation and final evaluation, 10 Best Practice cases and eight Excellent cases were finally selected from the over 100 submitted cases.

After that, the awarding ceremony for the 6th National College Students Case Study Competition of City Governance(2020) was held on the Forum, 81 teams from nearly 70 universities nationwide including Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Tsinghua University, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, University of Macau, Zhejiang University, Renmin University of China and Nanjing University attended the competition. 15 teams entered the finals to demonstrate their case studies. Oral defence to the



The Audience at World Cities Day Shanghai watch a video message by the UN Secretary-General ©Xinhua News Agency



2020 Launch of Shanghai Manual at World Cities Day in Shanghai ©Xinhua News Agency

evaluation committee members and answering inquiries from the audience were conducted, discussion of the evaluation committee and public voting, 3 teams were awarded the first-class prize, second-class prize and third-class prize, and 6 participants were awarded with the "Popular Participant Prize".

Shanghai International City and Architecture Expo 2020

From November 25 to 27, the Shanghai International City and Architecture Expo or City Expo was held in the National Exhibition and Convention Center (Shanghai). It was jointly sponsored by the Shanghai Municipal Commission of Housing and Urban-Rural Development and Management and UN-Habitat, co-organized by Shanghai Coordination Center of World Cities Day and undertaken by the Shanghai Green Building Council.

The overall design was "1 theme, 5 aspects and 15 exhibition areas". A total of 15 exhibition areas were set up to showcase the achievements and experience of city construction, and

enhance the capabilities of community and urban governance around the global urbanization trend and characteristics in the post-epidemic era, The exhibition area of the "City Expo" was nearly 50,000 square metres, and was open to professional from all industries and the public. Together with the expo, nearly 30 series of forums were held, focusing on topics of urban construction and development.

At the opening ceremony of the "City Expo" held on 25 November, Li Zhe, Second-level Inspector of the Planning, Finance and Foreign Affairs Department of the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development of the People's Republic of China, other leaders of relevant commissions attended the opening ceremony.

This year's "City Expo" continued the tradition of holding an exhibition and forum at the same time. While the City Expo was on, the "10th Green Building Alliance Conference in Hot Summer and Cold Winter Zones" was also held.

In three days, many forums such as the Healthy Building Development Forum, the Smart Gas Forum, the Urban Smart Water Supply and Water Conservation Forum, the Summit Forum on the Reconstruction of Old Residential Buildings, and the Innovation and Development Technology Exchange Meeting for the Integration of Tunnels and Underground Space took place, allowing professionals to communicate on the trending technologies, and enterprises to seek business opportunities.

To construct the "Yangtze River Delta Integrated Ecological and Green Development Demonstration Zone", Shanghai Green Building Council has launched a "Future City in Children's Eyes" painting exhibition by encouraging the children to paint about life in the city, water towns south of the Yangtze River and "People from the Yangtze River Delta". More than 1,600 paintings were collected.

2020 World Cities Day Youth Series – Smart City, Youth Innovation Carnival

The Shanghai Coordination Center of World Cities Day and Shanghai Overseas Chinese Public Welfare Development Service Center jointly established a "World Cities Day Youth Public Welfare Base" to create a public welfare platform for World Cities Day and expanded the annual World Cities Day youth series activities.

At the celebration of "2020 World Cities Day Youth Series—Smart City, Youth Innovation Carnival" held on World Cities Day, hundreds of drawings, programmes, handicrafts and English speeches from more than 10 domestic cities, including Beijing, Guangzhou, Hangzhou and Harbin, and 40 youth paintings from 40 cities around the world, as well as robot competitive performances and unmanned aerial vehicle zones appeared on the event site, pushing the year-round youth series to a climax.

The 10th Anniversary of Shanghai World Expo & Shikumen Urban Renewal Forum 2020

"The 10th Anniversary of Shanghai World Expo & Shikumen Urban Renewal Forum 2020" sponsored by Shanghai Coordination Center of World Cities Day and CPPCC in Shanghai districts invited Zhou Hanmin, Member of the CPPCC Standing Committee and Vice Chairman of Shanghai CPPCC Committee, to look at the route of China bidding for the Expo, showing the importance to urban regeneration and development of Shikumen as the city's spiritual carrier, cultural milestone and symbol. During the Forum, 2020 Shikumen Forum Initiative was issued to call for all sectors of society

to pay full attention to the effect of the Expo's cultural heritage as a platform, and to make great efforts in increasing studies and promotion on Shikumen, the Shanghai-style residence, finally leading to perpetual inheritance of the Expo's philosophies.

The Second Shanghai Summit on Global Urban Underground Space Development and Utilization

On October 31, the Shanghai Summit on Global Urban Underground Space Development and Utilization, sponsored jointly by UN-Habitat, ACUUS, and the Science and Technology Committee of Shanghai Municipal Commission of Housing and Urban-Rural Development, was organized in the Shanghai Science Hall.

In the cloud round-table meeting, experts and scholars from different countries expressed individual views and discussed the underground space development, finally coming to a consensus on which they issued "the Program of Action for International Underground Space Exploitation and Development" that points out the direction for solutions to challenges in traffic, municipal administration, safety and environment that are caused by high-intensity exploitation and for scientific and effective utilization of underground resources, providing powerful support to advance the coordination between surface and underground space as well as economic sustainable development.

The Summit, with "safe and sound underground travel" as its theme, was held online and offline together for the first time. In the cloud-venue, experts at home and abroad who are occupied

with underground space gather together, focusing on the discussion about super resilience of deep underground space and on hotspots involving surface climate, geotherm, transportation, utilization in underground space, comprehensive detection of space, as well as intelligent operation and maintenance.

INDIA

Amritsar – Valuing our Communities and Cities

29 October 2020 -- Centre for Sustainable Habitat, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar celebrated World Cities Day 2020 through an International Webinar on the topic Valuing Our Communities and Cities.

Differentials in the structure, growth and development of cities are reflections of man's creative urges presenting the needs, thoughts, ideas and well-being of their inhabitants. The United Nations [2020] has viewed that 'urbanization has the potential to create opportunities for a better life, provide pathways out of poverty and act as an engine of economic growth. It is clear that communities are the lifeblood for cities and provide the economic, environmental and social value that leads to an improved quality of life for all'. COVID-19 has changed the city life dramatically to adopt a new normal for the survival of its inhabitants. The role and value of communities has become increasingly important of local actions for urban resilience and recovery. It is rightly recognized by the United Nations that 'the pandemic has highlighted the core weaknesses in many urban systems, such as economies that rely too heavily on global and national

markets, without sufficient recognition of the contribution and significance of local, social and economic actors and networks. Communities are innovative, creative, resilient and pro-active in terms of finding solutions particularly during crises. How cities manage to mobilize their various communities, in terms of different identity groups, location and economic status, to address challenges like COVID-19, climate and inequality, will contribute to their successes.

Organisations: Centre for Sustainable Habitat, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar(India); Institute of Spatial Planning & Environment Research, Panchkula (India);Cities Forum, London;Institute for Housing & Urban Development Studies, Erasmus University, Rotterdam (Netherlands);Centre for Science and Environment, N. Delhi (India)

New Delhi – A sustainable road from our roots to our cities

The Nirmal Bhartia School, New Delhi, India celebrated World Cities Day through . SMILE, Together We Can which is a unique wellbeing initiative inspired by this very Power of Community.

It was launched in April 2020 when the participants came together to re-invent teaching and learning for the very first time on a distance learning platform. The initiative seeks to reach out to children, parents, and families all over the world helping them navigate trying times with a sense of hope, belief, heart, and holism. It is an initiative started to counter the dark clouds of the pandemic and the lock down and intends to unlock this monumental and miraculous Power of Community, both within ourselves and in the world

around us.

Every week, the team shares inspiration with a growing family of children, parents and friends all over the world, to help us remain connected in spirit and heart even as we stay safe and physically apart.

The Nirmal Bhartia School was established in 2006 as a Community School with a mission of creating a pioneering educational institution for children, where education was not just a preparation for life; but a continuous process of engaging with life and learning; where each moment-replete in all its diversity and wholeness, was recognized as a learning opportunity. Integral to this founding mission was the imperative that even as the School attempted to introduce new educational thought and practice, its systems and approaches would continue to be deeply integrated with the culture and heritage of the community of which it was a part.

Organization: Nirmal Bhartia School, India

Global: Building Back Better: Covid-19 crisis an opportunity to build safe, sustainable and resilient cities

The Global Policy Insights (GPI) in partnership with UN Habitat organised an Urban Breakfast event to celebrate World Cities Day. The event featured a discussion on "Building Back Better: Covid -19 crisis an opportunity to build safe, sustainable, and resilient cities". The speakers were

Global Policy, Diplomacy, and Sustainability (GPODS) fellows who discussed urban issues and sustainable development.

This was the part of the World Cities Day 2020 global celebration. The event was attended by experts from United Nations agencies, governments, academia, civil society, private sector and scholarly students. The panelists and experts were from across the globe. This enabled the discussion to incorporate the diversity of theory and practice from all over the world.

IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF)

Tehran – International Youth Dialogue for Sustainable Cities on the occasion of World Cities Day 2020

Western Asian Development Institute in collaboration with Municipality of Tehran organised International Youth Dialogue for Sustainable Cities on the occasion of World Cities Day 2020. In addition to a scientific multi-disciplinary discussion, participants got a chance to meet keynote speakers from Iranian municipalities.

The speakers were : Ms. Niina Rinne, Municipality of Vantaa, Finland; Dr. Andrei Bezruchonak, Belarusian State University, Belarus; Ms. Jieliang Liu, University of Lisbon, Portugal; Dr. Viktorija Mangaroska, International Balkan University, Northern Macedonia; Dr. Zoheir, Sabaghpour, Deputy of International Affairs, Municipality of Tehran, Iran.

More than 95 participants from 35 different countries joined the webinar.

MALAYSIA

George Town – A webinar on Navigating Malaysian Cities: Walking during Covid-19

31 October 2020 – The pandemic has brought about an idea among three young, female urbanists in Malaysia to talk about how the pandemic has changed everything about the world, most visibly the cities. It is a topic that has not been explored enough from a non-technical, everyday perspective of the city life and the intention is to engage with the public and start the conversation about how we articulate the future direction of our cities, and whether we could go back to how it was before, and more crucially – what is the new normal.

In conjunction of World Cities Day, this webinar was the first of the “Navigating Malaysian Cities” series, where experts and people alike could come together and exchange their views and ideas about what they want in the city, with the hope to open more doors to future engagement and collaboration to materialise a truly sustainable and inclusive urban development. The webinar also featured Jane’s Walk KL and its experience in engaging with the local communities as they walk the city before, and in the midst of the pandemic – including how neighbourhoods are coping with the tremendous change in the social and economic life. The webinar also saw the launching of Jane’s Walk George Town at the end of the session. The one-hour webinar that was streamed on Facebook Live was well attended by around 50 people from all over Malaysia (the event was viewed by over 670 Facebook users), with a very lively discussion taking place in the chat section, with prospects of

future collaboration with different interest groups and associations, including the Malaysian Institute of Planners (MIP).

Ipoh – UrbanXFest 2020: World Cities Day 2020

In conjunction with World Cities Day 2020, UrbanXHub hosted a hybrid digital conference titled UrbanXFest 2020 on the 31st of October 2020. It was streamed live on UrbanXhub YouTube page of which the public had free access to the sessions and engaged with the host on the platform to share their thoughts and ideas. The event had four professional speakers from France, Bosnia, Singapore and Israel. All speakers presented remarkable sessions with topics ranging from smart city innovation to smart public transportation system and the future of IoT to healthier cities. For more details or interested to watch the digital conference, please visit www.urbanxhub.com/urbanxfest/



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MYANMAR

Nay Pyi Taw /Yangon – “World Cities Day” event jointly held by Ministry of Construction and UN-Habitat

UN-Habitat in partnership with the Department of Urban Housing and Development (DUHD) of the Ministry of Construction (MoC) of Myanmar

celebrated “World Cities Day”. The Event was successfully held on Friday 30 October 2020 on a zoom virtual platform.

The event was graced by the presence of U Han Zaw, the Union Minister of the Ministry of Construction, members of the National Urban Committee; senior officials from Department of Urban and Housing Development (DUHD); DUHD advisors; development partners; representatives from embassies, UN agencies; professional associations and urban professionals. A total of 98 participants attended the online forum.

Mr. Han Zaw, the Union Minister of Construction, delivered the opening remarks in which he took the opportunity to relay to the participants a decade of strong collaboration with UN-Habitat in joint efforts in creating a better urban future for Myanmar. He noted that World Cities Day 2020 reflects commitment towards building inclusive and environmentally sustainable cities in Myanmar, and given the lessons of COVID-19 pandemic, the compulsion of communities and relevant stakeholders to come together to build resilient cities. He noted that cities are centers of democracy, innovation, economic development, and culture, thus, making them drivers of sustainable development.

Communities are engaged in policy and decision making, and empowered with financial resources, the results are more inclusive and durable.

UN-Habitat Country Programme Manager Bijay Karmacharya, recalled the dramatic change of city life during the year as a consequence of the COVID-19 where urban areas are the epicenter of the pandemic globally. He highlighted that in Myanmar, the city of Yangon accounted



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for 70 percent of all recorded cases of COVID-19. He noted that the theme of the event- "Reflecting on Informal Settlements"- is central to the work of UN-Habitat. The following presentations were made:

Vishnu Prasad, Field Programme Manager, UN-Habitat Myanmar, made a presentation focused on the theme of World Habitat Day "Housing for all" and the enduring relevance of the New Urban Agenda in finding solutions to the pandemic. Specifically, the presentation highlighted the global nature of tenure insecurity, exacerbated by COVID-19. Finding solutions in the New Urban Agenda, the presentation offered ways to prevent evictions and strengthen security of tenure for all urban residents and residents of informal settlements, in particular.

Thibaut Bara, Country Director, Green Lotu) underscored the dynamics of urban migration to cities in Myanmar, specifically highlighting the role of disasters and climate change as a key driver of migration to cities. He remarked that the dominant narrative around informal settlements were tied to ideas of criminality and illegality. In finding

solutions to informal settlements, the presentation pointed to the need to counter prevailing stereotypes about residents of informal settlements through positive representation in the media and efforts to recognize their economic contribution to the city.

Ms. Helene Maria Kyed, Senior Researcher, Danish Institute for International Studies, presented on Informal Settlements and Migrant Challenges in Yangon.

The presentation highlighted the growing phenomenon of securitization of informal residents and migrants in Yangon. The presentation showed that informal migrants are left in a precarious position, often at the mercy of local power brokers.

Elizabeth Rhoads, Post-Doctoral Fellow, Lund University/University College London focused on the history of housing policy interventions in Myanmar, specifically highlighting the salience accorded to housing in the Pyidawtha Plan, an economic development plan established by the Union Government in 1952. Pointing to the specific post-independence housing experiments in Myanmar including cooperative housing,

joint housing scheme loans, and creation of public housing, the presentation made the case for revisiting past experiences to solve the housing problems of today

The presentations were followed by Q&A session and concluding remarks by Director General U Min Htein of the Department of Urban and Housing Development of the Ministry. The Director General said that World Cities Day 2020 had given an opportunity to reflect on the state of cities in Myanmar, especially amidst the effects of the COVID 19 pandemic on cities in Myanmar. He considered this year's theme to be timely and pertinent as the efforts to deal with the pandemic, whilst moving forward to a more sustainable future was complemented by the exertions of the urban poor and their community ties of resilience, creativity, and resolve, thus leading to the awareness that the cooperation of these communities is essential for building the aspired urban future. On behalf of the Ministry and Department, the Director General thanked the UN System and UN-Habitat in particular for the long standing cooperation, and expressed confidence that the joint efforts will make significant

strides towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly Goal 11 and the objectives of the New Urban Agenda.

NEPAL

Kathmandu

DUDBC organizes first event to celebrate World Cities Day 2020

Nepal organizes the first event/webinar to celebrate World Cities Day 2020.

Aiming to mainstream the current issues of urbanization, the Department of Urban Development and Building Construction (DUDBC) joined hands with UN Habitat Nepal and other line agencies to organize the program. It aims to encourage cooperation among countries in meeting opportunities and addressing urban challenges towards sustainable development. Under the overarching theme of Better City, Better Life, the theme of 2020 is Valuing our Communities and Cities.

Padma Kumar Mainalee, Dy. Director of DUDBC stated that the collaborative effort is demanded to address the new challenges of this sector.

PS Joshi, Program Manager of UN Habitat Nepal shared his views on essence for redefining rural and urban development. The sustainable development of urban areas should be focused on a livable environment to mankind. The three tier governments must invest on connectivity and linkage to the rural-urban market aiming to foster economic activities.

At the same time he shared the video message from Antonio Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations and Maimunah Mohd Sharif, chief of UN Habitat regarding the need for better livable cities.

Shankar Sharma, keynote speaker/ former vice chairperson of National Planning Commission stated that the entire population will move to a comparatively developed area for their quality life. It's time to talk about urban areas, semi-urban and rural area defining the crystal clear concept of development.

Maniram Gelal, DG of DUDBC said that most areas in Nepal are sub-urban. The core urban area is a major source of economic activities so that each individual should value the cities and urban areas. The pandemic of COVID-19 also compelled to decentralize the development paradigm to urban, sub urban and rural areas. As a leading entity of the Nepal Government to carry on infrastructure development, DUDBC is utilizing the resources to develop new corridors, industrial zones, integrated development and developing livable zones for people

Bidya Sundar Shakya, Mayor of KMC has committed to manage the core area of Kathmandu valley emphasizing the cultural, environmental, social and economic dimension to enrich the urban value. We are defining the criteria of smart cities and requesting other local governments to invest on physical, environmental and social development.

State Minister Ram Bir Manandhar, of MoUD highlighted that the government is prioritizing the quality outcome on development activities like international airport, tunnel way, fast track and other road connectivity.

Minister of Urban Development Krishna Gopal Shrestha stated that we have 293 municipalities with around 60 percent of population in urban area at present. We need to rethink on fostering the construction and development activities in sustainable and durable way. Over half the Nepal's population lives in urban areas and this figure is expected to increase in coming days. He further said that the ministry has formulated and endorsed Urban Development Policy and Strategy



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and set the legal ground targeting the better cities. He informed that ministry is carrying different studies (DPR) in consultation with private entities to define the demographic composition, figures and distribution channels, and requirement.

Dr Ramesh Prasad Singh challenged all to contribute the technical knowledge and collaborative effort in development activities. He requested to utilize the technical resources, skills and knowledge for a better living environment.

In the technical session, Dr. Sangita Singh presented a paper and stated that it is the right time after the devastating earthquake of 2015 to carry on the infrastructure development in proper manner. She added to reshape our pre-occupied mind set of development and advised the local government for keeping the traditional values of any site during construction time.

PALESTINE, STATE OF

Bethlehem – Sustainable, clean, green, and healthy Bethlehem project launched

Sustainable, clean, and healthy Bethlehem was launched as part of World Cities Day celebrations. Titled "Support Solid Waste Management Preparedness and

Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic and Provision of Sanitation and Hygiene in Public Spaces in Bethlehem Area, West Bank, Palestine" the project is funded by Al Waleed Philanthropies.

UN-Habitat Palestine and partners organised the project launch ceremony, specifically aimed at signing the four letters of intents with the partner municipalities and presenting the awareness-raising plan.

In Palestine, the overall goal of the programme is to supplement UN agencies, the Joint Services Council for Solid Waste Management of Bethlehem Governorate (JSC SWM), and Camp Service Committees' (CSC) efforts to support Solid Waste Management (SWM) preparedness and response to the COVID-19 pandemic to further stabilize the community and strengthen the integration between refugees and host community in Bethlehem area

The event was hosted at Bethlehem Municipality, during which the mayor of Bethlehem also expressed their support to this project, specifically the joint implementation of the handwashing units activity. Mayors of Beit Jala, Beit Sahour, and Al Doha cities attended the event. Furthermore, the communication and awareness-raising plan on COVID-19 was also presented. Finally, the JSW

SWM also contributed to this event by holding several voluntary street cleaning campaigns across the governorate, in which male and female students volunteered and participated in.

Organizations: UN-Habitat; Bethlehem Municipality; Beit Jala Municipality; Beit Sahour Municipality; Al Doha Municipality; Bethlehem Governor Office

THAILAND

Bangkok

UNESCAP organised the Virtual Expert Group Meeting: Vertical Integration of Climate Action in Asia and the Pacific which commemorates WCD.



EUROPE

ITALY

Rome - AI4Citizen takes part in World Cities Day celebrations

AI4Citizen is a Pilot Demonstration project under the AI4EU project which aims to bring a cohesive and complex AI policies, tools and solutions to Europe. AI4Citizen participated in the World Cities Day to showcase how AI can help citizens to deal with various topics and issues, in this Pilot primarily with topics of education and internships for students.

Description of the AI4Citizen Demonstration Pilot: <https://www.ai4eu.eu/ai4citizen>

The AI4Citizen pilot shows how several AI powered technologies can be assembled to provide a better user experience. It aims to enable students to interact in a more natural way with the system and lower the number of repetitive tasks to the teachers so he can dedicate more time to talk with students and companies.

The team formation solves in minutes what used to be a major burden to the teachers with a measurable metric while taking as much as possible into account student profile and wishes. Real life experimentation foreseen in the second part of the project will enable to measure these achievements.

Citizens are routinely engaging with the public sector in a variety of domains and for different needs. Finding the

right contact and associated procedure, understanding and following the instructions and procedure in the proper manner and making the right decision when several alternatives exist is not straightforward.

While this is difficult for adults, it is becoming even more challenging for teenagers that discover for the first time a complex procedure involving not only their school but also a strange world: the business world.

AI4Citizen pilot choose to focus on the newly established Italian scheme called Aternanza Scuola Lavoro (ie. school-work alternation – ASL) that involves circa 1.5 million of 15 to 19 years-old pupils for 200-400 hours over three years through practical experience to help to consolidate the knowledge acquired at school and to test the attitudes of students and students on the field, to enrich their training and guide their study path and, ultimately, to help them to choose their future work.

MONACO

Querataro - Citizen collective "Q500 Promoters" holds a Facebook Live event

The citizen collective "Q500 Promoters" made its presentation on Facebook Live as part of World Cities Day celebrations.

This collective, non-partisan, plural, multidisciplinary and intergenerational,

originated from a group of citizens who are members of the Advisory Council that participated in the development of the Strategic Plan "Q500" named after its planning horizon to the year 2031 which marks the 500th anniversary of the founding of the city of Queretaro.

Their mission is to promote the Plan among citizens in order to achieve, with the support of society, that the development objectives and proposals of the Q500 are incorporated into the public agenda and the planning system, to ensure its implementation and continuity. Therefore, they seek to cooperate with the business, social, academic and media sectors, through the management of multi-stakeholder partnerships.

The Q500 Plan is the roadmap and action plan, with a metropolitan perspective and long-term vision, to make Querétaro a municipality with sustainable, prosperous, equitable, inclusive, resilient, safe, governance and quality of life for all its inhabitants, in accordance with the UN Agenda 2030 deadline.

This year 2020 marks the beginning of the UN's so-called "Decade of Action", a period that requires accelerating sustainable solutions in order to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, which is why the Promoters are seeking to make Q500 part of the government's agenda and have its goals and proposals integrated into subsequent Municipal Development Plans, calling for social participation and political will.

In the event, the philosophy and objectives of the Q500 Promoters were presented, the main characteristics and strengths of the Q500 Plan were explained and the group of citizen promoters shared individually their motivation to be part of this group and their interest as citizens of this city to support the Q500 Plan.

Organizations: *Promotores Q500; Foro Intergremial Querétaro Planeado*

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Tolyatti - On The Way to Art

31 October 2021 – Community meeting was held to support public renovation project of one of the most prominent areas of Togliatti - Arts' Square.

Citizen-driven ideas about making this place greener, safer and healthier were

supported by community members and local businesses were presented

The project was submitted to participatory budget initiative ""SODEistvie"" in order to receive USD 13,240 to restore the open space in front of the Philharmonic Hall.



LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

ECUADOR

Cuenca

Webinar: The Contribution of Intermediate Cities to Sustainable Urban Development

28 October 2020– “Webinar: The Contribution of Intermediate Cities to Sustainable Urban Development was organized in the city of Cuenca, by the mayor CIDEU and UN-Habitat Andean Countries HUB, commemorating World City Day in the framework of Urban October, and the 5th anniversary Thematic Conference prior to Habitat III.

The Webinar had the participation of Carlota López Rubio, Urban Strategist of CIDEU, who together with Javier González, technical coordinator Municipal Foundation “El Barranco”, addressed issues of planning super-blocks, as an articulating element and creator of public space for intermediate cities. Roi Chiti, Coordinator of UN-Habitat Andean Countries, said that intermediate cities play an important role in the formation city system due to the formation is the result “... role they play as intermediaries in a territorial system, interacting with large cities, towns and other human settlements, and which more effectively articulate urban-rural links.” He also mentioned that there is a high diversity of intermediate cities and wasted

sustainable development potential and that it is important to achieve inclusive local development based on the tangible and intangible assets of communities, cities and territories.

This virtual event had an audience of more than 120 participants who allowed to analyze the application super-block model in order to improve the connectivity zones and enhance the various activities generated in the intermediate cities, such as Cuenca. The speakers mentioned that this is a process that requires community participation and that is also important to introduce gradually temporary changes, in order the process have a better acceptance by communities that will allow it to function over time.

VENEZUELA

Bolivarian Republic of Caracas

Webinar held to celebrate World Cities Day

NOUCITY celebrated World Cities Day by talking about urban vulnerability in the webinar entitled “Reduce Urban Vulnerability to gain more Sustainability”.

The objective of this meeting was to analyse the challenges and opportunities faced by Latin American and Venezuelan cities to achieve SDG 11 on sustainable cities and communities, from the

perspective of urban vulnerability to natural, social and technological disasters.

The panelists addressed the subject in a broad and practical way through the items:

- Progress on the SDGs and the New Urban Agenda in Latin American cities
- Urban vulnerability to understand how we achieve sustainability in our cities
- Co-responsibility and commitment to achieve sustainability. Practical initiatives on risk reduction.

The path to sustainable development inevitably passes through interdisciplinary work. Risk management should not be separated from the planning, design and construction processes of the city, as a direction alien to day-to-day urban decisions. It must be an issue treated transversally to the rest of the components that sustain the city because they all impact on the increase or reduction of urban vulnerability and, finally, governance is a key element for decision-making that will lead us towards sustainability.”



NORTH AMERICA

CANADA

Toronto - Urban Economy Forum hosts webinar "Urban Values: An Untapped Urban Resource"

Urban Economy Forum's Secretary General Anantha Krishnan opened this year's virtual discussion Urban Values: An Untapped Urban Resource on World Cities Day 2020, recognizing cities key role in the creation of values. This year, leaders worldwide virtually gathered to discuss solutions on the themes of how urban values can be developed within cities, and how do we create interaction between society and urban values to promote public participation. Krishnan notes that it is vital more than ever for cities to rethink their values with the rise of pollution, migration, and climate change. Specifically, cities need to collaborate and reinstall values as they are principals of behaviour and create directions on feelings and actions for the public.

"As someone who's life revolves around how we build, create, and share cities, it's always a good day to talk about urban affairs," says Adam Vaughan, Member of Canadian Parliament and Parliamentary Secretary of the Minister of Families, Children, and Social Development. Vaughan underlines a unique approach on creating interaction between city values and people, by learning from individuals who live off minimal resources.

Since COVID-19, encampments have dramatically increased within Toronto Canada's parks, creating clusters or "mini cities" within the city. These clusters

are seen to be affected like many other communities in poverty, where the poorer they are the farther away they are from necessities like clean water.

Although these encampments are not a desirable or sustainable means of living, they provide a critical insight for city values. Additionally, to examine how the clusters operate together with minimal resources. COVID-19 has given us the opportunity to look deeper into the culture of our cities to remodel and serve a civic purpose. We need to lean in and organize our cities and societies to blossom which begins with the natural inclination for people to collect. Vaughan stresses that cities are a place to share and lean on one another, similarly to what these clusters do.

Cities are the most complex place to present a foundation, yet they are what builds us, says Chair of UEF and Architect Reza Pourvaziry. When discussing urban values, city leaders need to rethink how to create an interpersonal and comprehensible dialog to increase and motivate public participation. City leaders need to rethink and elevate city values through clear dialog to increase public participation. When there is a clear understanding between leaders and the public, Pourvaziry believes people will become more involved and have an increase in motivation to build and work within the city for its future benefit.

Co-Chair of Urban Economy Forum and Former British Member of European Parliament Julie Ward understands that urban values should reflect all lives who

live within the city, including commuters, traders, and even tourists. Ward understands that our tangible and even subtle urban lives are reflected within streets and buildings which demonstrates the urban values we inhabit, yet they become so familiar they lose our notice. For example, football teams brought fans together and created communities which exhibited fans values. Now, football teams are being bought and renamed after large corporations for profit. Ward shares this as one of many examples where those with economic and political power have prevailed within our urban environments. These inequalities create slums, gated communities, distancing, and distinguishing groups of people by different socio-economic status. Though, Ward believes if all sections of society worked together to blur the lines between communities and their interactions by creating a diverse opening, it will be the most economically successful.

Ward spoke on a resolution for public participation within urban values with the idea of creating greenhouses for entrepreneurship. She recognizes there is a large intensity and focus within the minds of youth, artists, and those with a lower socio-economic status and urban values should embody these ideas. To create space for these minds, Ward states there needs to be a new culture of openness, collaboration, and space. Many of which, do not require large budgets or resources. These minds could use spaces that are abandoned such as docks where boats no longer land on, empty factories and buildings. Not only could these

empty spaces create opportunities for imaginative ideas to grow, but they could also be a place of value exchange where individuals can trade ideas, values, food, and goods similarly like markets in urban centers.

The Urban Values: An Untapped Urban Resource is an ongoing dialogue of Urban Economy Forum 2021 that will be held virtually on October 4th and 5th, 2021. The Urban Values discussion is aimed to collaborate and focus on developing urban values within cities, and how to create interaction and promote public participation. With the rise of pollution, migration, and climate change it is vital more than ever to rethink cities values to generate directions and behaviours for a sustainable future. If a new culture of openness and collaboration were to be instilled, imagine what other concepts towards rethinking urban values could be emphasized and circulated with the intention of public participation.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Honolulu, Hawaii

26 October - FIABCI-USA Hawaii Council hosted the World Cities Day Celebration on "Building People - Focused Smart Cities – The Future is Now" with featured speakers from Japan, Korea, China, and Nigeria. Please read the concept note [here](#).

Ms. Eugenia Foxworth, FIABCI-USA President-Elect, made an opening speech including updates on initiative and projects in New York. She also talked about FIABCI's collaboration with the United Nations supporting the

development of affordable housing around the world with The City We Need is Affordable book series and the Chapter's Grand Prix of Real Estate Awards.

The next speaker, Mr. Wataru Kawasaki, Program & Planning Officer for UN-Habitat in Japan delivered a live speech on the updates of the upcoming World Cities Day Celebration in Kenya and WUF 11 in Poland in 2022.

The first featured speaker was Mr. Chungha Cha, Co founder and Chair of Re Imagining Cities Foundation in Seoul, Korea who strive for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and Climate Action through the accelerated development of smart, sustainable communities and cities around the world. As part of his intervention, Mr. Chungha Cha shared a presentation on the Lakeview Village Project, in the city of Mississauga, Canada.

The following speaker was from the City officials from Chengdu Municipal Foreign Affairs Office, America-Oceania Division Staff in China, who presented the latest development of Chengdu City and one smart city program called "City Brain".

Lastly, a City official from Lagos State Government, Nigeria shared their digital infrastructure in Lagos Smart City.

New York - Local Innovations, SDGs & COVID-19

30 October 2020 - The New York Liaison Office of UN-Habitat hosted a virtual World Cities Day Celebration which highlighted the interactions between local innovations and the Sustainable Development Goals, and how COVID-19 has changed the sustainable

development strategies of communities and organizations. The event featured welcoming remarks from UN SG Antonio Guterres and UN-Habitat ED Maimunah Mohd Sharif. NYO Director Chris Williams opened the session and guided the discussion, emphasizing the importance of global community networks, and place-based and people-centered urban resilience.



UN75 and World Cities Day

30 October 2020 - The Permanent Mission of Slovakia and the Permanent Mission of Germany to the UN, NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY and UN-Habitat collaborated on an event, "Better City, Better Life: Valuing our Communities & Cities" to highlight UN75 and World Cities Day. It addressed the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on our communities and cities while strengthening our resilience to build back better. It emphasized that while many are utilizing innovative communication platforms that allow for better engagement to strengthen the resilience of their communities and cities, through the pandemic others without access are falling further behind. It was recognized that it is vitally important that we continue

our focus on the SDGs and 2030 SDG agenda to build partnerships with Member States, UN-Habitat, national and local authorities as well as stakeholders from civil society and the private sector in order to be better prepared to achieve the inclusive, safe, resilient and healthier future we want with the UN we need – to “Leave No One Behind.”

Washington, DC - Ecosystem-based Adaptation in Cities: Ecosystem-based Adaptation in Cities: People, Nature and Justice - Practical examples from the Global South

30 October 2020 - The Friends of Ecosystem-based Adaptation (FEBA) Urban EbA Working Group, PlanAdapt, and the Green-Gray Community of Practice co-hosted a webinar to showcase urban Urban Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA)

in the Global South by highlighting three case studies from India, Colombia, and Kenya, to promote the mainstreaming of EbA approaches as a cornerstone of climate adaptation in urban contexts. Natalia Acero, Director of Water and Cities at Conservation International in Colombia, presented work illustrating the impact that connecting the natural, peri-urban, and urban areas of Bogota had on reducing the city's vulnerability to flooding.

Dr. Monalisa Sen, Programme Coordinator (Biodiversity) at ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability, South Asia, presented three case studies from across various cities in India. Sen shared practical examples to show how bringing together rural and urban communities' knowledge is key to the design and successful management of urban and natural assets. Dr Sen shared case studies from Kochi, Jaisalmer and Solapur in India.

Derrick Muyodi, co-founder of Ceriops Environmental Research Organisation, presented a case study on mangrove restoration in urban and peri-urban coastal areas in Kenya, emphasising the need for urgent action and including community and stakeholder participation.

The keynote speaker, Kimberly Pope, Nature Action Agenda Lead on Nature-Positive Cities and Infrastructure at the World Economic Forum, stressed that it is crucial to have a nature positive transformation of our cities, especially in the wake of COVID-19 saying “We must use this moment to reimagine cities all over the world to make them greener and more inclusive.”

Over 100 attendees tuned in from over 22 countries, representing governments, international organisations, research institutions, civil society organizations, and the private sector and echoed many points mentioned by speakers.

FIJI

Suva - Local Economic Development in the Pacific Islands: Framework for a Blue and Green Economy

30 October 2020-- Strengthening the ability of local government to create enabling environments for economic development is vital to achieve the SDGs and implement the Pacific New Urban Agenda. This webinar shared the key outcomes of an action-based training program that has been piloted by local governments in Kiribati, the Cook Islands and the Marshall Islands. Active discussion and contributions from Pacific partners highlighted some of the key challenges and opportunities to accelerate economic development and explore how the pilot program may have relevance for other Pacific Island communities. Overall the local communities and governments who

participated in the training really saw the value of the capacity building support. However, these aspirations were often challenged by a lack of sustainable funding and socioeconomic isolation of many of the outer island communities. These are highlighted as key priorities for future economic development projects in the Pacific Island region especially against a backdrop of COVID induced economic downturn. This webinar was presented by the Pacific Partnership for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda (PP-NUA).

Organizations: *UNESCAP; Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF Pacific); EAROPH Australia; ICLEI Oceania; UN-Habitat; University of Melbourne; Delegation of the European Union for the Pacific; Kiribati Local Government Association; Ministry of Internal Affairs – Marshall Islands; Office of the Prime Minister – Cook Islands*

people living with disabilities. Through a combination of interactive and inclusive sports activities, a children's art space, dialogue sessions, live music and public awareness information booths, the day provided space for celebration as well as education and dialogue.

As the year also marks the 75th anniversary of the United Nations, UN-Habitat organized an interactive mapping exercise to engage the public in dialogue on 'The future we want, the cities we need'. Participants were asked to provide feedback on topics such as basic service provision, recreational activities, housing, and safety and security, all of which will be used to inform future policy making and programming.

In a message, Hon. Premila Kumar, Minister for Local Government, Housing and Community Development said :“To show our appreciation for the communities we serve, we dedicated a day to celebrate the partnership between all parts of our community in making our cities and towns great places to live, work and play.”



Fiji celebrates first ever World Cities Day

31 October 2020 – This was the first time Fiji celebrated World Cities Day. UN-Habitat supported the Ministry of Local Government and over twenty government and UN partners to promote and celebrate liveable, vibrant, sustainable and inclusive communities and cities. The event was organized as a celebration open to the wider public and created space for engagement with all segments of society, in particular children and youth, as well as

UN Habitat Urban Resilience Team Leader Inga Korte said the success of any city or town depends on the voices of all its members. “We put a special emphasis on this because we see that building cities or making cities that are more inclusive will be really important going forward. We have many people here today with a disability and we’ll ask questions on what kind of cities they would like to see five years from now”

A representative from the Fiji Association of the Deaf Leona Tamailai says the inclusion of different members of society gives them an opportunity to raise awareness as well as showcase their talent.

Organizations: UN-Habitat; Ministry of Local Government; Suva City Council; Fiji National Sports Commission; Fiji Disabled Peoples Federation

"This programme is so good and so exciting and we hope that we'll do more on this and we'll be more into inclusive and even though we are disabled but we showcase what we are able to do" Local Government Minister Premila Kumar officially opened the event commending stakeholders and businesses for working together.



UN-Habitat team getting ready for the 'feedback wall' ©UN-HABITAT



The Minister of Local Government as Chief Guest, Ms. Premila Kumar ©UN-HABITAT



Children drawing and colouring their favorite places in Suva ©UN-HABITAT



Participants in World Cities Day ©UN-HABITAT



Sitting volleyball – all sports activities were carried out in an inclusive way ©UN-HABITAT



31 DAYS OF PROMOTING A BETTER URBAN FUTURE

URBAN OCTOBER EVENTS



CAPE VERDE

Development of urban policies and mechanisms for financing urbanization

Praia, 17 November 2020 – The rapid increase in levels of urbanization currently observed around the world, the growth of cities, and the current concern about climate change, are some of the most striking features of the 21st century. With the growth of human settlements, there are opportunities to improve social services, employment options, better housing options, local economic development, and economic competitiveness. In contrast to the opportunities, there are urban challenges such as unemployment, the growth of informal settlements, the spread of diseases and the lack of basic services.

Much of these challenges have arisen from uncontrolled urbanization, where territorial planning and urban policies have failed to accommodate rapid growth rates.

For this reason, more and more countries must have urban policies that go beyond traditional city boundaries, and governments must promote linkages and partnerships at all levels of societies to be able to face the complex urban problems".

In the framework of the Urban October, a technical space meeting for discussion of the challenges associated with the promotion of inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable cities and settlements for a better urban future. It was also a space

for sharing experiences, good practices and networking for participants.

This panel addressed the following objectives:

1. To analyze the regulatory framework and the challenges of urban policies for the different contexts of Portuguese-speaking countries;
2. Share experiences of policymaking and urbanization financing mechanisms;
3. Discuss the challenges associated with urban policies for specific contexts."

EGYPT

Arab Urban Innovation Movement (AUIM)

Giza, Egypt 20 October 2020 – Arab Urban Innovation Movement (AUIM) team and the Arab Science and Technology Foundation (ASTF) convened a meeting to plan for the AUIM initiative during the month of Urban October 2020. It aimed to raise awareness, building capacity, and knowledge transfer of the urban innovation and technologies in the era of the 4th industrial revolution, on different levels of collaboration. Moreover, addressing the concept of smart sustainable cities and their crucial role in promoting the achievement of the 2030 agenda, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and the New Urban Agenda (NUA) in Egypt and the Arab States. Young people are the heart of this movement, they are the future leaders of what we

aspire to be. In addition to a unique group of professors and experts in the area of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM).

ETHIOPIA

Ethiopia organizes month long activities in marking Urban October

UN-Habitat Ethiopia held a range of activities to mark this year's Urban October. The activities ranged from table discussion, webinars, urban dialogues, an exhibition, urban radio shows, seminars, workshops, discussions, urban cinema, launches and an inauguration ceremony all held across six different cities.

These activities brought together public institutions, the civil society, international organisations and different stakeholders interested in the urban development of Ethiopia. "In holding these various event, the hope was to provide a good platform to raise awareness of sustainable urbanization, share knowledge on effective urban solutions and best practices, highlight findings on effective COVID-19 response in cities and ultimately enhance collaboration among partners for sustainable urbanization" Aklilu Fikresillasie, the County manager, UN-Habitat Ethiopia.

One of the key highlights of the month was the agreement made between the Ministry of Urban Development and Construction and UN-Habitat which will see UN-Habitat implementing the regional development and spatial planning of 8 regional states in Ethiopia. The regional

spatial development plan will structure the growth, development and prosperity of the regions within the available resources, thereby achieving balanced development of the regions.

In the course of the month, UN- Habitat held 11-day exhibition at Addis hall in Addis Ababa town showcasing efforts towards solid waste management through dumpsite rehabilitation and the display of recycled arts. The aim of the exhibition, which was open to the public was to showcase the progress made in rehabilitating the Koshe dumpsite which collapsed in 2017 leading to the death of citizens. It was also a strategic display to different stakeholders to further drive the conversation on waste management considering what has been done so far and what should be done in future. The exhibition was a joint project of Addis Ababa city and UN-Habitat with the financial support from the government of Japan.

The culmination of these activities were marked on 31st October, during the World Cities Day, where UN-Habitat Ethiopia, in partnership with the Ministry of Urban Development and Construction launched the National Urban Lab. The lab will create a platform where new ideas can be incubated and further developed into reliable, inclusive and resilient urban solutions.

The success of these events was made possible through the support and partnership with the Ministry of Urban Development and Construction, Ethiopian Urban Planners Association, Association of Ethiopian Architects and the Urban Centre, the Embassy of Sweden, Swedish SIDA, Embassy of Japan and DFID.

GUINEA BISSAU

Urban Fridays: Promoting spatial planning and balanced urbanization through the Spatial Development Framework

Bissau, 23 October 2020 – The "Urban Fridays" were five meetings held at the Urban Circuit 2020 with the purpose of disseminating tools, methodologies and projects implemented by UN-Habitat offices in Brazil and in Portuguese-speaking African countries. The meetings addressed several topics, such as: mapping and data production, urban resilience, urbanization policy and financing, spatial development frameworks and Development Plans for 2030.

The fourth meeting, entitled "Urban Fridays: Promoting spatial planning and balanced urbanization through the Spatial Development Framework", presented:

(i) Spatial Development Framework (SDF): tool designed to support the decision-making processes of national, regional and local governments, creating a spatial understanding of territorial and socio-economic conditions and defining a vision and strategy to maximize the benefits of investments and to point out a more effective planning for its implementation. The tool uses the Matrix of Functions (MoF) to provide evidence from a simplified, fast and participatory data collection methodology, in addition to understanding the regional structure, territorial dynamics and the roles that the settlements assume in this structure.

Organizations: *UN-Habitat Guiné-Bissau, UN-Habitat Mozambique*

First Neighbourhood Cleaning Championship in Guinea-Bissau

Bissau 31 October 2020 – The event "First Cleaning Championship between Neighborhoods in Guinea-Bissau", Bissau edition, appears as a way to improve the issue of basic sanitation and waste treatment in the city, a fact that makes it very vulnerable to the increase in cases of COVID-19. Therefore, it is a coordinated activity between the different actors that should reinforce the appropriation of the population of the city's neighborhoods to solve the problem of cleaning, encouraging future activities and actions to respond to COVID-19. The championship, which had its opening day on World Day of Cities (October 5th), counts on the participation of all districts of Bissau in competitions on the weekends, supported by awareness-raising activities and wide dissemination throughout the country through radio broadcasts and television, for example. A video was produced and was broadcast on October 31 (Urban Circuit) and the competition will end in December when the winning neighborhoods will be awarded.

Organizations: *UN-Habitat/ Embaixadores Urbanos/ ONG GBVHN, Embaixadores Urbanos;NGO Guiné Bissau Verde Homem Novo;Municipality of Bissau;RENAJ;CNJ;Academia Ubuntu;National Government*

KENYA

World Homelessness Day 2020: Housing and Social Protection at the Core of Homelessness Prevention Strategies

Nairobi, 12 October 2020 – On the occasion of World Homelessness Day, UN-Habitat hosted a webinar on the theme “Housing and Social Protection for all to End Homelessness”. The event, jointly organized by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) and UN-Habitat marked another milestone in the collaboration between the two agencies on the topic.

The event brought together high-level technical experts to discuss the renewed urgency of addressing homelessness within the context of a COVID-19 new normal.

During the event, Mr. Robert Lewis-Lettington, Chief of UN-Habitat's Land, Housing and Shelter section, highlighted the fact that “as the United Nations we must respect, protect and fulfil the rights of the most vulnerable. People experiencing homelessness are amongst them. If we want to make our cities sustainable and inclusive, we must address homelessness”.

At the end of his remarks, he launched the new UN-Habitat Proceedings Report of the 2019 Expert Group Meeting on “Affordable housing and social protection systems for all to address homelessness” that took place in Nairobi 22 - 24 May 2019. The report collects and analyses the contribution of the experts who participated in the EGM and aims to broaden the understanding of the complex causes of homelessness.

Ms. Daniela Bas, Director of the Division for Inclusive Social Development of UN DESA, further stressed the complex and global nature of homelessness and how, she says, “it affects people from different ages, geographical areas and backgrounds and this has become increasingly visible today with the COVID19 pandemic”. According to Bas, “we must build on the strong political will and the actions that have been taken to address homelessness during the pandemic to recover from the COVID-19 crisis and build back better”.

Other leading voices in the field of homelessness prevention discussed strategies to better map and tackle the root-causes of homelessness and to support government in their effort to end homelessness forever.

Ms. Dame Louise Casey, Chair of the Advisory Committee of Institute of Global Homelessness (IGH), pointed out that “a lot of funds have been spent on developing strategies to solve ‘symptoms’ of homelessness without addressing the root causes of the disease. To address homelessness, we must prevent the recurrence of its driving factors”. She also stressed the importance of data for devising evidence-based and effective policies. On this point, she said “if we do not count homelessness, we do not see homelessness and IGH is committed to partner with any willing stakeholder to conduct a global homelessness survey”.

Ms. Christina Behrendt, Head of ILO's Social Policy Unit, Social Protection Department, discussed the need to strengthen social protection systems and the delivery of affordable housing to address homelessness, building on the positive initiatives taken by governments

globally during the COVID-19 emergency phase. According to her, during the pandemic “208 countries have improved in different ways their social protection systems, with 131 housing or basic services related measures in 86 different countries”.

Mr. Freek Spinnewijn, Director, European Federation of National Organisations Working with the Homeless (FEANTSA), addressed the issue of harmonising the definition of homelessness and presented the European Typology of Homelessness and housing exclusion (ETHOS). He said: “the ETHOS definition tries to capture homelessness as a process and its features across different scenarios. ETHOS does not promote hierarchy in gravity within categories of homelessness. It features collateral and indirectly related issues such as asylum and gender-based violence as well as long term solutions”.

The webinar also served as a platform for amplifying the voices of those who experienced homelessness. Ms. Liz Madden and Ms. Iris Bailey shared their experiences on what it means to be homeless and how they overcame this experience. Ms. Madden pointed out that “being given a home was just the first step toward ending her homelessness situation. For many people homelessness is a state of mind that is hard to escape without experts’ support”. Ms. Bailey shared the real-life stories of friends and relatives who were left behind, suffered homelessness and lacked support to change the situation.

Participants agreed that homelessness is the result of a structural failure to respect, protect and fulfil human rights. As Ms. Bailey said at the end of the event,

"everyone should have the right to say 'this is my mail and address', 'my home', 'I am going home' and 'I live here'".

The role of National Urban Forums as multi-stakeholder platforms to accelerate implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and the New Urban Agenda

Nairobi, 20 October 2020 – On 20-21 October 2020 UN-Habitat, in collaboration with the Israel Urban Forum and the Ministry of Construction and Housing of the state of Israel, held an online Expert Group Meeting (EGM) on National Urban Forums (NUFs) and their role in accelerating implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and New Urban Agenda in the Decade of Action.

A range of experts, many from member states with experience hosting NUFs, reaffirmed the value of the NUFs for creating and carrying forward a "common vision" of sustainable urbanization, shared by multiple stakeholders and across levels of government. With the world still in the grips of the COVID-19 pandemic, experts noted that this "common vision" is critical for building back better and developing cities that are inclusive, green, and resilient to numerous challenges, including climate change and future pandemics.

The EGM discussions highlighted how NUFs play a fundamental role in connecting local, regional and national governments, as well as civil society and non-government partners. Experts highlighted the pivotal role of partnerships and the importance of identifying and including relevant stakeholders (civil

society, business, academics, the United Nations) to take part in NUFs, contribute to urban policy discussions, and monitor outcomes. In particular, they identified the need for governments to formalize relationships with civil society partners and for NUF hosts to actively think about how to bring in urban actors, such as the urban poor and those living in informal settlements, who typically fall outside the "mainframe" of sustainable urban development."

Offline eLearning Innovation

Kilifi, Kenya 23 October 2020 – It's time to celebrate Urban October – a UN-Habitat initiative to highlight positive urban development through sustainable action.

Developed by US-based Learning Equality, Kolibri is an edtech platform designed for offline use especially in under-resourced environments. Elimu Resource Centre in Malindi has been working with Kolibri in-house and in the community since 2018.

Kolibri was launched in a few schools in Malindi at the start of 2020. Then, with the arrival of COVID-19 this year, Kolibri set about finding a solution that would deliver our Kenya-specific educational content on Kolibri to learners in their homes. The innovation hosts the Kolibri platform on a robust computer server and gives access to the content to users in the community via a mesh bridge network set-up. This arrangement remains true to the original offline design which does not use the internet and does not require data bundles. It also protects children from malicious internet sites and there is no cost to the user to access the content.

The goal is children studying on Kolibri in the classroom and seamlessly continuing their studies via their virtual Kolibri classroom from their home. This is an effective solution to a phased return to full time learning.

Teachers can set up their real live classrooms as virtual classrooms in Kolibri. Students can work at their own pace, even in class, and the platform keeps track of usage and performance, individual and aggregate data. Multi-choice exams can easily be digitized and allotted a specific time for completion. The system does the corrections and provides results for the student and teacher. Teachers can set assignments to be done either in-class or at home and they can create and upload their own educational content in a variety of formats. The platform also comes with existing free open source content which includes Khan Academy, African Storybook Project and PhET Interactive Simulations interactive math and science simulations.

Growth of Local Communities in the Country

Nairobi, 30 October 2020 – Enkaya Designs organized 'Let us come Together in Building Local Communities as they Shape the Country's Economy and Sustainability'

Organizations: *Enkaya Designs, Patreon*

MOROCCO

World Metropolitan Day: COVID-19 and Metropolitan Management: Lessons Learned from the Global Health Crisis

Rabat, 6 October 2020 – The celebration of World Metropolis Day offered an ideal opportunity for necessary introspection and indispensable prospective reflection on:

- What is the new post-COVID normality we are moving towards?
- What are the pitfalls to be avoided?
- How to prepare cities to face the next health or environmental crises?
- What innovations have emerged and how can they be promoted and supported to better prepare metropolises to face health and environmental risks and crises?
- What directions should be taken so that African metropolises are more economically productive, more socially just and secure, more culturally rich because they are attentive to preserving and promoting diversity, and more ecologically sustainable?
- How can we ensure that metropolitan governance integrates citizen participation?
- How can we increase the sense of belonging to the same metropolitan community and ensure that living together will not be called into question in the post-COVID situation?

It is to this set of questions and to many others that the webinar organized

by UCLG-Africa attempted to provide answers based on the experiences of different metropolises and the lessons learned from them by policy makers, professionals, researchers, private sector entrepreneurs and civil society organizations.

This webinar was an opportunity to share the lessons learned from the global health crisis at the metropolitan level.

Organizations: UCLG Africa, Metropolis

MOZAMBIQUE

Spatial adaptation of markets to prevent COVID-19 in urban areas

Maputo, 15 October 2020 – In order to reduce the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the largest urban centers are adopting prevention and response measures in the medium and long term. Public spaces and urban facilities of greater agglomeration, such as markets and other businesses considered essential, are priority environments for adaptation.

In this context, UN-Habitat, through the Urban Task Force formed by the central government and municipalities of Mozambique and in coordination with other partners, is providing technical assistance in the context of the spatial transformation of the Markets to the Municipality of Maputo as a pilot municipality. In this context, the "Task Force for spatial adaptation of markets within the scope of COVID-19 prevention in urban areas of Mozambique" was developed by the Urban Task Force, a Manual of good practices and

applications to guide the effective transformation of markets for prevention of COVID-19 in all urban areas. The event seeks to discuss and present to other countries the experience and challenges of implementing transformation interventions in Mozambique's markets. In addition, it is intended to exchange good practices and collect inputs for future adaptation and implementation of this document in other African cities and contexts.

Organizations: UN-Habitat Mozambique, UN-Habitat in Lusophone Countries

Implementing the New Urban Agenda for strengthening of Territorial Development - Leaving no one and no space behind

Maputo, 28 October 2020 – An international initiative was launched in 2019 as part of the project "Implementing the New Urban Agenda for strengthening Territorial Development - Leaving no one and no space behind" implemented by UN-Habitat, financed by Catalan Agency for Cooperation and Development (ACCD), and aims to support the implementation of the New Urban Agenda through territorial development and National and Sub-National Urban Policies in Mozambique, Burkina Faso and Senegal.

The main objective of the Final Seminar is to present and discuss the results of the initiative at Mozambique level with the parties involved, and to analyze the next steps in a particular and general way (municipalities, districts, metropolitan area, governments provincial and central).

Based on the objective outlined, the seminar will focus on presenting the final report of the Function Matrix for the Maputo Metropolitan Area and the recommendations from the exercise for national policies related to territorial development.

Organizations: *UN-Habitat Mozambique; Catalan Agency for Cooperation and Development - ACCD; Ministry of State Administration and Public Service of Mozambique*

Good practices and challenges for preventing and responding to COVID-19 in public transport

Maputo, 30 October 2020 – An Urban Task Force to combat COVID-19 in urban areas of Mozambique was created in March 2020 by the Government of Mozambique and under the initiative of UN-Habitat to support local governments with solutions for cities and informal settlements, promote the exchange of good practices and lessons learned and improve coordination in the scope of activities to combat the pandemic between Municipalities and with the Central Government. The platform is coordinated by Ministries and Institutions of the Central Government (MAEFP, MOPHRH, MITA, INGC, ANAMM) and is composed of several governmental and autarchic entities and cooperation partners.

In the context of the Urban Task Force, many Municipalities presented various experiences and best practices related to COVID-19 prevention activities in the context of public transport, as well as several challenges, to strengthen risk communication and community engagement and access to water, hygiene

and sanitation in this area, as well as guaranteeing social distance.

The general objective of the Webinar is to discuss and present to the national and international public good practices, experiences and challenges from the Municipalities of the Metropolitan Area of Maputo on prevention and response actions to COVID-19 in the scope of public transport.

Organizations: *UN-Habitat Mozambique; National Association of Mozambican Municipalities - ANAMM; Metropolitan Transport Agency of Mozambique - AMT*

SAO TOME AND PRINCEPE

Building urban resilience in Lusophone countries

São Tomé, 9 October 2020 – The "Urban Fridays" will be five meetings held at the Urban Circuit 2020 with the aim of disseminating tools, methodologies and projects implemented by the UN-Habitat offices in Brazil and the Portuguese-speaking African Countries. The meetings will address several themes, such as: mapping and data production, urban resilience, urban policy and financing, spatial development frameworks and Development Plans for 2030.

The second meeting, entitled "Building urban resilience in Portuguese-speaking cities", will present:

- (i) City Resilience Action Planning Tool (CityRAP) which aims to support and guide local governments of small to medium sized cities, or neighbourhoods/districts of

larger cities or metropolitan areas, to plan and implement practical actions to strengthen the resilience of their cities and towns;

- (ii) Experiences and challenges in implementing CityRAP in Mozambique, São Tomé and Príncipe and Guinea-Bissau; and
- (iii) Teresina Urban Resilience Programme and City Profile (document prepared in the framework of the UN-Habitat Global Resilient Cities Programme)

Organizations: *UN-Habitat; Sistema das Nações Unidas*

Contributions to National Urban Policy

São Tomé, 19 October 2020 – The Forum aimed to collect subsidies for the creation of a National Housing Policy in Sao Tome and Principe, respecting the objectives of sustainable development, to meet the current demand for decent housing in the country, especially for the financially vulnerable population. To point out ways to define and regulate the contribution of the real estate sector in terms of housing and to review the mechanisms to combat social injustice in access to housing. Several contributions were considered, including a Proposal for a Land Use Plan, with emphasis on its steering function; the planning and management of spaces for housing construction, allotment and urbanization; the role of new construction technologies in the process of mass production of "low-cost" and quality housing; as well as the possibility of financing social housing projects by banks as an alternative to the current model of state provision.

The general objective was to present the current context of social housing in São Tomé and Príncipe, given the challenges already identified in the archipelago, including those imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as to provide a debate among experts on the factors that most contribute to the creation of the aforementioned National Housing Policy.

The Forum was opened by the Minister for Infrastructure and Natural Resources. Cesaltino Fernandes, a UN-Habitat official for São Tomé and Príncipe, José Maria Barros, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Housing and Real Estate Institute, as well as representatives of the DOPU, Cadastro and BISTP, also participated.

The event was fully online on the Zoom platform, with the participation of the proposed participants and was broadcast live to the Lusophone and international public. The language of the event was Portuguese.

Expected Results are:

- Presentation of an overview of social housing in S.Tomé and Príncipe.
- Presentation of factors that will contribute to the creation of a National Housing Policy in São Tomé and Príncipe.

Organizations: *UN-Habitat, Instituto de Habitação e Imobiliário, Ministry of Infrastructure and Natural Resources; Directorate of Public Works and Urbanism (DOPU); International Bank of São Tomé and Príncipe (BISTP)*

Technical Validation of the São Tomé Island Sustainable Urban Development Framework-ST2030

Sao Tome 22 October 2020 – The Framework for Urban Development for São Tomé Island (São Tomé 2030) aims to provide a script for an inclusive, sustainable and resilient urban development of São Tomé Island. São Tomé 2030 was developed by the Government of the Republic of São Tomé in collaboration with the Office of the United Nations Resident Coordinator and technical assistance from the United Nations Programme for Human Settlements (UN-Habitat), with a focus on the engagement and active participation of the most different actors, in order to better reflect both the problems faced on the island, The Validation Workshop is a participatory consultation exercise with key experts from various relevant institutions in the country to collect contributions and validate the proposed structure of São Tomé 2030 (vision and objectives) with the general public, and to understand what the priority areas and projects for action are.

Organizations: *UN-Habitat Sao Tome and Principe; Câmara Municipal de Água-Grande; Sistema das Nações Unidas*

SOUTH AFRICA

World Urban Parks Regional Roundtable - Urban Parks, Urban Futures: Insights from Africa

Cape Town, South Africa 20 October 2020 – World Urban Parks convened a global expert panel to share knowledge and align messaging on the critical importance of urban green spaces, especially in light of the current global pandemic and the subsequent increasing need for a green recovery. This panel, with support from global partners, including ICLEI and CitiesWithNature, hosted a COVID-19 International Park Expert Roundtable discussion in the form of a series of regional webinars under the theme Urban Parks, Urban Futures. This webinar series culminated at the World Urban Parks Virtual Leaders Forum, supported by the City of Tirana in November 2020.

ICLEI Africa and CitiesWithNature were proud to host the discussion in Africa, as part of ICLEI Africa's weekly webinar series entitled "Building sustainable cities during and after a pandemic." The webinar was an opportunity to discuss social constructs and catalytic interventions related to green spaces and parks in African cities in order to challenge the status quo of our urban landscapes that COVID19 has brought to the forefront in Africa. Through addressing 3 key questions, the webinar contributed to the overarching theme of radical innovation for our urban parks and urban futures landscape in relation to building greener cities in Africa that are fit for our post-COVID future.

Smarter Mobility Africa LIVE supported by Alstom

Johannesburg, 27 October 2020 –

Smarter Mobility Africa LIVE supported by Alstom is a creative 3 day summit including Walking, Cycling and Shared Transport, Public Transport and Electric Vehicles. They unpacked the smarter mobility landscape in Africa, including the challenges and opportunities brought about by COVID-19 and the progress of governments Green Economy & Smarter Mobility Strategies.

Utilising the latest virtual conferencing tools Smarter Mobility Africa LIVE supported by Alstom brought together mobility thought leaders from business and government, to consolidate efforts for accelerating the transition to electric and smart mobility. The virtual summit highlighted the currently available and future mobility solutions. Highly effective networking and match making technologies are applied to ensure that the most relevant stakeholders are connecting.

Smarter Mobility Africa LIVE supported by Alstom dives deep into the latest technologies, policies, case studies, business models, and the impact thereof on health and the environment to ensure that the right decisions can be made to take us into the new world of mobility.

Organizations: Generation.e; UN-Habitat; UNEP; Sustainable Transport Africa; AEMDA; ICLEI; African Mobility Month; Siemens Stiftung; Neckermann Strategic Advisors; RMI



INDIA

Discussion with UN Special Rapporteurs on Adequate Housing

New Delhi 14 October 2020 – On 14 October 2020, Housing and Land Rights Network, India (HLRN) organized a historic event to commemorate 20 years of its founding as well as 20 years of the United Nations Housing Rapporteur Mandate. The event consisted of a panel discussion with all four Special Rapporteurs on the Human Right to Adequate Housing (current and former) on the topic: 'Global Challenges to the Human Right to Adequate Housing, Role of the UN and the Way Forward.' Moderated by the Executive Director of HLRN, the discussion provided significant insights into the work of the mandate-holders as well as important reflections on the current global housing crisis and recommendations for the way forward. Over 300 people from all over the world attended this historic event.

The Special Rapporteurs emphasized that one of the most important contributions of the UN Housing Rapporteur mandate has been to enable a global movement on housing rights by ensuring that housing is recognized as a human right and included in local, national, and international policies. Developing important global standards related to the right to housing by the mandate-holders has been an instrumental contribution. These standards have been used extensively by governments, civil society, independent

institutions, lawyers, and judges around the world. Undertaking country missions has allowed the Special Rapporteurs to interact with people on the ground and expose the international community to local issues related to housing rights.

The diminishing role of the United Nations in influencing national policies has emerged as a major challenge for the work of the Special Rapporteurs. The limited focus and priority given to economic, social, and cultural rights, including the right to housing, within UN institutions, and the lack of follow-up mechanisms has further limited the role of the Rapporteurs. Another major challenge has been addressing new and complex forms of homelessness and forced evictions, and ensuring that they are recognized as human rights violations globally. The financialization of housing, the global obsession with urbanization, and disregard for rural housing, were other issues that the Special Rapporteurs identified as challenges to the realization of the right to housing.

The UN Housing Rapporteurs proposed several recommendations to strengthen the mandate and address the global housing crisis, including, adopting a nuanced approach to popularize the right to housing and deal with challenges in an evolving socio-political climate. They also discussed the need to immediately address the crisis of forced evictions and homelessness. Working closely with other UN Special Procedures to resist neo-liberal systems, and prioritizing the human right to adequate housing and other economic, social and cultural rights

within the United Nations system was emphasized. The housing experts also stressed the need to ensure that the right to housing is central to the COVID-19 recovery process.

The entire event can be watched online at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XPw0EGqbUgg&feature=emb_logo.

PHILIPPINES

#BetterMyCity Photo Contest

Manila 1 October 2020 – Cities Development Initiative for Asia (CDIA) is a multi-donor trust fund managed by the Asian Development Bank (ADB). It works closely with secondary cities in Asia and the Pacific to address gaps in infrastructure development and financing. It uses a demand-driven approach to support investments that emphasize poverty reduction, environmental improvement, climate change mitigation or adaptation, and good governance.

CDIA helps cities to: (i) prepare sustainable and bankable infrastructure projects; (ii) secure financing for these infrastructure projects; and (iii) strengthen individual and organizational capacities related to the preparation and financing of high priority urban infrastructure investments. CDIA is implemented by ADB and Agence Française de Développement (AFD); and it receives funding support from the governments of Austria, France, Germany, Switzerland and the European Union.



Christopher Gerale Winner of Citizens Choice Award and his entry ©Development Initiative for Asia (CDIA)



"We are tremendously impressed with how many entries we received, as well as the quality of the submissions," said CDIA Urban Development Specialist Brian Capati during the awarding ceremony. "This is a good sign that youth across Asia care about the urban development decisions which affect their future. It's time for local governments to create a more inclusive framework that mobilizes young citizens so they can take ownership of the urban planning issues."



Husnul Khotimah Winner of Citizens Choice Award and her entry ©Development Initiative for Asia (CDIA)



The #BetterMyCity contest had three prizes: one for the Experts' Choice Award and two for the Citizens' Choice Award. A panel of urban development and youth-led project experts from CDIA and ADB Youth for Asia selected the Experts' Choice Award winner by judging the submitted photos' quality, creativity and how well they captured the concept of a "better urban future".

The general public then chose the Citizens' Choice Award winner by voting for their favorite photos on Facebook.

The winners of the #BetterMyCity photo contest were:

- Lalit Bhalchandra Kadu from Dombivli City, India = Experts' Choice Award
- Husnul Khotimah from Depok City, Indonesia = Citizens' Choice Award #1
- Christopher Paller Gerale from Parañaque City, Philippines = Citizens' Choice Award #2

Check out their visions and inspiring stories here: <https://cdia.asia/2020/10/30/cdia-announces-bettermycity-photo-contest-winners/>

Urban October by CDIA

CDIA partnered with the Asian Development Bank Youth for Asia (YfA) to join the global celebration of "Urban October" to bring everyone's attention to urbanization – and the challenges and opportunities it presents.

They conducted two social media campaigns: The #BetterMyCity photo contest and the Urban Breakfast webinar series.

#BetterMyCity photo contest

This interactive photo contest gave community members across Asia Pacific region, especially the young people, the chance to demonstrate their vision for the future of their cities. Participants had to edit their smartphone photos to show potential infrastructure and livability improvements they want to see in their cities, and the winners of the photo contest were featured on CDIA and YfA's platforms.

CDIA ran the contest on its social media platforms and received a total of 106 entries during the three-week contest period.

The #BetterMyCity photo contest photo album alone was able to reach at least 10,540 people and gained 3,470 organic reactions, comments and shares. The entries of Christopher Gerale and Husnul Kotimah, winners of Citizens' Choice Award, were shared by 2,500 and 2,300 Facebook users, respectively.

CDIA Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/cdia.asia>

#BetterMyCity Photo Album (entries): https://www.facebook.com/cdia.asia/photos/?tab=album&album_id=3367157660004115. Media Mileage for #BetterMyCity photo contest.

Philippines, Manila - Urban Breakfast Webinar Series

8 October 2020 – Cities Development Initiative for Asia (CDIA) organized the Urban Breakfast Webinar Series

The webinars, held each Thursday, brought together participants from all over the world to discuss a range of development topics. These included creating smart, livable cities in the post-pandemic era, preparing holistic solid waste management programs, building climate resilience, and engaging youth in urban development.

Live Smarter, Not Harder: Smart Urban Solution for Economic Recovery

What will happen to cities after COVID-19? In the first Urban Breakfast webinar, CDIA's urban development experts Lara Arjan and Chee Anne Roño described how cities are adapting to the pandemic, and using digital technology to "build back better".

"The pandemic presents us with an opportunity to really look at our development paradigms and the way our economy runs and to question everything," said Lara, who is also ADB Project Officer in Charge of CDIA. "It seems overwhelming, but I think [right now] the whole world is defining how they want their future to be."

Chee Anne, who has been based in Adelaide, South Australia since March further shared her observations on how the appropriate use of data successfully paved the way to reclaim urban life in South Australia.

Out with the Old: Improving Solid Waste Management

October 15, 2020 – Solid waste is a major cause of environmental pollution, and is responsible for spreading harmful and infectious diseases in cities. In this webinar, CDIA Program Manager Neil Chadder and Urban Development Specialist Brian Capati shared their experiences in carrying out some of CDIA's project preparation work in the solid waste management (SWM)

sector. They advanced the importance of a holistic approach to solid waste management, one that covers all aspects of SWM, from household collection to final treatment and disposal while at the same time integrating climate change adaptation and mitigation into the project, working with organizations to stop plastic waste pollution (in particular), and integrating SWM with other infrastructure projects.

Change We Need: How Cities Can Build Climate Resilience

October 22, 2020 – The Asia Pacific region is experiencing an increase in extreme weather events, and coping with the long-term effects of climate change. In this webinar, Neil Chadder was joined by CDIA Urban Development Specialist Fabienne Perucca, and the two shared their insights on how cities can build climate resilience through infrastructure development and capacity building.

"Climate change adaptation and mitigation is one of our pillars of action because we believe that the opportunity is now!" said Fabienne. "Managing climate

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risk early is more cost effective than responding later. Strategically, when you formulate strong urban resilience plans and you put forward low carbon and resilient recovery projects, they actually help cities meet their goals and the transformation they want," she added.

Fabienne and Neil explained that CDIA mainstreams climate change in its project preparation studies by assessing vulnerabilities and systems, requiring carbon footprint analysis, and considering the risks and vulnerabilities in project design, among other measures. Furthermore, as part of its institutional capacity development support, CDIA assesses each city's adaptive capacity to be able to incorporate climate risk considerations effectively in their decision-making processes.

During the webinar, CDIA also launched four knowledge products (KPs), which were created to serve as guidance notes for the government of Huangshan in People's Republic of China as they implement their "Anhui Huangshan Xin'an River Ecological Protection and Green Development Project." In the KPs, CDIA proposed innovations and international best practices to help Huangshan reduce pollution in the Xin'an River, and they hope that other Asia Pacific cities will also benefit from these materials. (Download the knowledge products here: <https://cdia.asia/2020/10/21/26672/>).

Engaging Youth in Urban Development

October 29, 2020 – Youth are the future policymakers and citizens of cities, yet their engagement in urban planning and development is still overlooked by many city officials. In this fourth and final



webinar, Brian Capati was joined by Lee Lambert, Youth-led Research Advisor for ADB and Minh Nguyen, ADB Youth for Asia's Youth Project Designer to discuss the importance of engaging the youth in urban development projects. They outlined the barriers to mainstreaming youth involvement, and the lessons ADB, YfA and CDIA learned while implementing some youth-led initiatives.

Based on the experiences that the experts shared during the webinar, they hoped that city governments and development partners could mainstream youth engagement by seeing young people more as an 'opportunity' rather than 'risk' to urban development, and working with them to carefully and strategically identify the entry points where they can play a meaningful role in development projects and build upon the resources that they have. Through these, young people would no longer be just beneficiaries of these development projects, but rather partners in their design and implementation.

A total of 198 participants attended the four webinars via zoom, while 402 people viewed them on CDIA's YouTube channel."

Click It Sketch It & Wetland Walk

Pasig City, Philippines, 12 October 2020

– In line with this year's theme for World Migratory Bird Day (Protect Birds: Be the Solution to Plastic Pollution), and the EAAFP theme for 2019-2020 (Flyways – Connecting People and Migratory Waterbirds), and the UN-Habitat Urban October, the SCPW conducted an activity for nature/wildlife photographers, graphic arts students and grade schoolers in the local community to come together for a learning event that revolved around the importance of migratory birds, the threats posed by plastic pollution to their very existence and what they can do to help protect these wildlife and their habitats. The participants for this activity were those sectors with the potential to translate these images to communication materials that can help promote protection of these migratory birds as well as wetland conservation.

Additionally, the Las Pinas Paranaque Wetland Park, the venue of the activities is the only urban wetland park in the country. As part of UN-Habitat's Urban October "31 Days of Promoting a

Better Urban Future" with the theme "Technologies as an innovative tool to transform waste to wealth", the activities were also in celebration of the prominent place birds, animals, plants, wetlands, and the environment have in a better urban future.

Live the Greener Life at Urban Loft

Quezon City, Philippines 16 October 2020 – In celebration of Urban October and World Food Day, Honeycomb Builders Inc., a real estate company in the Philippines that pioneered the Space-Smart® condo design for low-mid income families hosted an online workshop: Live the Greener Life in Urban Loft.. In partnership with UN-Habitat Philippines, Urban Green Communes, Kids Who Farm, and SDG Villages, the webinar raised awareness around the trends of urban gardening during the pandemic, as well as build knowledge and skills for families and professionals working in high and mid-rise buildings towards fostering food security, green public spaces and also waste segregation in city life.

Live the Greener Life at Urban Loft

Mandaluyong, Philippines 16 October 2020 – SHARECITY Research was involved in #UrbanOctober by hosting twitter events over the month of October 2020. Each day in October, SHARECITY investigated the practice and sustainability potential of food sharing in urban areas around the world by showcasing talks and presentations from several researchers and food sharing practitioners. You can view all of the talks on SHARECITY's Twitter (@ShareCityIre) and on SHARECITY's YouTube channel.

The talks all focus on making cities more sustainable and addressing future challenges presented to the food systems in urban areas.

The Future of Philippine Housing: Innovations in planning, research and design

Quezon City, 12 and 26 October 2020

– The Urban Design Studio Laboratory at the College of Architecture of the UP Diliman joined the rest of the world in celebrating UN-Habitat's Urban October 2020.

Activities for the Urban October for UPCA ran for 4 weeks, from October 5 to October 26. The UDSL conducted a webinar series and a photo essay exhibit. The first webinar of the series was held on October 12 and covered the topic **Housing in the Philippines: the plans and leadership of public, private, and non-governmental organisations in the country**, the second webinar was held on October 26 and covered **Innovation in Housing: designs, projects, and strategies for innovative housing**. The event was held entirely online using zoom and other spill over platforms such as Facebook.

As the world is headed towards an urban future – with rapid urban growth experienced in a developing country such as the Philippines – housing is a central issue on the ground. Even while the country is projected to become among the top 15 richest nations in the world by 2050, can this newfound wealth be reflected in the way we house the population in our cities? The future of Philippine cities is a topic of urgent concern, especially with the dynamic and challenging issues in planning, designing, constructing, and managing housing

in the growing cities throughout the country."

REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Seoul Urban Regeneration International Conference 2020 (SURIC 2020)

Seoul, 22-23 October 2020 – Seoul Urban Regeneration International Conference 2020 (SURIC 2020), which is the second round after 2018, served as a forum where cities, international organizations, experts, scholars, and citizens gathered to give suggestions and discuss urban regeneration. SURIC 2020 was held to examine the value and vision of urban regeneration in the post-COVID-19 era, where radical change in social, economic, cultural life is expected, and to discuss future strategies. Many people participated in the conference which was held in real-time online streaming in the SEOUL ON Conference Room.



Mr. Jeonghyup Seo, the Acting Mayor of Seoul Metropolitan Government

Jeonghyup Seo, the Acting Mayor of Seoul Metropolitan Government, emphasized in his key note speech that it is time to focus on sustainability, despite the changes in daily life due to COVID-19. He turned to

the value of communities as an innovative solution for transforming urban areas. He also said that he will not spare effort to expand the possibility Seoul Urban Regeneration holds, as not only a solution for urban issues but also the upcoming challenges, in active cooperation with the international society.

Maimunah Mohd Sharif, the Executive Director of UN-Habitat, stressed that local governments should support integrative, eco-friendly, social and economic recovery through urban regeneration, and thus make cities an area of innovation and recovery. In addition, she elaborated on the need for multilateral cooperation in this interconnected world, and that UN-Habitat and Seoul will cooperate to demonstrate how to support localization of sustainable goals.

Case studies on various cities were presented in the first session, under the theme of 'Community Resilience and Rise'. There were presentations on urban regeneration-based communities in Seoul, Malaysia, Katowice, London, and on social economic recovery through urban regeneration conducted by UN-Habitat. In the following panel discussion, panels conversed on achieving local community-based urban recovery through urban regeneration and seeking the direction to move forward.

The second session was carried out under the theme 'Urban Living Labs for Changes in Every Places' and discussed pre-conducted living labs to discover ideas that improve daily living spaces and the consequences. Panels shared the process and results of various agents participating to discover ideas to solve local issues, in an era where neighborhood communities are gaining importance. Experts from

various fields such as administration, academia, international organizations, support institutions, discussed the issue.

The theme of the third session was 'Case Studies for Connecting World and Sharing Value of Urban Regeneration', and dealt with how the values pursued by Seoul Urban Regeneration can expand with international cooperation. Similar urban regeneration policies and cases in Seoul, Casablanca of Morocco, Cairo of Egypt, Qingdao of China, were shared. It was meaningful in terms of sharing experiences and looking into the challenges each city is facing to dwell on how policies could be benchmarked.

Hakjin Kim, Vice Mayor II for Administrative Affairs of Seoul Metropolitan Government, Soontak Suh, President of University of Seoul, Michael Batty, Professor and Chair of the Centre for Advanced Spatial Analysis in University College London, and Andy Merrifield, Urban Scholar and Educator, participated in the special talk, under the theme of 'Change and Future Value of Urban Regeneration in Post COVID-19 Era'. They discussed various ways to seek the future of urban regeneration as a sustainable urban management model in preparation for the post-COVID-19 era.

SHUS (Sustainable Habitat-Urban School)

Seoul 24 September 2020 – In August of 2020, Korean National Committee for UN-Habitat and Seoul Housing & Communities Corporation signed an MoU to improve the awareness of Housing Rights and foster future talent who will lead sustainable and inclusive housing and cities. As part of the agreement, the two organizations co-hosted SHUS

(Sustainable Habitat-Urban School), a housing right education program for youth in Seoul, the capital city of Korea, joined the UN-Habitat's 2020 Urban October campaign. From September 24 to November 25, 30 students who participated in SHUS actively explored sustainable housing rights through expert lectures, field trips, and housing rights solution forums. Details of the programme were as follows.

Students of SHUS attended online lectures as the COVID-19 social distancing measure in Korea was escalated to Level 2.5. Active online discussion and participation between the students and lecturers took place via online meeting platform such as ZOOM and Gabin Live. Three sessions were held, on Oct. 7, on Nov. 4, on Nov. 11, at the Main Building of Seoul Housing Corporation.

The very first lecture was joined by three experts on housing rights, led by Chief of Seoul Housing Seo Jong-kyun who delivered a speech on the future challenges in terms of housing welfare for the sake of housing rights. Doctor Kim Bo-ram from Delft University of Technology presented housing right and foreign examples under the view of global contexts. Last speaker was Director Kim Eun-hee from Walkable City Union who presented on the domestic examples of inadequate housing condition.

The second lecture featured professionals from different areas, including lawyer Kim Tae-gun, Professor Yoon Hae-kyung, Chief of Empty Bank from Seoul Housing Jeong Byung-seok, who shared their own expertise based on the theme of housing rights.



Sustainable Habitat Urban School ©SHUS

The last lecture invited Director Do In-sik from E Land who talked about corporate responsibilities on improvement of housing right, followed by Director General Kim Hae-jeong from Seoul Housing who spoke on the topic of "Welfare on Space", and Researcher Hong Jeong-hoon who delivered an insight on housing right in the era of post COVID-19.

Students went on two different field trips during the SHUS program, one to the capital city Seoul and the other to rural area of Gangneung.

The first trip took place at Nowon District, Seoul and gave the students a hands-on experience on inadequate housing conditions and examples. The students visited three different sites, Universal Design House, Zamon Share House and 104 Village which has been abandoned for decades, with more than 80 empty houses and a handful of residents.

Universal Design House is a social housing model with compatible housing design that cater to different age and gender groups; the women, the elderly, etc. It was initially designed to reduce the

housing expanses and to achieve housing sustainability of the low-income citizens.

The second visit was made to Zamon Share House, which is a remodeled social housing example that rebuilt old houses or buildings other than dwellings (studio or motels). The expanse of reconstruction is partially funded by the Seoul City, which makes it possible to provide tenants with a rent of 80 per cent cheaper than the average housing price.

Launch of Making Cities Resilient 2030 (MCR2030)

Incheon, 28 October 2020 – Over the past 10 years, the Making Cities Resilient Campaign has advocated the need for local government authorities to reduce risk and develop urban resilience. Some 4,350 cities have demonstrated their commitment by joining.

This event was the global launch of the Making Cities Resilient 2030 (MCR2030) by the core partners, building on the success of the ten-year-old Making Cities Resilient Campaign, which concluded at the end of 2020.

The launch took place on 28 October 2020 during the Daring Cities conference convened by Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI), one of the core partners of the initiative, with 1,048 participants from 117 countries.

Resilience in the time of the pandemic was an overarching topic. Gino Van Begin, Secretary General of ICLEI, commented on the systemic and cascading nature of risk that cities must reckon with. "A year ago, nobody could have anticipated the shock that COVID-19 has brought to cities around the world [and] at the same time, the climate crisis is accelerating. Cities will have to fight the climate crisis while responding to the pandemic."

Speaking at the launch, Mami Mizutori, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction and Head of the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), said: "To achieve resilience, cities will have to address the underlying drivers of risk, which may include poverty, education, health, environmental degradation, among others. More than anything, a holistic and systems approach to resilience must be adopted by cities. MCR2030 aims to provide a framework for this approach."

The goal of MCR2030 is to ensure cities become inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable by 2030, contributing directly to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 11 (SDG11) and other global frameworks including the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Paris Agreement and the New Urban Agenda. U. Khürelsükh, Prime Minister of Mongolia, sent a video message to congratulate the Campaign on its success so far and to reconfirm Mongolia's firm commitment to building resilient cities.

"During my tenure as Deputy Prime Minister of Mongolia, all 22 major cities in Mongolia joined the "Making Cities Resilient" UN Global Campaign in 2017, and I inform you that the Government of Mongolia has fulfilled its commitment to implement Target (e) of the Sendai Framework by 2020, and all our major cities have adopted [and] are implementing local DRR strategies as of today," confirmed U. Khürelsükh.

"On behalf of the Government of Mongolia, I commend the successful implementation of the "Making Cities Resilient" United Nations Campaign. Through this campaign, I believe that we have been able to build better community disaster resilience and recognize an importance of local leadership in DRR."

Local government representatives from Dakar, Senegal to Greater Manchester Combined Authority, United Kingdom, Dubai, UAE, Keçiören Municipality, Turkey, to Santa Fe, Argentina all reflected how the profile of resilience conversations was raised within their work through the engagement with the MCR Campaign and resilience partners, and why MCR2030 is so critical. Kathryn Oldham, Chief Resilience Officer, Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA), shared that the engagement in the MCR Campaign helped the city to improve the government mechanisms, broadened the range of stakeholders engaged in resilience and further enhanced the recognition of DRR and resilience as a strategic priority of the city. She added, "the process of political engagement and leadership, together with international acknowledgement of our work, boosted the visibility of this agenda within Greater Manchester". Emilio Jatón, Mayor of Santa Fe, Argentina said that the support, collaboration and

learning offered through the campaign is even more important during the time of COVID-19. Now more than ever, he said, "it is impossible to act by ourselves... the era of collaboration is essential."

Working with over 250,000 local and regional governments around the world, Emilia Saiz, Secretary General, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) emphasized, "[COVID-19] has galvanized how critical our role is and how important it will be to reconsider resilience."

"COVID requires us to think creatively and innovatively," added Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director, UN-Habitat. Complex urban system requires us to work collaboratively, taking the multi-hazard, multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder approach to improve resilience of the cities.

Sameh Wahba, Global Director, Urban, Disaster Risk Management, Resilience and Land Global Practice at the World Bank said: "We know that if we do nothing, about 130 million people will fall into poverty by 2030. Around 70 million of those are in urban areas." He added, "city resilience is at the core of our mission to eradicate poverty and encourage prosperity [and] COVID-19 has laid bare the inequalities within our cities."

Tiziana Bonzon, Manager for Climate Migration and Resilience at the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) praised the initiative for putting cities at the centre. "Let's make cities the source of solutions, rather than the source of challenges," said Ms. Bonzon.

At the same time, Kozo Nagami, Director General at the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) recognised the

value of resilience as a whole. "Disaster risk reduction is not a cost but an investment in sustainable development," he said.

Co-created by partners and networks of cities, MCR2030 will offer cities a clear, three-stage resilience roadmap to assessing, planning and implementing risk reduction and resilience building initiatives. The resilience roadmap will link cities within a peer-to-peer learning environment and communities of practice, supported by access to tools, technical specialists and advisers.

Implementation is focused on three key areas: giving advisory support for improved DRR and resilience planning, climate finance, municipal finance and climate adaptation; improving coordination between national and local governments and national associations of local governments; and forging strong partnerships at the local level for more efficient implementation.

Recognising that access to finance is one of the biggest hurdles to reducing risk, MCR2030 will also provide a platform to help cities strengthen their ability to access funds and allow cities to find specialist service providers and investors for actions and initiatives.

MCR2030 will run from January 2021 to the end of 2030. By 2030, MCR2030 aims to have increasing number of cities committed to reducing local disaster/climate risk and building resilience. The resilience of cities will be key in accomplishing the Sustainable Development Goals and associated global frameworks.

<https://www.undrr.org/event/launch-mcr2030>

Partners

- ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability
- International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)
- Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

- Resilient Cities Network
- United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)
- United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
- United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)

- United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)
- The World Bank Group
- World Council on City Data (WCCD).

The MCR2030 launch attracted more than 1,000 participants from 117 countries who attended virtually. **Source: UNDRR.**

BELGIUM

Co-design for new forms of urban living

Brussels, 14 October 2020 — In the framework of the European Week of Regions and Cities, the Architects' Council of Europe, the Federal Chamber of German Architects' (Bundesarchitektenkammer - BAK), the European Council of Town Planners (ECTP) and the Institute for Spatial Policies (IPoP) held a joint virtual workshop on co-design for new forms of urban living.

Watch the session here: <https://euregionsweek2020-video.eu/video/co-design-for-new-forms-of-urban-living>

Urbanization, climate change and the housing crisis require new forms of habitat and urban space to be designed. Quality projects can only emerge from interdisciplinary discourse, innovative funding schemes as well as the active participation of informed citizens. Citizens can help decision-makers to understand communities' needs and thus to achieve socially and economically sustainable projects.



During this virtual workshop, discussions centred around challenges inherent to participatory approaches, through the presentation of concrete projects, but also good practice examples of how civil society can organise itself to influence the design of the built environment. A special focus has been put on small and medium cities.

Participatory design processes empower citizens to participate in the creation and regeneration of the urban fabric and to build more inclusive communities and sustainable cities. If there is not a one-size fits all solution, there are common tools and techniques available for effective co-design processes.

Take away message

By putting people at the heart of the design process, citizens are empowered to participate in the creation and regeneration of the urban fabric. They help decision-makers to understand and follow communities' needs and thus to achieve socially and economically sustainable projects. Beyond the outcomes, it is important to think about the process: quality places can only be the outcome of quality processes. There is no one simple solution - don't be afraid to experiment and adapt as you learn!

Anna Chiambretto: "Sharing land is also building community. We involve future homeowners early on in the development of their housing projects. Together with neighbourhood organisations and local citizen initiatives we open up the project to the neighbourhood. By participating

in the development of the project, inhabitants become "real" holders of the project".

Sophia De Sousa: "Empowering citizens to play an active role in the design of their cities requires: creating opportunities for citizens to engage with the language of design and placemaking and to play an active role in decision-making; building capacity among design and placemaking practitioners to effectively engage with citizens; and a multi-faceted, inclusive and accountable approach to design engagement."

FRANCE

Durable Solutions for Displacement in Central Sahel: Engaging local authorities for advancing urban service provision'

Paris, 13 October 2020 — As the humanitarian crisis in the Sahel Zone sharply deteriorates, the Government of Denmark, in partnership with the Government of Germany, the European Union and the United Nations, recently hosted a high-level ministerial round table on the Central Sahel. UN-Habitat was invited to share a video-message and host a side-event, focusing on "Durable Solutions for Displacement in the Central Sahel: The role of local governments for improved Urban Services".

The objective of the session was to highlight the role of local actors for durable solutions to displacement in the

Central Sahel, highlighting their role for the provision of basic urban services. Panelists, including local and international experts and UN agencies, shared their perspectives and experiences, including insights on challenges, lessons learned and good practices. With many displaced seeking refuge in urban areas, local authorities are in the forefront of crisis response and often, the rapid influx of additional people put strains on already scarce resources, with cities and towns in the Sahel having doubled in population and expansion over the last months.

While it is eminent to support humanitarian needs, a long-term vision – the humanitarian-development-peace nexus – needs to be advanced, as global experiences show that displacement is becoming more and more protracted and many displaced remain for an average of two decades. The IASC framework on Durable Solutions underlines that voluntary return and resettlement in other parts of the country are two options, but in protracted displacement contexts, local integration and fostering social cohesion between communities is crucial. Ms Christine Knudsen, UN-Habitat's Director of External Relations, Strategy, Knowledge and Innovation Division, Director of Emergencies, underlined that this needs good planning, cross-sectoral and integrated approaches, and – as most displaced move to urban areas – increased capacity in urban planning and effective management, in particular regarding basic services such as water, sanitation, energy, education and health services, waste management as well as adequate housing and livelihood opportunities. Rapid urban growth – due to climate change impacts and man-made hazards – puts stress on urban

systems and increases the competition on natural resources (e.g. land, water, wood ...) with social, economic and environmental implications for both local and displaced communities.

Panelists for the session included Mr. Aziz Ahmed Diallo, deputy mayor of the city of Dori, located in the Sahel region in northern Burkina Faso and currently hosting thousands of displaced people. The deputy mayor highlighted the challenges for his community and displaced, including access to land, housing and natural resources, basic infrastructure and services, as well as decreasing social cohesion. Many displaced seek refuge in public buildings, including schools, or are being hosted by local families without adequate shelter or housing option. The current COVID-19 pandemic has severely worsened the situation, now allowing physical distancing, but also putting a spotlight on the inequitable access to water and sanitation.

Professor Walter Kälin, based on his recent experiences in Africa and more particularly in Somalia, underlined that the basis for return is peace and that IDPs have the opportunity to rebuild their homes and have sufficient means of subsistence. On the other hand, IDPs who do not wish to return need a safe and secure environment for local integration in the place where they have found refuge and need security of tenure and livelihood or income opportunities, that allow them to be self-sufficient.

Mr. Benoit Moreno, UNHCR's representative in Niger, introduced the "SEED" project (Energy and Environmental Support to the Diffa region), funded by the European Union.

Taking into account the environmental challenges due to cutting of forests for firewood, UNHCR has set up a mechanism for access to local, sustainable and safe domestic gas in partnership with the private sector and local authorities. Minimizing the "humanitarian footprint" as much as possible, the project placed local authorities and technical services at the center, facilitating the direct relationship between the customers from local and refugee communities and the suppliers. After three years, the project has proved to have a positive impact as the price of gas in Diffa is comparable to the price of Niamey, 80 per cent of the infrastructures are still functional and new private suppliers have set up in the region, thus increasing by 8,000 households the number of customers, thus benefitting both local and refugee communities.

Mrs. Daria Fane, regional representative for the European Union's Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (IcSP) highlighted the need to support rapid and flexible responses in crisis situations. She underlined that the EU seeks to promote stabilization in the Sahel region through interventions focused on long-term development and governance. Building on national plans and dynamics, the IcSP also seeks to promote national cohesion through local approaches focused on local communities.

The session resulted in a set of conclusions, advocating for increased inclusion of and enforced capacity and resources for local authorities in crisis, and participatory and inclusive approaches that directly involve local communities, both host communities and those displaced by the conflict, in order to strengthen social cohesion. The

responses to the crisis should not only focus on the security issues or short-term humanitarian response, but also foster investments in trans-sectoral coordination and multi-level governance cooperation for sustainable development. Integrated urban and territorial planning approaches, which are based on a cross-sectoral coordination, including infrastructure, housing/shelter and urban services, have been proven to be useful for defining for a long-term response in urban areas. The inclusion of all relevant stakeholders, including local and national authorities, civil societies and private sector is necessary for advancing the humanitarian-development-peace nexus and fostering whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches.

GERMANY

World Metropolitan Day: USE: positions

Berlin, 7 October 2020 – On the occasion of this year's World Metropolitan Day, the online learning platform USE (Urban Sustainability Exchange) launched the video interview series "USE: positions." The first interview series shed light on how COVID-19 has changed and will change policymaking, and on how it affects sustainable urban development in the long run.

"USE: positions" asks city makers and experts to assess the effects the pandemic has on processes of digitization and global collaboration, and to share their personal experiences and observations. Interview partners are politicians, urban practitioners, municipal employees, academics, and researchers, representing USE's active global community of experienced and innovative

city makers. With their perspectives and experiences, shared via short video interviews, USE aims to contribute to the important tasks of knowledge transfer, of exchanging innovative ideas on how to deal with the pandemic and on how to pursue the Sustainable Development Goals.

Organizations: Urban Sustainability Exchange platform, Metropolis

SPAIN

World Metropolitan Day: Cities as drivers of transformation into more sustainable, resilient and just societies

Getxo, Spain 6 October 2020 – In the framework of the World Metropolitan Day 2020, eCivis and EuroLocal organized an online event to provoke the debate from the local to Europe. This was the occasion to talk about cities as drivers of recovery, considering this SDG11 as a transversal axis to others.

Organizations: eCivis; Metropolis; EuroLocal

World Metropolitan Day: From the Barcelona of the 15' to the Catalonia of the 45': rethinking the metropolis

Barcelona, 7 October 2020 – As part of the Metropolitan World Day, PEMB and AMB brought together different experts in the webinar "From the Barcelona of the 15' to the Catalonia of the 45', a debate that discussed the metropolitan challenges of "Barcelona Demà. Compromís Metropolità 2030".

The COVID19 pandemic has highlighted the weaknesses of our lifestyle, the fragility of the predominant economic

model in cities, and in particular in Barcelona, and has raised doubts about the appropriateness of excessive population concentration and activity in certain places. In this context, combining the trinomial "urbanization - climate change - territorial balance" will be one of the great challenges for our country in the coming years.

Organizations: PEMB; Metropolis; Barcelona Metropolitan Area

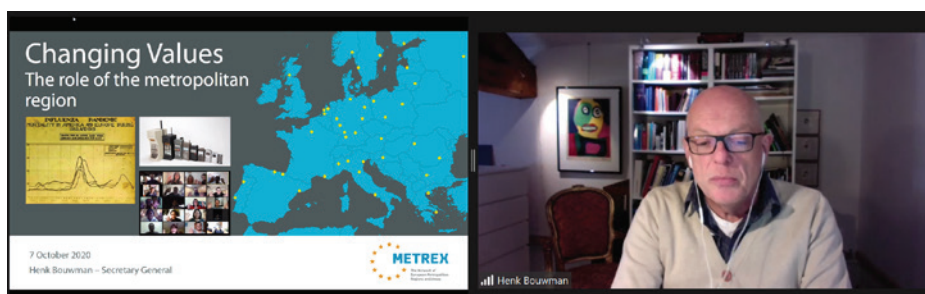
World Metropolitan Day: Metropolises facing the pandemic

Barcelona 7 October 2020 – Aiming to stimulate dialogue between diverse stakeholders of metropolitan governance, this event was guided by a set of questions focused on three different topics, namely: metropolitan governance and COVID-19; urban violence in metropolitan spaces; and metropolitan participatory democracy, all of them under the COVID-19 emergency lens. The three different panels shaped the World Metropolitan Day 2020 Virtual Event:

- **Framing metropolitan governance:** institutional solutions, decision-making and collective action.
- **Metropolitan inequalities:** urban conflicts and socio-spatial solutions.
- **Democracy for all:** citizens' participation at the metropolitan scale.

Considerations from the public, and from governments and institutions that previously held an event in the framework of World Metropolitan Day 2020, were collected in the chat and served as a starting point for a final debate among speakers.

Organizations: Metropolis; UN-Habitat



World Metropolitan Day: Metropolitan regions in the framework of recovery

Madrid, 7 October 2020 — Within the framework of Urban October and World Metropolitan Day, UN-Habitat, the Government of the Basque Country and METREX have jointly organized a virtual event open to the public, with the participation of experts from global institutions and governments. The webinar addressed the initiatives carried out at the metropolitan level to accelerate the positive transformation of urban and territorial realities, especially taking into account the situation generated by COVID-19 throughout the world.

Organizations: *UN-Habitat Spain; Metropolis; Metrex; Basque Country*

Webinar: Collaborative Housing

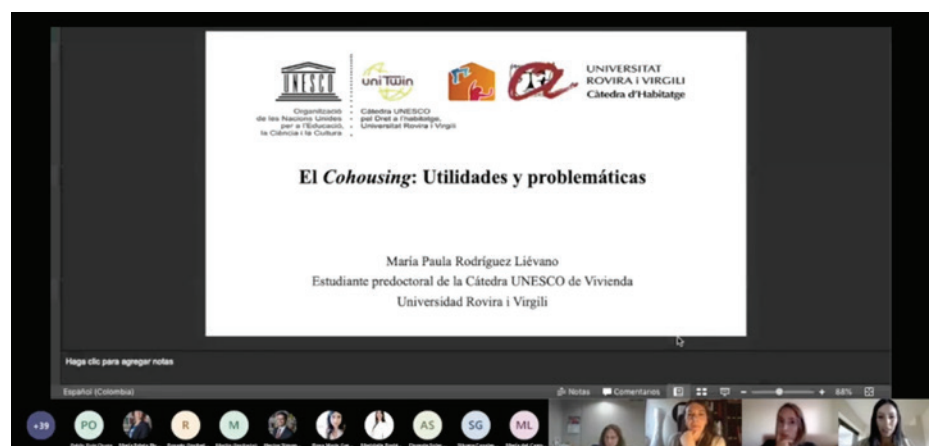
Tarragona, Cataluña, Spain 15 October 2020 — The UNESCO Housing Chair of University Rovira i Virgili (URV), based in Tarragona, Spain, held the 10th international Workshop entitled "Collaborative Housing". This workshop, which was held in the format of a webinar, was part of the activities developed by UN-Habitat to commemorate the Urban October, the World Habitat Day and the World Cities Day.

The event began with some welcoming words of the Director of the Housing Chair, Prof. Dr. Sergio Nasarre Aznar, who gave the floor to the speeches from other experts in collaborative housing. The first one, Dr. Darinka Czischke, is an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment, Delft University of Technology. She is the founder of the Co-Lab Research group at the TU Delft and co-founder of the working group 'Collaborative Housing' at the European Network for Housing Research (ENHR). The second speech was presented by Ms. María Paula Rodríguez, Doctoral researcher at the UNESCO Housing Chair, where she develops her research on Cohousing and housing cooperatives (following the Andel model) as collaborative housing schemes in the context of the collaborative economy.

The last was Mrs. Dolors Camats, Director of the Cooperativa Obrera de Vivendas [Housing Workers' Cooperative] (hereinafter, COV). These presentations were moderated by Dr. Núria Lambea Llop, postdoctoral researcher at the UNESCO Housing Chair and specialist in social housing.

As the main objective of this event was to make an analysis of the collaborative approach applied to housing, Dr. Czischke explained the re-emergence of collaborative housing in the XXI century, with a special emphasis on the new strategies of access to adequate housing, such as cooperative or collaborative models of housing provision that have re-emerged especially after the global crisis of 2008.

Dr. Czischke commented about some successful Cohousing models such as the "Mehr als Wohnen" in Zurich, Switzerland, which encourage social meetings, environmental awareness and local economic activity; the "Vienna, AT" project in Austria, addressed to women as main tenants; the "Vertical Village" project in Lyon, France, aimed at the integration of different social groups; the "Espoir"



project in Brussels, Belgium, aimed at financing of housing for vulnerable groups; and the “Stalblock Riekerhaven” project in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, addressed to young Dutch people and refugees of the country. The expert concluded that, as the aforementioned projects show, collaborative housing can be a part of solution to the homelessness problem as long as there are regulatory and financial frameworks adapted to the specific characteristics of the collective self-promotion models, as well as to the reality of each society.

Ms. Rodríguez explained the benefits and problems of the Cohousing today. She emphasised that collaborative housing model permits the creation of a social and practical environment that helps residents to get reciprocity and community support. Also, she named some inherent characteristics of this model such as the participatory action of the residents, the usage of common facilities, volunteering and its non-hierarchical horizontal organization.

She accentuated that the benefits of Cohousing can be of different types, mainly such as democratic, economic, social, cultural, ecological and technological. However, she emphasized that the model does not resolve a number of problems such as the actual limits of access to the Cohousing group based mainly on friendship and familiarity or on some specific needs of a social group (seniors, people with limited abilities, etc.). Other problems are the possible excessive determination of the spaces and uses, the limits regarding the transmission of the legal position by the users or its dependence on the politic decisions for the development of this model in the field of social housing.

Ms. Dolors Camats shared the experience of the collaborative housing model developed by the COV of Prat de Llobregat in Barcelona, Spain, in operation since 1962, that promotes access to affordable housing as a first step towards a decent life. She explained that this project has been based on the mutual aid and the collective decisions of the community from the beginning. It is a project that embraced about 40 neighbourhood communities and today has more than 1000 partners, owners or not of housing, with a common heritage that includes about 180 housings and 80 rented commercial premises, to which also were added about 14 housings for rent addressed to young people.

Currently, the COV offers to its members as well as to the community in general some services beyond housing, such as recreation and leisure centres, home care services for the seniors, daily centres, affordable housing rental and community or condominium management services. She also commented about the “Barri Cooperativa La Obrera” [District Housing Workers’ Cooperative] project, which is aimed at promoting the social economy and entrepreneurship in the neighbourhood.

Finally, Dr. Lambea Llop conducted a session of questions in which some participants expressed their concerns, while others commented about their experiences in the sector of collaborative housing or similar associative models.

More than 55 people attended the seminar from different backgrounds (academics, students, researchers and social representatives) and countries, including Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Spain, Italy,

Mexico, the Netherlands and Russia. The event was recorded (it may be seen at <https://youtu.be/LHE5Zbxbznc>) so that it can serve as a reference for the future studies on collaborative housing models.

Organizations: *UNESCO Housing Chair of Rovira i Virgili University; Rovira i Virgili University*

#n'ODS: UNDO, REDO and DO NOT to achieve the SDGs

Madrid, 23 October 2020 — In a time of change and uncertainty, with major challenges at the environmental, urban and humanitarian levels, the SDGs offer a common tool to share knowledge, improve cities and protect the natural environment.

n'UNDO has demonstrated, over the last ten years, that more and better can be done by not doing, redoing and undoing, to improve the city and the territory, and to really achieve a sustainable development (www.nundo.org). It is about the elimination of excess to ensure the future and improve people's lives; valuing the pre-existence, cleaning and recovering to improve the landscape, territory and city from the creation and conservation of its voids and silences, working with time and uncertainty; Acting through a propositive NO, which avoids the unnecessary, which reuses and puts in value the urban and natural heritage, which reduces what is left over and which dismantles to recover the common space.

There are many people and initiatives related to this position, providing solutions to the problems of our environment, guaranteeing economical, environmental, social and cultural sustainability.

n'UNDO presented #n'ODS, a meeting and visibility platform to gather all those proposals and urban/territorial interventions which prove that it is possible to build a future for cities by achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, through n'UNDO modes of action: Not Doing, Redoing and Undoing.

#n'ODS was launched during Urban October, an international call for projects and interventions, which were collected in the #n'ODS Cartography. Those accepted, were awarded the #n'ODS Certificate and will be eligible for public presentation at the #n'ODS Congress in 2021. Also the #n'ODStudent category was opened, which awarded the best proposals submitted by students.

During the event, three examples of related projects were explained:

"Urban vacuums plan in Malaga. Renaturalization and decarbonization". Represented by Pedro Marín, head of European Programmes and the Urban Environment Observatory (OMAU) in Malaga City Council. Plan n'Vacíos Málaga is an analysis of the problem of urban sprawl through the study of its gaps, based on their strategic importance to develop different lines of intervention to promote sustainable urban development. The objectives are centred on the decarbonization and renaturalization of the districts of teatinos, campanillas and puerto de la torre, in the framework of the new spanish Urban Agenda.

"Recovering ecosystem services on the coast. The case of La Pletera. Life Pletera". Represented by Xavier Quintana, head of the Chair of Mediterranean Coastal Ecosystems. University of Girona and Torroella de Montgrí Town Council. In the restoration of La Pletera marsh,

the uninhabited parts of unfinished urbanization have been de-urbanized. The streets, the breakwater and the promenade have been removed and the old marsh has been recovered. The data show how the restored marsh has recovered the ecosystem services and it is much more effective in the protection against the effects of rising sea levels.

"More touristic? There is no sustainability without limits to growth". R+D+i research project of the Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities "Tourism saturation in Spanish coastal destinations. Strategies for the decrease in tourism. An approach from the social dimension". The general objective is to study the tourism of coastal destinations and their impacts. At the same time, to design methodological proposals aimed at the diagnosis, planning and management of tourism, and spatial planning strategies that help reduce growth and prevent conflicts, in order to promote greater environmental, social and economic sustainability and the quality of the destinations. Represented by Enrique Navarro (UMA) and Yolanda Romero (UCM).

n'UNDO invited professionals, public administrations, companies and organizations to share their related proposals on #n'ODS, and to create an international network that gives visibility to another way of working in the city and the territory to really achieve sustainability.

Strategy and Innovation for New Cities

Barcelona, 27 October 2020 — Aiming to highlight the value of innovation to collectively address the challenges posed by the pandemic, CIDEU organized the

Virtual Seminar "Strategy and Innovation for New Cities", on October 27 and 28, in which experts from different fields presented cases, experiences and practices that they are currently developing.

On October 27, under the title "Innovate to transform", three topics were presented:

- 17:00 hrs ESP ¿To want is to be able to? (Querer es poder?) The social challenge of social innovation, by Rubén Martínez Moreno, Research Director of La Hidra Cooperativa.
- 18:00 hrs ESP Citizen innovation: sustainable and co-responsible reactivation, by Felipe Bogotá, Director "Bogotá cómo vamos".
- 18:45 hrs ESP Digital innovation in urban futures, by Ricardo Álvarez Félix, Researcher at the Senseable City Lab / MIT.

On October 28, in "Strategy in action", at 5:00 p.m. ESP, the Public Space and Sustainable Mobility Strategy of Vitoria-Gasteiz was presented, by Juan Carlos Escudero, Head of Innovation and Information of the Urban Sustainability, from the Center for Environmental Studies of the Vitoria-Gasteiz City Council, Spain.

This seminar was organized as part of CIDEU's Specialization Program in Urban Strategic Thinking and is, in turn, part of the cycle of virtual encounters New Paradigms and Urban Scenarios: Answers from Strategic Thinking, in which through forums of mayors and webinars with cities, CIDEU intends to problematize, share experiences and plan responses from strategic thinking to the main challenges of COVID-19.

SWEDEN

Social impact bonds - a tool for an inclusive transition

Stockholm 8 October 2020 — Global Utmaning organised the launch of the new report "Social Bonds - Tools for an Inclusive Transformation", written by researcher Sophie Nachemson-Ekwall. In the report, Nachemson-Ekwall reviews the possibilities for the introduction of social bonds to stimulate more socially sustainable housing in Sweden. A panel of experts commented on the report and explored how social impact bonds could serve as a solution for urban development challenges. The panel included representatives from municipal and national politics as well as the business community.

SWITZERLAND

Student Housing Cooperatives - an International Perspective

Geneva, 30 September 2020 — This online discussion is a peer to peer exchange with folks working in student housing cooperatives in Berlin, North America, the UK, Switzerland and Australia. Experienced leaders from the North American Students of Cooperation (NASCO), Student Co-op Homes (UK), Studentendorf (Berlin), urbaMonde and World Habitat shared their knowledge and experiences with us. They learned more about the growing student co-op housing movement and got inspired to bring some new housing solutions into your community.

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iRVG--Bkumc>

Residents taking control: securing land rights through Community Land Trusts

Geneva 29 October 2020 — The role of Community Land Trusts in securing land rights for residents was discussed at a webinar hosted by World Habitat, as part of the CoHabitat Network.

Since their creation 50 years ago, Community Land Trusts (CLTs) have illustrated how communities can gain permanent access to land rights – enabling residents to take control over the development and improvement of the areas they live in, shield them from eviction and gentrification and provide truly affordable housing.

The webinar focused on both successful and emerging or potential CLTs in Puerto Rico, Brazil and Bangladesh.

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WtN0UrLNEkQ> Turkey

World Metropolitan Day: Metropolitan Governance and Health: The Experience of COVID-19

Istanbul 7 October 2020 — The event was organized by Argüden Governance Academy and Marmara Municipalities Union (MMU). The Secretary General of MMU, Mr Cemil Arslan said that the responsibilities of the municipalities has increased and mayors started to spend a great amount of time in the field to find solutions to the emerging issues during pandemic. Prof Dr. Metin Çakmakçı, the Chairman of Argüden Governance Academy, said that the COVID-19 crisis had shown that guidance of scientific approaches is very important for successfully dealing with similar crises.

COVID-19 crises started as a health crisis, but it turned out to be economic, social, and political crises in the course of pandemic. This could be a warning to be ready for the future pandemics.

Panel discussion was moderated by Dr. Erkin Erimez. He told at the opening of the panel that local and municipal governance is important in dealing with such a pandemic. Governance approach pays attention to the decision making processes, stakeholder participation and transparent information sharing between institutions and with public before, during and after the crisis. Good governance of crisis and risks at municipalities are more important. People consider municipalities as first point of contact during crises.

Panelists were Associate Prof. Dr. Tahir Büyükkakın, Mayor of Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality and Chairman of MMU, Mr. Kadir Albayrak Mayor of Tekirdağ Metropolitan Municipality and Prof. Dr. Önder Ergönül, Chairman of Koç University School of Medicine İş Bank Infectious Diseases Research Center. Associate Prof. Dr. Büyükkakın disclosed that Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality worked with Kocaeli University in close cooperation in determining the methods and tools for dealing with pandemic. Hence, coordination at city level between public institutions were satisfactory. Statistical analysis was conducted to understand the ways of transmission of the disease whose findings showed that 50 per cent of transmissions occurred at home where social distancing was limited. He also told that pre- crisis planning, cooperation and coordination between public, private and civil society actors is important for effective response to pandemics.

Overall, the event attracted a good number of participants and put metropolitan governance at the center of risk management from public health perspective. The World Metropolitan Day provided a great opportunity to set an agenda and deal with this important matter.

Organizations: *Argüden Governance Academy; Metropolis; Marmara Municipalities Union*

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

Panel discussion 'Housing for all during COVID-19 and beyond'

Glasgow, 28 October 2020 — The main goal of the event was to promote knowledge exchange and dialogue between University of Glasgow researchers, civil society and policy makers around sustainable housing policy. The specific goals of the panel discussion were:

- Examine emergency responses implemented in Brazil, India and Rwanda to safeguard people's right to housing during the crisis and lessons learnt
- Discuss possible longer term strategies to address inequalities and provide adequate and sustainable housing to vulnerable communities

Inclusive Design: What if we built a world that was accessible to all?

London, 22 October 2020 — The Global Disability Innovation Hub held a Disability Innovation live webinar on inclusive design with the theme: 'What if we built a world that was accessible for all?'

Inclusive Design is a design approach that seeks to ensure everyone can experience the world in a fair and equal way. This means accounting for and celebrating diversity in how we design and plan the built environment. The session brought together a diverse panel of experts to discuss what inclusive design looks like in practice for them, who benefits and how it can offer methods to build a more accessible world that benefits all of us.

This session also launched the findings of the first of our UK Aid funded AT2030 Inclusive Infrastructure Case Study on Inclusive Design in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

Designed to spark conversation and debate; panellists provided an overview of their work followed by a wider discussion on the topic. With World Habitat Day

on the 5 October and World Cities Day on 31st this Disability Innovation Live session explored the expanding field of Inclusive Design and its potential to create a fairer world.

With participation of speakers from Mongolia, Indonesia and the UK, the session explored what inclusive design practices look like in different global contexts and what challenges and opportunities exist to make cities more accessible and inclusive.

A total of 199 people participated virtually from 51 countries, with a total reach of 363 including registrations.

Speaker highlights:

Iain McKinnon provided an introduction to inclusive design and why it matters, describing how the aim of his work is to make sure designers think about disabled people and older people when they design. A very important aspect of inclusive design work is making sure that stakeholders understand why it matters and how it can benefit everyone. This is why education on inclusive design is



Inclusive design challenges in Mongolia ©The Global Disability Innovation Hub

so important in the built environment professions. Iain then introduced the work of the GDI Hub's UK Aid-funded AT2030 programme, which is looking at bringing life changing assistive technology to people that need it, aiming to reach 15 million people. As part of this programme we are using built environment and inclusive design research to develop evidence on how an inclusive built environment and inclusive infrastructure can support assistive technology users.

Peter Carr, a member of the London 2012 Olympics advisory panel talked about how he views inclusive design as 'embracing', embracing people's differences and needs to make the world as inclusive as possible. Inclusive design should make a difference to people's lives, but including it in the design process can be difficult and we can all strive to do better than the minimum legal standards for an accessible environment.

Mikaela Patrick introduced the AT2030 Inclusive Infrastructure research programme, which is conducting case studies on inclusive design and accessible urban environments in 6 cities including Ulaanbaatar in Mongolia, Varanasi in India, Freetown in Sierra Leone, Banjarmasin in Indonesia and Nairobi in Kenya. The work views access

to assistive technology and the inclusive design of the built environment as complementary and interdependent areas of action to meeting the Sustainable Development Goals. This body of work is responding to the identified need for inclusive design and accessibility standards that are responsive to local contexts. Working closely with local partners, these case studies will build a picture of what good inclusive design might look like in each of the cities and provide evidence on how inclusive design adapts to culture, climate, geography and resource constraints.

Tamirkhuu Narangerel and Nyam-Ochir Byambadorj, researchers on the Mongolia Inclusive Infrastructure Case Study, described some of the barriers to accessibility in the built environment in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Mongolia has been making progress on disability inclusion but the city was not planned with disabled people in mind, but there is a need to increase awareness and education on disability. Different government sectors need to collaborate better to achieve comprehensive disability inclusion and ensure cohesion across policies and laws related to accessibility. Nyam-Ochir and Tamirkhuu both work for Universal Progress ILC, a Disabled Persons' Organisation based in Mongolia

and the first independent living center in Mongolia. They are pioneering work on independent living in Mongolia and are engaged in advocacy and education work to shift perceptions from the medical model of disability to the social model of disability.

Nina Asterina from Kota Kita in Indonesia talked about their work in 20 cities in Indonesia in the fields of governance, climate change resilience and inclusivity. They believe that too many people are currently left behind in city-making process which means that people are not able to live well in cities. Barriers to inclusion in cities that they have found include issues with the translation of policy language to engage people on the ground and a lack of disability segregated data. They also found that there is a lack of continuity or consistency in the accessibility of public infrastructure and that accessibility requirement often fall short of universal design standards. Kota Kita's research with University College London on the AT2030 programme created a creative space for people to generate ideas and aspirations for a more inclusive city.

Link to event page and recording: <https://www.disabilityinnovation.com/webinars/inclusive-design>



LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

ARGENTINA

World Metropolitan Day: International Cooperation in Latin American Metropolises

Buenos Aires, 2 October 2020 – On the occasion of the World Day of the Metropolitan and Urban October, Paradiplomacia.org organised a debate with three Latin American metropolises to learn about good practices and success stories that through international cooperation help these cities with their fight against COVID19.

General Objective:

To know how international cooperation has helped metropolises to carry out actions for the benefit of their citizens.

Specific Objectives:

To understand how citizens have become more aware of the importance of international cooperation benefited through the implementation of public policies based on the evidence. Publicise actions or good practices that through international cooperation benefited the fight against COVID19.

Organizations: Paradiplomacia.org; Metropolis

World Metropolitan Day: Towards a new metropolitan planning

Buenos Aires, 2 October 2020 – In the framework of the World Metropolitan Day celebrations, the University of Buenos Aires organized a webinar within its Metropolitan Urban Updating Programme (PUM).

The aim of the PUM is to prepare professionals from different disciplines for the management and reflection of the contemporary city.

The objectives of the PUM are the following:

- To provide a theoretical-conceptual framework to understand and address the complexity of the metropolitan phenomenon.
- To promote the exchange of experiences, in order to know the current state of current metropolitan sector initiatives and organisations.
- To develop research capacities to investigate successful examples of metropolitan governance.
- To consolidate an interdisciplinary training space that allows progress to be made towards the generation of qualitative and quantitative knowledge.

Organizations: Facultad de Arquitectura, Diseño y Urbanismo de la Universidad de Buenos Aires; Metropolis

Metropolitan challenges in times of COVID 19

Tucumán, Argentina 5 October 2020 – Within the framework of the World Metropolitan Day 2020 promoted by UN-Habitat, the Observatory of Territorial Urban Phenomena (OFUT) organized the Webinar "Metropolitan challenges in times of COVID 19".

The central axis of discussion and reflection were the challenges and opportunities in the metropolitan area to address the current scenarios in the face of the COVID-19 emergency. And the Decade of Action to meet the 2030 Global Goals, specifically to the goals established in the SDG 11.

The event had the participation of Abog. Javier Noguera (Intendant of the Tafí Viejo Municipality, Tucumán and President FAM), Mag. Arch. Pedro Fernández (E-Environment Foundation and Catholic University of Salta), Dr. Arch. Oscar Bragos (National University of Rosario and Institute of Management of Cities) and the Esp. Arq. Marta Casares (OFUT, IPDU, FAU, UNT).

The speakers contributed reflections on the main challenges of metropolitan governance in the context of a pandemic and how to prepare for the new normal in the framework of metropolitan territories, the emergence of new issues, problems and opportunities of public policies that are formulated in the agendas of the national ministries, particularly those that involve the National Urban Land Plan.

The activities were carried out within the framework of the OFUT's ongoing projects: "New Urban program tools for local management in COVID scenarios" (Program for the articulation and federal strengthening of capacities in science and technology COVID-19 / Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation) and "Metropolitan Challenges of Tucumán. Instruments for a new urban program. City, inclusion and rights" (Ministry of Science and Technology, National Agency for Scientific Promotion, FONCyT).

Follow all the information related to the event through the OFUT Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/observatoriofut>

Link to access the webinar: <https://www.facebook.com/observatoriofut/videos/252693259475145>

World Metropolitan Day: Connecting Metropolitan Areas

Buenos Aires- 5 October 2020 – Despite the fact that sustainable mobility is a transversal tool for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, its relevance is particularly highlighted in SDG11: Sustainable Cities and Communities. The management of Metropolitan Areas is one of the challenges of the next 10 years. The growth of metropolises will inevitably lead

us to reflect on the impact it will have on mobility. 64 per cent of all global transport is carried out in urban environments. In this sense, it is reasonable to think that the challenges faced by urban agglomerations today, in relation to mobility, will continue to increase if the current models of urban mobility are not changed.

Mobility systems must be affordable, economically viable, people-oriented and environmentally friendly, and this requires a comprehensive and integrated approach to policy and decision making

- **Activity 1** - Metropolitan Mobility Planning, A View From Latin America
- **Activity 2** - "How Do We Move In Latin American Metropolises": Main Obstacles And Challenges In Metropolitan Mobility Planning
- **Activity 3** - Moving Around Our Cities"

World Metropolitan Day: Participative democracy in the framework of the new governance for human, sustainable and inclusive development

Cordoba, Argentina 6 October 2020 – In the framework of the World Metropolitan Day 2020, the city of Córdoba (Argentina), with the cities of Barcelona, Madrid and Montréal as partners, organized the launch of the pilot project "Participatory Democracy".

The central axis of this project is to promote the exchange of successful experiences for participatory democracy, with a special focus on Participatory budgeting, and generate knowledge that allows its strengthening in the metropolises.

Organizations: Córdoba Municipality; Metropolis; OIDP; Barcelona Municipality; Madrid Municipality; Montreal Municipality

World Metropolitan Day: Reflections on recycling in the metropolitan area

Buenos Aires, 10 October 2020 – Within the framework of the World Metropolitan Day, the City of Buenos Aires presented the different initiatives carried out to work collaboratively with multiple actors and perspectives on the issue of waste and recycling in the Buenos Aires Metropolitan Area.

The Council of the Urban Environmental Plan (CoPUA) and the Legislature of the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires held a series of meetings with the governments of the City, the Province of Buenos Aires and municipalities of the AMBA; legislators of the City and municipalities of the AMBA; academia and civil society organizations.

Organizations: Buenos Aires City; Metropolis

Conversations about the desired city and community

Ciudad de Merlo, Argentina 14 October 2020 – In the context of Urban October 2020, sponsored by UN-Habitat, which in addition to having World Habitat Day, includes World Cities Day, which has worldwide recognition on October 31, the Department of Architecture, Cultures and Art joined this initiative, which proposes numerous ways of expressing the subject, revolving this year around Better city, better life. Valuing our communities and cities. In this sense, this report reports

the local initiative carried out through a Cycle of Open Talks called: Conversations on the desired city and community. This experience was developed as planned in the Project duly elevated to the Department of Architecture, Cultures and Art of the National University of Los Comechingones whose authorities Mg. Agustina Rodríguez Saá - Rector and Stella Mary Muñoz - Head of the Department of Architecture, Cultures and Art endorsed it and encouraged its development.

The first radio meeting teacher Diego Oscar Espinosa interviewed by Paola Lechini, of Radio Municipal Carpintería (FM 87.9). Prof. Espinosa made a brief description of the characteristics and singularities of Carpintería, location, peculiarities of its demographic growth, the environmental problems that affect the locality. Then he emphasized the need to search for Carpentry's identity and the importance of the importance of collective knowledge for all types of planning. He stated as something important the need for greater commitment on the part of the community to strengthen that identity and solve problems. What is sought is a more equitable and supportive society that requires the commitment of the different levels.

In the second interview Espinosa described the city of Merlo as an example of the new urbanization phenomena that can be observed in Argentina and the world. He made reference to the fact that it constitutes a social phenomenon of high impact from a cultural, socioeconomic and environmental point of view. The teacher made mention of the work being carried out at the National University of Los Comechingones on

the analysis of the territory and how significant the future role of the university has on research on these issues. He also shared with the host Rodríguez the importance of the need for active social actors committed to society. The announcer was very satisfied with the interview and made several questions and interventions, which were answered from an academic level, but clear and accessible to the audience.

Among the topics addressed were the expansion, occupation and growth trends of Carpentry, the importance of the need for planning and ordering the territory in relation to the projection towards an expected future of the municipality. The reasons for the evolution of the town and its relationship with Merlo and Los Molles, border municipalities, at the level of interaction and interdependence, were pointed out. What was raised at all times is to know what is intended for the future of Carpintería and the need for citizen participation for growth in harmony with the environment.

In the case of 2001, there was a veritable wave of immigrants that quadrupled the local population of Carpintería in the intercensal period 2001-2010, placing the town in the first place in the country in terms of population growth for that period. With the post-pandemic, there is the chance of a great wave of arrivals due to the available amenities in the area, putting ecological sustainability at risk and the presence of an impressive ecological footprint throughout the valley which, if not an adequate territorial ordering is done, will have a negative impact. in the development and organization of the territory. It is important to have a serious and consensual

territorial ordering where current laws are complied with and to stop having gray spaces between municipalities.

How to build resilience capacities in urban contexts of structural inequalities and deficits in Latin American cities

Quilmes, Argentina 26 October 2020

– Resilient governance to achieve the Sustainable Development Goal No. 11 Urban and environmental resilience is one of the main approaches that cities must address in their urban designs and planning management. The future of cities will be marked by new challenges and crises to face: natural disasters, impacts of climate change, exponential population movements, population growth, socio-economic crisis, and health crises such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

Particularly in Latin America, structural inequalities, urban asymmetries, severe poverty, deficiencies in urban infrastructure and the lack of sustained planning in many of the cities, highlight the need for debate and the urgency to implement policies that focus on response and build capacity for the city and its citizens to adapt. Against this background, it is essential to think on guidelines in urban design and management focused on urban-environmental resilience for 2030.

During the event, there was exchange of knowledge, experiences and good practices of urban planning experts from the region and Intendants / Mayors or public officials from related areas of Local Governments of cities in Argentina, Peru, Ecuador, El Salvador and Mexico, all with different population sizes, topography and socio-economic characteristics.

Objectives were:

- Evaluate progress in the design and planning of resilient cities in Latin America.
- Learn and exchange experiences of implementation of urban and environmental resilience projects and plans among cities in the region.
- Raise the main challenges in urban resilience that cities will face in the next 20 years.
- Relationship with The New Urban Agenda And The Sustainable Development Goals

Cities today are key players in the future of our societies. This has been highly evidenced in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. The management and planning capacity in cities will determine the capacity to respond to future crises. In this sense, thinking about urban and environmental resilience of cities should be a main objective and goal with a view to meeting the goals set forth in SDG No. 11. Planning a resilient and safe city implies adopting integrated policies and plans for inclusion, efficient use of resources, mitigation and adaptation to climate change, and comprehensive disaster risk management at all levels. This must be complemented by access to sustainable housing and buildings, and to safe and affordable services; a substantial improvement in road safety; the protection of the cultural and natural heritage of the city (especially the urban biosphere); prevent and reduce the number of deaths caused by disasters, and reduce direct economic losses; reduce negative environmental impacts; provide city dwellers with universal access to green areas and safe public spaces.

Urban Agenda implies and commits to moving towards cities that guarantee all people enjoy equal rights and access to the benefits and opportunities that cities can offer. This necessarily implies reconsidering urban systems and the physical form of our urban spaces, focusing on the issue that we will address: the city's capacity for resilience and regeneration to permanently ensure these rights. In other words, resilient urban development must be people-centred, "leaving no one behind" due to the impacts of crises, disasters, and internal and external shocks. This will require integrated territorial planning, multidimensional urban development, and urban governance that has the capacity for adaptability to drive these changes.

Anticipated Results

- Develop a map of good practices in Latin American cities on urban resilience responses in different contexts and situations.
- Generate a network of knowledge and learning between different cities in Latin America.
- Build bridges between Local Governments, Universities, civil society and the private sector to improve resilience capacities in neighbourhoods, communities and in each of the citizens who live in our cities."

BRAZIL

Eccuscine

João Pessoa , Brazil 31 October 2020
— In this sixth online edition, on World Cities Day, ending the Urban October and also the current online season of

Eccuscine, we debated the documentary "É o que eu penso e é o que eu vejo", by Peabiru Trabalhos Comunitários e Ambientais, about the right to adequate housing in partnership with Engajamundo, Engenheiros sem Fronteiras - Núcleo João Pessoa, Minha Jampa and Br Cidades. The event was free and open to the public and was also recorded and posted on YouTube.

As debaters in this edition of Eccuscine, representing the Br Cidades network, we had: André Baltazar, Bachelor in Architecture and Urbanism from UFPB, Eccuscine Coordinator at the Instituto ECCUS and Coordinator of the Sustainable Cities and Communities Working Group at Engajamundo; Ivana Accioly, Architect and Urbanist representing the Institute of Architects of Brazil, Department of Paraíba (IAB.pb); Gabriel Lucas, majoring in Architecture and Urbanism at UNIPÊ and Director of Finance at the National Federation of Students of Architecture and Urbanism in Brazil (FeNEA); and Alex Viana, Architect and Urbanist from UNIPÊ and a member of the Movement of Workers for Rights (MTD)."

Sustainable rooms under the gaze of the 5Ps of the 2030 Agenda.

Natal, Brazil 31 October 2020 — The proposal consisted of presenting the 2030 Agenda, to the participants of the webinar, as a global action plan that seeks to mitigate the main problems that have affected humanity in terms of intensity, scalability and speed, as well as pointing out that the SDGs They are an important public policy planning tool that offers a common language and a special look at the most vulnerable people in order to lift them out of situations of deprivation

and absence of human rights. In this sense, multilateral cooperation is a strong strategy to enhance the actions and obtain greater effectiveness in solving problems. The objective of this was to address SDG 11, showing the importance of safe housing for all people, not only as a necessary option to improve life, but also as a right fundamental that must be guaranteed in the present and in the future.

Considering the situation evidenced by COVID 19, the aspects related to housing have become a matter of life and death and that is an issue that needs to be rethought, since according to United Nations data: around 1.8 billion people (the equivalent of more than 20 per cent of the population world) lack adequate housing, one billion people live in informal settlements and more than 100 million people live on the streets and / or homeless. Thus, this debate between experts and researchers raised the issue of SUSTAINABLE HOUSING in view of the vision of the 5 P's proposed in that agenda (People, Planet, Peace, Prosperity and Alliances), since there is no safe housing without guaranteeing respect and human dignity to women.

PEOPLE, without PROSPERITY around this territory, without protection to the PLANET to minimize environmental crises, without ALLIANCES to promote actions that promote solutions and development and, finally, there is no PEACE without dialogue, attitudes directed to the good of the community and access to all the above topics. Therefore, there is no way of thinking about resilient, inclusive, peaceful, collaborative, sustainable cities without leaving anyone behind, without observing the dimension of housing and inserting a holistic approach focused on the 5Ps

of the 2030 Agenda. The activity had The objective was to achieve 30 participants, but the scope was 155 people who had access to information that generated reflections, education and new actions.

COLOMBIA

Integrated Cities 2020

Medellin, Colombia 5 October 2020

The objective was to be a reflective and critical proposal, to talk about issues framed in the Urban October campaign, which was added to the activities of people, organizations, cities, communities and governments of all levels that participated during the #OctubreUrbano month to highlight challenges and solutions in relation to urban sustainability. In this sense, people from different cities and countries were invited to dialogue.

Organized by: Academia Interciudades, Coonvite and the Faculty of Integrated Arts of the Universidad San Buenaventura Medellín.

World Metropolitan Day: The Metropolitan Region of Bogotá-Cundimarca: Perspectives of a Regional Future

Bogotá, Colombia 7 October 2020 — In the framework of the World Metropolitan Day 2020, the District Secretariat of Habitat of the Metropolitan Region of Bogotá Cundimarca organized an event to address inequity issues by implementing new urban agenda. The focus was on the consolidation of the Bogotá-Cundimarca Region.

Organizations: Secretaría del Habitat, Bogotá Metropolis

Awareness and Training Workshops for Local Governantes in Cúcuta and Villa del Rosario on Territorial Development, Urban Control and Regulation/Urban Treatments, Social Inclusion and Human Mobility

Cúcuta, Colombia 14 October 2020

— The Mayors of Cúcuta and Villa del Rosario in Northern Santander are in a process of building and integrating mechanisms that promote the strengthening of territorial development, planning and territorial management processes, in their cities. This would ensure in the medium and long term, the right, accessibility and inclusion to the city's service systems: education, health, transport, public space, among others, to the entire population, including refugees and migrants. Likewise, the Secretariat of Housing and Planning Directorate of Cúcuta, and the Planning Secretariat of Villa del Rosario, seek to consolidate a strong and specialized structure that allows to control and regularize informal settlements in different areas, promoting population inclusion and institutional and territorial development to cities.

The project "Inclusive Cities, Communities of Solidarity " within the framework of "Urban October", offered four training workshops to the public officials that integrate these areas of interest, in order to share and transfer knowledge that can be integrated into their technical work.

The first workshop focused on the "City Challenges in relation to the Urban Impacts of Human Mobility", which highlighted the importance of the role of local authorities in responding and caring for refugees and migrants as part of their management.

The second workshop "Experiences for the control of informal settlements and human mobility. Cases Bogota and Cartagena" focused on the importance of the urban regulation in cities with a high rate of refugees and migrants, since the lack of it generates social and economic problems that hinder the good development of them.

The third workshop "Social Inclusion Mechanisms associated with the Legalization of Neighborhoods" was a space for discussion between the local governments under action and specialists in urban regulation, who stressed the importance of social inclusion in neighborhood legalisation processes to ensure the good development of the community.

Finally, the fourth workshop "Inclusion of the social fabric and socio-economic development in the integral improvement of neighborhoods" highlighted the importance of the inclusion of refugees and migrants in the processes of neighborhood improvement in cities.

Webinar - Sustainable Urban Planning and Urban Resilience Strategies: Ciudadela Muisca de Iguaque in Bosa

Bogotá, Colombia 21 October 2020

— One of the purposes of the Letter of Intention signed between UN-Habitat Hub Andean Countries and the Muisca Indigenous Council of Bosa, is to provide technical support from the HUB to the development of the "Ciudadela Muisca de Iguaque in Bosa, Bogota, Colombia. As part of the formulation of this project, the Cabildo made a call for a contest of ideas for the architectural urban design of the Ciudadela, and as a dissemination

mechanism, UN-Habitat developed a virtual dialogue with national and international experts, accompanied by a presentation of strategic issues of sustainable urbanism and urban resilience, which are underpinned under a conceptual framework for the generation of proposals.

As mentioned above, this webinar was jointly developed between the Muisca Cabildo of Bosa and UN-Habitat, with the support of the District Institute of Culture Heritage Bogotá – IDPC by its acronyms in Spanish, in two sessions.

The first session began with a traditional ritual of the Muisca community, followed by the presentation of the representatives of the Community and followed by a brief approach to the call for the contest of ideas for the constitution of the Ciudadela. This session focused on the role of both, material and intangible heritage in the construction of sustainable environments and ended with the participation of Patrick Morales, director of IDPC, who presented the perspective of the Bogotá Capital District in terms of the valorization and conservation of cultural heritage.

The second session focused on experiences and good practices around the world in sustainable urban planning from a multi-scale perspective: urban planning based on the vocation of the territory and the concept of Smart Cities; as well as talking about the role of public space in building community and promoting urban resilience and innovation in building construction. This session was attended by international experts such as Ignacio Alcalde, UN-Habitat Expert; José Chong, UN-Habitat Expert; and Maider Alzola, Expert from the Tecnalia España Foundation.

The event had an audience of approximately 200 people including members of the Muisca community of Bosa, staff of public entities, academy and professionals interested in participating in the contest of ideas.

Sustainable urban planning and urban resilience strategies: Ciudadela Mhuysqa de Iguaque in Bosa

Bogota, Colombia 21 October 2020 — In the framework of the technical assistance that UN-Habitat Andean countries Hub is providing to the indigenous Muisca Council for the formulation and implementation of the Muisca Citadel in Bogotá, Colombia, it has been proposed the development of a webinar who congregate local professionals and have the participation of local, national, and international experts in sustainable urbanism and cultural adequacy to present good practices and experiences to contribute with the formulation of the citadel.

In this context, the objective of the webinar was to generate a space for the presentation of national and international initiatives and good practices that provides inputs for the structuring and execution of the ideas contest "Basic design of the Citadel Mhuysqa de Iguaque as an urban agricultural territory in Bosa, Bogotá, Colombia", as well as for its positioning in professional networks of the national and international order.

Organizations: *Cabildo Muisca de Bosa; UN-Habitat; Instituto Distrital de Cultura y Patrimonio*

Urban Thinkers Campus on “Bridging the Gap between Humanitarian and Development Nexus in Migration and Displacement Contexts

Bogota, Colombia 22 October 2020 —

The Urban Thinkers Campuses (UTC) is an initiative of the World Urban Campaign driven by UN-Habitat. The UTC is conceived as an open space for critical exchange between urban researchers, professionals, and decision-makers who believe that urbanization is an opportunity and can lead to positive urban transformations. It is also intended as a platform to build consensus between partners engaged in addressing urbanization challenges and proposing solutions to urban futures.

Within the framework of Urban Thinkers Campus, three discussions were held called “Bridging the Gap between Humanitarian and Development Nexus in Migration and Displacement Contexts”, which focused on encompassing forced migration in cities.

The first session addressed how Latin American cities are managing the impact of forced migration, accompanied by examples of policies and approaches that seek to integrate migrants into the social and economic fabric of the city.

The second session focused on sharing experiences and lessons learned in Kenya, Uganda and Bangladesh on sustainable and integrated solutions for refugee settlements and the inclusion of them, as well as responses from the host community in urban contexts.

Finally, the third session of the Urban Thinkers Campus focused on specific challenges for internally displaced persons (IDPs).

Participants included Ana Cláudia Rossbach, Regional Coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean for Cities Alliance; Juan Diego Peña, UnderSecretary of Economic Development of the city of Cúcuta, Colombia; Sofia Arce B, Director of International Relations and Cooperation of the Mayor of Cuenca, Ecuador; Nina Astfalck of the Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation and Elkin Velasquez, Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, UN-Habitat.

Webinar: “Urban Challenges for Cohesion and Integration in the Colombian Caribbean”

Cartagena, Colombia 23 October 2020

— The virtual space “Urban Challenges for Cohesion and Integration in the Colombian Caribbean” sought to generate a regional dialogue based on urban intervention practices, publicly position the Urban Agenda, as well as raise the need to identify new allies in the Colombian Caribbean.

The event was attended by national and international experts, such as Cielo Blanco, Director of the School of Government and Leadership of Mayor of Cartagena; Roi Chiti, Coordinator of UN-Habitat Andean Countries; Ricardo Vives, Manager of the Corporation Puerta de Oro from the Mayor of Barranquilla; Guillermo Avila, Secretary of Planning of Cartagena and Dagoberto Ospino, Director of the District Urban Development and Renewal Company of the Mayor of Santa Marta. The moderator was Alfredo Manrique, UN-Habitat -senior advisor.

There was a vibrant discussion and some key interventions were brought up by several speakers. Roi Chiti reiterated that large projects, involved in public space, are projects that boost the integration

of all sectors of the population while becoming icons that generate roots and citizen identity and culture. Likewise, Ricardo Vives explained how through projects, such as the great “Malecon del Río”, are recognized as metropolitan actions that allow the entire population can participate and integrate with the public space. On the other hand, Guillermo Avila mentioned that the “Malecon de la Virgen” is an opportunity for the edges city build comprehensive projects that diminish socio- space segregation; and finally, Dagoberto Ospina presented the simultaneous work that they advance with the boardwalk of El Rodadero and the bay ridge, which seeks to combine strategies of labor re-conversion to avoid informality and inhabit them from a cultural, social and economic point of view.

The forum had 73 virtual and social media viewers, as reported by the School of Government and Leadership.

SEMANA Magazine Forum; “Housing: Opening the Doors to Economic Reactivation”

Bogota, Colombia 26 October 2020 —

The Semana Magazine Forum “Housing: Opening the Doors to Economic Reactivation” aimed at disseminating the principles of access to adequate housing. The forum was moderated by Sandra Carvajal, director of Dinero Magazine and was attended by international panelists such as Roi Chiti, Coordinator UN-Habitat Andean Countries HUB, and expert panelists such as Carlos Felipe Reyes, Deputy Minister of Housing, Cities and Territory; Carlos Rodríguez, General Manager Compensar; Francisco Rodríguez, Urban developer and Clemencia Escallón of the University of the Andes

The event was held around four large postulates:

- The first is that, without an appropriate housing, it is impossible to carry out the social distancing and good hygiene practices that demand preventive action to the expansion of the pandemic.
- The second postulate focused on access to adequate housing, not only as a human right in itself, but as a feasibility of other rights.
- The third premise developed was the fundamental role of the dynamizing capacity of the local and national economy of the housing sector, not only because of the ability to generate employment massively in times of crisis, but because it involves other sectors that generate inputs, services and other goods typical of this economic activity.
- The fourth postulate addressed during the event was the requirement of regulations, by private entities to the State, that facilitate access to housing credits, enable land suitable for building activity and improve the quality of land-use plans and the agility of the licensing processes of urban projects. Finally, it was mentioned that the Colombian government has arranged a wide catalogue of options for access to housing such as the "Semillero de Propietarios" programs that promotes savings and subsidizes leasing with purchase option, "Mi Casa Ya" with various forms of subsidies for access to housing of social interest, and the recently launched rural housing program.

The relevance of this forum is that this is a means of public positioning of the HUB Coordinator, as well as contributes to the positioning of UN-Habitat's technical assistance capacity on issues of adequate housing, linked to the economic reactivation and urban development.

The forum had 8,746 virtual and social media participants, as reported by Semana Magazine.

Antioquia Housing and Infrastructure Company Forum: From Housing, to Sustainable Habitat

Medellin, Colombia 27 October 2020 -

The Antioquia Housing and Infrastructure Company Forum: 'From Housing, to Sustainable Habitat' was a forum organised by the Antioquia Government, Viva Antioquia and UN-Habitat within the framework of Urban October.

The topics covered at the Forum were: sustainable housing as an imperative of the time to avoid harmful effects on the environment, which requires the use of environmentally friendly materials, alternative energy sources, energy-saving mechanisms and the facilitation of the circular economy; the State as a stimulating agent in the construction of sustainable housing through tax exemptions and the enhancement of innovation with support for habitat science and technology projects; and finally, the conception of rural housing as a source of income for farmers if it is enabled for activities such as agro-tourism and ecotourism.

The forum had expert panelists such as María Fanery Sucerquia, Manager of the Housing and Infrastructure Company of Antioquia, Jorge Pérez Jaramillo,

Advisor of the Directorate of the Antioquia Planning Office; Carlos Ignacio Uribe, Environment Secretary of Antioquia and Alfredo Manrique R, UN-Habitat HUB Andean Countries Advisor and was moderated by Lucas García, Director of Housing and Habitat of "Viva Antioquia".

The forum served as a mechanism for disclosing the principles of access to adequate housing; as well as contributing to the positioning of UN-Habitat's technical assistance capacity on issues of adequate housing in the urban and rural, linked to sustainable development.

The forum had 2,035 virtual and social media participants, as reported by the communications office of "Viva Antioquia".

Discussion Session: Progress of Colombian Cities towards Sustainable Urban Planning

Bogota, Colombia 28 October 2020

- The discussion session, organized by ICLEI Colombia and supported by UN-Habitat Hub Andean Countries, was a space which sought to share the experiences and advances of Colombian cities towards sustainable urban planning, experiences gained from the participation in Urban-LEDS II projects "Accelerating climate action through the promotion of urban low-emission development strategies" and EcoLogistics "Low Carbon Cargo Transport for sustainable cities".

The event began with the welcome address from ICLEI Colombia Director, Monica Santa and Coordinator of UN-Habitat Andean Countries, Roi Chiti, who emphasised the importance of further progress in sustainable urban planning.

During the first part talk, Patricia Lizarazo,

UN-Habitat Expert, conducted an analysis on the overall context of climate change in Colombia, identifying challenges and opportunities, as well as mentioning the importance of inclusive and sustainable cities; followed by Monica Santa of ICLEI Colombia, who spoke about the importance of climate compliance as an instrument for dealing with the climate crisis in Colombia.

Juan David Correa Panesso, Specialist in Routes and Transport Sub-direction of Mobility Metropolitan Area of Valle de Aburrá, spoke about the experience gained in the Ecologistics project in Colombia, as well as the main challenges and strategies in the process of including sustainable urban logistics in urban planning processes.

Subsequently, Juan José Orozco Valencia, Secretary of Dispatch Secretariat of Environment and Agricultural Development of Envigado, presented the experience city and climate change in urban planning and finally, Sandra Castro, head Directorate of Technical Management and Institutional Strengthening of Fedemunicipios, talked about the needs of municipalities in their sustainable urban planning, in order to face climate change, as well as mentioned the needs of Colombian cities during their urban planning process in the context of climate change.

The event concluded with a discussion panel led by Patricia Lizarazo and panellists from Fedemunicipios and the Metropolitan Area Valle de Aburrá and Envigado, respectively, where emphasis was placed on the importance of making a technical accompaniment to cities in initiatives and advances, focused on sustainable urban planning.

El Colombiano Newspaper Forum In Search of The Ideal House

Medellin, Colombia 28 October 2020

- The Forum "In Search Ideal House", was a space organised by UN-Habitat and the newspaper El Colombiano. The main topics discussed were: the seven attributes of adequate housing, established by the UN; and the right to access to a proper housing, being it not only a human right in itself, but also this access allows the viability of other rights such as the right to life, property, health, education, the environment, water and other basic services. It also raised the need for quality information, in relation to qualitative and quantitative demands for adequate housing in the country and in cities; and finally, there was talk about the integral improvement of neighbourhoods, as well as the eradication of informal or incomplete development settlements, becoming a task that demands coordinated action at different levels of public administration and its different sectors.

The event was attended by Roi Chiti, UN-Habitat Andean Countries HUB Coordinator; Daniel Oviedo, National Director National Administrative Department of Statistics- DANE and Francesco Orsini, Leader of housing and habitat sector of Family Welfare Fund of Antioquia; moderated by María Alejandra Pérez, legal director Real State Associates of Medellin and Antioquia.

The relevance of the Forum was based on the public positioning HUB Coordinator, as well as the positioning of UN-Habitat's technical assistance capacity on adequate housing issues, linked to economic reactivation and urban development. In addition to the above, the

event served as a platform for disseminating the principles of access to adequate housing and as a source of recognition of UN-Habitat's work and technical cooperation.

The live event brought together 7,143 participants as reported by the El Colombiano newspaper, and in its website and social media channels.

World Metropolitan Day: Capacity Development for Metropolitan Management

Bogota 29 October 2020 – The event aimed at fostering reflection and analysis on the importance of strengthening the development of urban management capacities with a metropolitan approach, and the contribution of universities in the consolidation of a metropolitan discipline.

The event presented new tools and methodologies for metropolitan management through the panel discussion "The Role of Universities in Metropolitan Management", and the presentation of the first post-graduate programme with a metropolitan focus in Colombia.

The content of the event contributed to promoting the development of tools and capacity-building programs to reorient the way in which cities are planned, designed, financed, developed and managed. The programme of the event included;

1. Launch and presentation of MetroHUB ToolKit for Metropolitan Management.
2. Consolidation of Metropolitan Discipline: The Role of Universities in Metropolitan Management.

3. Launch and presentation of the Post-graduate Programme in "Spatial Analysis. Metropolitan

Management and Governance", of the National University of Colombia

Organizations: UN-Habitat, Metropolis; Universidad Nacional de Colombia

VII National Urban Forum-NUF2020: Resuming the path of urban development beyond COVID-19

Villavicencio, Colombia 30 October 2020 – National Urban Forum - NUF 2020 "Resuming the Path of Sustainable Urban Development: Beyond COVID-19" was held as part of the celebration of World Cities Day and Urban October, whose objective was to generate a space where the challenges and opportunities of the implementation of the System of Cities of Colombia were discussed, the role of cities in the post-conflict context, the solidarity response to internal and external migration phenomena, and actions focused on national and local economic reactivation, responding to the crisis generated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

This forum, which had more than 6,500 reproductions on the Facebook Live page of the Mayor's Office of Villavicencio, was attended by representatives from different cities of the country and high-profile national experts, who, over four thematic segments, analyzed and discussed the challenges of Colombian urban and territorial development and shared national and international experiences.

The event began with a welcome greeting from Felipe Harman, mayor

of Villavicencio; who recognized the role of UN-Habitat for generating these discussion spaces, as well as emphasizing the importance of applying the principles of the New Urban Agenda – NUA, urban planning policies, and post-COVID-19 socio-economic recovery processes. Following this intervention, UN-Habitat coordinator for the Andean countries Hub, Roi Chiti, made a brief welcome greeting and emphasize the relevance of the System of Cities of Colombia as the backbone for balanced, sustainable, and efficient urban and territorial development.

Finally, Luz María Zapata, Executive Director of the Association of Capital Cities – ASOCAPITALES (for its acronym in Spanish), thanked the attendees and government entities for their participation in the Forum.

The thematic module 1 "System of Cities of Colombia", opened a dialogue between the National Government, represented by the National Planning Department – (DNP for its acronym in Spanish) and ASOCAPITALES, which focused on the advances and challenges of implementing national policy for the consolidation of the System of Cities of Colombia.

The module began with the intervention of Luz María Zapata, who gave a brief description of the work of Asocapitales, an organization that aims to work on the consolidation and management of a common development agenda built by collective actions from the territories, with issues of national, regional and local scope and interest. This agenda aims to contribute to the implementation of the System of Cities of Colombia by strategic pillars: sustainable development and planning of the territory; promoting quality of life, equity and equal rights; physical

and digital connectivity; coordination and governance; productivity, competitiveness, and innovation; and adequate and efficient financing.

Finally, she mentioned the contributions that, along with the University of the Andes of Colombia, ASOCAPITALES has been developing through research that analyzes economic reactivation scenarios, and makes recommendations applicable for those actions and strategies to be implemented by the System of Cities to deal with the crisis and post-crisis COVID-19.

Mr. Daniel Gómez, General Deputy Director of The National Planning, gave a brief presentation of the Index of Modern Cities, the System of Cities of Colombia and the main public policy challenges of this system. The Index of Modern Cities is a national and subnational tool, which reveals the state of the City System, presenting holistically an analysis of social, environmental, economic, technological, institutional, and security issues. This multidimensional and multi-territorial index helps to identify actions for improvement, formulation of integral and sustainable urban public policies; and evaluation of the effectiveness of the actions undertaken. Among the most outstanding results of the application of this index, great challenges have been identified for the System of Cities of Colombia especially in terms of productivity, connectivity, sustainability, associativity, ICTS, security, equity, and social inclusion. One of the main challenges is the promotion of connectivity between municipalities, especially considering that 2 per cent of them have regional transportation systems, and 40 per cent of municipalities are situated far away from some of the

56 nodes of the system. Strengthening connectivity will contribute to the optimization of functional relationships in agglomerations as connectivity (infrastructure) improves, productivity, competitiveness, and complementarity are energized.

Module 1 concluded with the intervention of Jorge Iván Rincón, professor at the Universidad Externado de Colombia, who summarized the main challenges facing the System of Cities of Colombia as: (i) Isolated cities in the territory and lack of connectivity, consequently, lack of economic specialisation and low levels of regional and national competitiveness; (ii) lack of productive capacity of rural municipalities in contrast with medium-sized cities or capital cities, leading to food security problems; and (iii) the absence of regulation in large urban centres, intermediate cities, and small municipalities. Finally, Rincón mentioned two central themes in the implementation of this Policy; first, the high percentage of Municipalities of Colombia still present first-generation Land-use Plans, whose definitions in most cases do not respond to the identity of the municipality or a long-term urban project. Secondly, he highlighted the need for a national cadastral policy, which contributes to strategic definitions based on data and smart governance and directs the planning towards a clear and defined objective.

The thematic module 2 "Cities and COVID-19: challenges for the reactivation of cities", was presented as an open space for dialogue, where the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy of cities and the reactivation strategies implemented by them were addressed. The Mayor of Villavicencio, Felipe

Harman emphasized the importance of the implementation of the principles of the NUA in the response of public institutions to the COVID-19 crisis and post-crisis. Thus, to consider sustainable urban development as a key pillar for reducing inequalities. It was emphasised that economic growth should focus on job creation and decent work, total access to quality and low-cost public services, and strengthening human cities and settlements through quality-of-life urban planning. Finally, Mayor Harman presented the strategy of economic and social revival implemented by the Local government of Villavicencio, based on four lines of action: (i) Modern and Sustainable Villavicencio for habitat generation, infrastructure investment, and subsidies generation. (ii) Smart City for the consolidation of cadastral systems, municipal public services companies, including ITs; (iii) Fall in love with Villavicencio for tourism promotion and, (iv) Buy Local to strengthen local production.

Afterward, the National Coordinator of the Network of "Red de Ciudades Cómo Vamos", Luis Sáenz, released the results of the Virtual Survey "My city, My Voice", whose objective was to follow up on the perception of citizens during the COVID-19 emergency of several aspects: optimism, economic situation and poverty, health, education, mobility, and public services, security, justice, participation and co-responsibility, and public management. As a result of 60,000 surveys, the most relevant topics pointed out were: (i) In terms of poverty, the middle class is at risk of increasing its poverty levels due to the COVID-19 crisis; (ii) In terms of mobility, the use of mass transport was significantly reduced, while alternative transportation systems

(cycling and walking) increased, leading to new opportunities to boost alternative mobility means through integral mobility policies; (iii) In terms of public services, most of the citizens have a perception of delays in the provision of public services, with internet access being the most critical; (iv) In terms of security most citizens claimed to feel safe in their neighborhoods, as well as consider that the conflicts of greatest recurrence relate to the provision of public services, health, and community cohabitation. Finally, citizens have a negative perception in regard to the security measures taken and are not satisfied with how the Local governments communicate decision making.

Patricia Lizarazo, Senior specialist at UN-Habitat, mentioned that the great challenge in the face of the health emergency is the non-erosion of democracy, and emphasized the need to support with differentiated actions to vulnerable populations, including those in poverty and extreme poverty. Regarding socio-economic recovery, it was suggested to create a green pact that would focus on encompassing financing, investment, and ideas aimed at sustainable actions with territorial and supra-regional entities. Furthermore, Lizarazo emphasized that public policies focused on reducing inequality and youth inclusion through entrepreneurship needed to be put in place to lessen the effects of the pandemic on this age group.

The third thematic module "Cities and Post-conflict" was opened by Adolfo Bula Ramírez, Secretary of Government of the Municipality of Santa Marta, and the Secretary of Planning of the Municipality of Cúcuta, Margarita Contreras. Mr. Ramirez's presentationIn presentation

"The Configuration of Cities and Forced Displacement" presented the context of the city of Santa Marta in the framework of the post-conflict process, indicating that even though 42 per cent of the population of the municipality had been displaced by the Colombian armed conflict, nevertheless, their needs and rights traditionally have not been adequately addressed by the action of the local government. In this context, it was noted that the main challenges that arise from the Colombian armed conflict are segregation and lack of institutional capacities. Thus, the local government of Santa Marta presented a proposal at the national level to confront these challenges.

The Secretary of Planning of the Municipality of Cúcuta, Margarita Contreras, referred to the objectives established by the Government Plan of the Mayor of Cúcuta, Jairo Yañez, in terms of urban development, which ensure the territorial equity and habitat. The most relevant objective of this plan is to use territorial planning instruments to build a sustainable territory, with an infrastructure system to support socio-economic activities, and a network of green spaces in the city, through an efficient territorial order. Thus, the definition of an urban border is accompanied by the implementation of legalization actions at urban informal settlements.

To conclude Module 3, Gerardo Ardila, Professor of the National University of Colombia mentioned the importance of modifying the socioeconomic stratification policy in the country to promote and support the implementation of the peace agreements in urban territories. Furthermore, Ardilla

emphasized the need to strengthen the public, referencing public spaces, institutionality, and control of public services.

Finally, the fourth thematic module Dialogue with Local Authorities, moderated by Augusto Pinto, Senior specialist at UN-Habitat, began with the discussion of the panelists' vision of the role of non-capital cities in the face of post- regionalization and reactivation processes due to the COVID-19 crisis. One of the main topics of the discussion centered around the rapid growth of urban agglomerations and the resulting territorial segregation. José Fernando Escobar, Mayor of the Municipality of Itagüí, noted that in the particular case of this municipality belonging to the Metropolitan Area of the Aburrá Valley, has high levels of migration that contribute to the economic dynamization of the city, as well as challenges in the management and occupation of the territory. Thus, it is imperative to advance actions for the containment of the city's excessive growth by the definition of instruments to eject urban control, soil legalisation, green belt generation, and the advantage of economic capacities generated by migrant populations. On the other hand, Daniel Bernal, Mayor of Funza, noted that the main challenge of the municipality is the integration into the dynamics of Bogotá's metropolitan region concerning conditions of safety, employment, cost of public services, mobility, and health service.

Moreover, Luis Daza, Secretary of Housing of the Municipality of Villa del Rosario, indicated that the municipality faces great challenges such as the excessive population growth due to the migration

crisis coming from Venezuela, generating unemployment rates and informality. In this context, the current Land-use Plan is not responding to the current population growth, so it is vitally important to update it to the realities of the territory and articulate it to the metropolitan area that allows the promotion of access to basic services, employment, and economic opportunities and decent housing for all.

Monica Villegas, Education Manager for Citizenship of the Corona Foundation, referred to municipalities and agglomerations as entities that share cross-cutting challenges. The main challenge is the definition of metropolitan governance with the definition of competencies, funding sources, democratic representation, and citizen participation. It was also recommended to establish new models of metropolitan governance, dealing with increasing complexities and in line with the real needs of the agglomerations of metropolitan areas, as well as to develop comprehensive economic strategies, oriented to strategic planning, aimed at generating inclusive urban planning and territorial solidarity.

The Mayor of Villavicencio, closed the Forum and thanked UN-Habitat for generating these spaces for discussion and concluded with the premise:

"It is necessary to position the construction of a better quality of habitat, and to consolidate an agenda that challenges the conditions of inequality, addressing the structural needs of cities"

Afterward, the Regional Director for UN-Habitat Latin America and the Caribbean, Elkin Velasquez, participated in the closure of this space.

Webinar on the challenges of integration of refugees and migrants

Bogota, Colombia 30 October 2020 –

The Webinar: The Challenges Integration of Refugees and Migrants with vocation to Stay in the Cities of Latin America and the Caribbean" was a space implemented by UNHCR, IOM and UN-Habitat within the framework project "Inclusive Cities, Communities of Solidarity ". This regional webinar opened the dialogue around the challenges and opportunities of cities for the integration of refugees and migrants with vocation to stay from the experience of cities subject to the project, strategic and cooperative partners region.

The event began with the welcome greeting UN-Habitat the Andean Countries HUB Coordinator, Roi Chiti; followed by Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive director of UN-Habitat; and Patricia Llobardt, European Union ambassador to Colombia.

The Panel 1 Webinar made visible the challenges facing Latin American and Caribbean cities, in terms of integrating refugees and migrants, in the medium and long term; through the participation of high-level experts such as Eduardo Stein, Joint Special Representative UNHCR and IOM; Isabel Márquez, Deputy Regional Director Americas for UNHCR, as well as representatives of different governmental and civilian bodies, such as Gabriela Quiroga, Secretary of Social Inclusion Metropolitan District of Quito; Juan Carlos Viloria, Vice President of Venezuelans in Barranquilla and Sabrina Crovetto, Head of Communication Technical Secretariat of Mercocity.

Subsequently, Panel 2 discussed the role of cities in implementing actions that promote sustainable development, through the use diversity and human talent of refugees and migrants and was attended by high-level experts, such as Diego Beltrand, special envoy IOM Director-General for the Regional Response to the Situation in Venezuela; Elkin Velasquez, UN-Habitat Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean and Felipe Muñoz, Head Migration Unit Inter-American Development Bank. Similarly, there was participation of different levels of national government, such as Minister María Antonia Masana García, Director of Protection and National Assistance Foreign Affairs Ministry of Peru; and representatives of local governments with high reception of human mobility, such as Jairo Yáñez, Mayor of San José de Cúcuta, Colombia and Alfonso Cabello, Councilor of Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Spain).

The event was attended by around 200 people on the event page.

COSTA RICA

Towards Sustainable Cities and Communities

San Jose, Costa Rica 5 October 2020 –

During the month of October, Urbanalytica -a collaborative platform of data-driven urban analysis- participated in the digital campaign: Towards Sustainable Cities and Communities. The main goal of this campaign was to share the criteria of different experts and local actors through a series of posts so that they could

express their ideas and thoughts on how to achieve more sustainable cities and communities.

The activity consisted of gathering the opinions of 16 professionals in various areas related to the urban field and then sharing these criteria through a series of publications on the organization's social media platforms (Instagram and Facebook).

A total of 18 publications were produced and shared, reaching an overall of 3533 accounts. There were valuable interactions and feedback, from an audience mainly from the following countries: Costa Rica, Italy, Germany, Peru, and the United Kingdom.

ECUADOR

I City Forum: Manta Development and Sustainability

Manta, Ecuador 5 October 2020 –

Development and Sustainability was a forum organized by the Manta Architects Guild and the Laica Eloy Alfaro University of Manabí – ULEAM by its acronyms in Spanish-, which assembled national and international speakers and panelists.

The opening of the Forum was carried out by the Mayor of Manta, Agustín Intriago, and the Rector of ULEAM, Miguel Camino. The forum involved international experts, such as the Spanish urban architect Josep Maria Llop, director of the UNESCO-CIMES chair and the Colombian architect, Augusto Pinto Carrillo, as well as UN-Habitat Andean Countries consultant.

Throughout the event, speakers raised different points of view around the current situation and future challenges for sustainable development and the environmental, social and economic sustainability of the city of Manta. It also addressed aspects related to the state of planning instruments such as the development plan and land use plan. Finally, there was a talk about metropolitan dynamics, impacts on rural land occupation and environmental protection areas, and the role of the city in the regional and national context.

From UN-Habitat, elements were provided around the vision of city systems in territorial development and sustainability, taking as an example the experience of the national policy for the consolidation of Colombia's city system. Similarly, the importance of horizontal cooperation between cities, and the consolidation of figures of territorial associativity for the planning and governance of the territory of urban agglomerations such as Manta, were highlighted.

Awareness and Training Sessions on Human Mobility, Protection and the Right to Housing

Quito, Ecuador 5 October 2020 –

Under the Initiative: "Inclusive Cities, Communities of Solidarity", the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, UN-Habitat; with the support of the European Union held the webinars 'Awareness and Training Sessions on Human Mobility, Protection and Right to Housing'. The webinars were designed for the staff of the Secretariat of Social Inclusion of the Municipality of the Metropolitan District of Quito.

The objective of these virtual workshops held over four days was to raise awareness among local government officials of the Ecuadorian capital about the main challenges faced by refugees and migrants in the country; facilitate understanding about the considerations regarding humanitarian protection, its principles derived from the right to live with dignity, the right to humanitarian assistance, the right to protection and the right to security; and provide an overview of gender-based violence and how these situations can be addressed, especially with people in situations of human mobility.

In addition, these sessions served as an opportunity to contextualize the migration process of Venezuelan citizens, as well as refugees who have arrived in Ecuador; deepening the understanding of human mobility, the challenges that this population faces in the process of regularization and socio-economic inclusion in our cities and raising awareness of the opportunities and challenges that migration presents for cities. The most relevant being access to the right to adequate housing.

Finally, it was emphasized at the close of the workshops that "Housing is a fundamental human right, a catalyst for access to human rights and the basis of the well-being of people especially for the most vulnerable population, such as the population in situations of human mobility, the central axis of our work with the Municipality."

HABITAT III + 4 – Presentation of the Sustainable Habitat Agenda of Ecuador 2036

Quito, Ecuador 16 October 2020 –

Ministry of Urban Development and Housing, in cooperation with GIZ and UN-Habitat, launched the Sustainable Habitat Agenda of Ecuador 2036 (AHSE by its acronym in Spanish), after more than three years of work and consultations with the various actors in the country's sustainable urban development.

During the first day, the official presentation of AHSE 2036 was done by Julio Recalde, Minister of Urban Development and Housing, which seeks to achieve more equitable, productive and sustainable cities, with an emphasis on governance and citizen participation, in order to achieve collective agreements that are sustainable over time. Following the presentation of the AHSE, Roi Chiti, Coordinator of UN-Habitat Andean Countries, gave the presentation "National Agendas in the framework of the implementation, monitoring and reporting of the New Urban Agenda", followed by a presentations by Emil Rodríguez, urban specialist of the CAF, Development Bank of Latin America, among others.

On the second day, a multi-actor dialogue was held that included the Association of Municipalities of Ecuador; the Secretariat of Higher Education, Science and Technology; Ecuador's Consortium of Provincial Governments, among other actors.

The third day of the event was attended by the civil society, who presented the citizen vision for the implementation of AHSE 2036, accompanied by the Deputy Minister, Michelle Salazar, who stated

that the main task of the implementation of AHSE is the exchange of local and international experiences that allow to rethink the way of planning and managing cities.

Finally an agreement on AHSE 2036 was signed in the plans and programmes of sectoral ministries. The event was witnessed by Phillip Schauer, ambassador of Germany to Ecuador and Elkin Velasquez, Regional Director of UN-Habitat for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Building human rights cities: Tools for urban management with a human rights approach

Quito, Ecuador 22 October 2020 – In conjunction with The Sustainable Intermediate Cities Program of the German Technical Cooperation -GIZ, the Ecuadorian Ombudsman Office carried together various actions to promote dialogue between different sectors. The activities included actors from the public sector, civil society organizations, academia, and non-governmental organizations to converge on timely solutions that promote the effective exercise of human rights and nature in cities and their surroundings.

Against this background, the education-communication package "Let's build human rights cities" was shared in Urban October. We developed several educational resources based on Human Rights Education that seek to strengthen the capacities, abilities, attitudes and aptitudes of the different actors who participate in the planning, design, implementation and monitoring of policies, plans and programs in urban management so that they incorporate the

human rights approach, in compliance with the Sustainable Development Goals.

According to the survey conducted for the event, answered by 27 of the 37 registered people, most participants managed to reflect on the importance of incorporating the human rights approach in urban management. They indicated that the contents and methodology allowed them to deepen and strengthen their knowledge. As a result, the overall rating of the event was 89per cent.

Organizations: Office of the Ombudsman of Ecuador; Sustainable Cities Program (PCIS), implemented by the German Technical Cooperation (GIZ) commissioned by the Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development of the Federal Republic of Germany (BMZ). Defensoría del Pueblo de Ecuador; Programa de Ciudades Sostenibles (PCIS), ejecutado por la Cooperación Técnica Alemana (GIZ) por encargo del Ministerio de Cooperación Económica y Desarrollo de la República Federal de Alemania (BMZ)

MEXICO

Improvement of street roads

Heroica Nogales, Mexico 3 October 2020

– A Saturday, Day of Improvement of unpaved street roads was held in Heroica Nogales. The benefiting streets were Calle Andador A en la Col. Art. 27 and Calles Andador B and Calle Cerrada Celaya en la Col. CTS-CROC of our City of Nogales, Sonora. We had significant participation of the sector residents who appreciated the attention and caring for their streets.

Organizations: Reynaldo Gutiérrez, Technological Institute of Nogales

October Urbano Javier

Monterrey, Mexico 5 October 2020 –

During October, Casas Javier marked World Habitat Day with a national videoconference for 53 participants followed by a contest for children in which they had to draw the "housing development of their dreams." After seeing a video, the children were encouraged to use their imagination to create better housing development. In total, 14 children participated, and the winners got an electronic purse. Then there was a virtual panel, which included previously shared survey results. World Cities Day was celebrated with a panel which shared the knowledge taught in the Diploma of the New Urban Agenda of the TEC of Monterrey.

Organizations: Casas Javier, Javier

Responsible Production and Consumption webinar

Tijuana, Mexico 5 October 2020 – With the attendance of 240 participants, the virtual conference "Responsible Production and Consumption" was held within the framework of World Habitat Day and the Urban October activities of UN-Habitat México. Professor Milton Castillo Bazaes, Representative of the International Network for SDG Promoters in Chile, gave the conference to the community of Universidad de las Californias Internacional and UNISON.

Thanks to IMEF Universitario UDCI Tijuana for the collaboration and support of the Coordination of Link to realize the event.

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Urban Solutions for Sustainability

Mexico City, 6 October 2020 – A webinar on initiatives and projects, with youth participation, to create more sustainable, fair, resilient and inclusive urban spaces was held in October

The webinar was attended by Switch Off Mx; MakeSense; the Sustainable Agroecological Food Network; RAAS AC and Cecropia - Sustainability and Climate Action; and organizations with initiatives on energy efficiency, social entrepreneurship, urban food security, and sustainable use and conservation of biodiversity in Cities. "

The official presentation of BIOCITIS, Mexico-Germany bilateral project

Mexico City, 8 October 2020 – On Thursday, October 8, 2020, the project "Sustainable Development in Coastal Urban Regions through Integration of Ecosystem Services and Biodiversity" was officially presented. The project aims to improve the protection of biodiversity and ecosystem services in urban coastal regions in Mexico.

BIOCITIS is a project supported by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany (BMZ) and implemented by the German Cooperation for Sustainable Development (GIZ), whose official counterpart is the Secretariat for the Environment and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT) and as implementation partners to the Ministry of Agrarian, Territorial and Urban Development (SEDATU). Local governments of the coastal regions where the project will

work and other actors from civil society, academia, and the private sector linked to comprehensive coastal management are also involved.

The project's presentation was made in the framework of Urban October 2020, a month of global activities and debates on urban sustainability promoted by UN-Habitat. More than 300 people attended the virtual presentation. Actors from the different orders of government and civil society participated in the event, from states such as Baja California, Veracruz, Nayarit, Quintana Roo and Sonora.

As an initial message, Sergio Mendoza, General Director of Environmental, Urban and Tourist Promotion of SEMARNAT, gave special thanks to Germany's Government for carrying out this project. Subsequently, Martha Niño, Director of Urban Sustainability of the same institution, said that BIOCITIS would contribute to the Urban Environmental Agenda -in which SEMARNAT and SEDATU currently work providing concrete examples of territorial-based policies.

Diana Quiroz, Director of Public Policies at SEDATU, explained how considering the current risk factors that lead to irreversible changes in coastal ecosystems, the strategies and actions are proposed by SEDATU seek to value ecosystem services in planning both land use, land and housing. Gustavo Cabrera, Director of Technical and Scientific Cooperation at the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID), stressed how these scenarios would help gather successful experiences of integration of nature with human development. Martina Vatterodt, the political adviser for cooperation at the

German Embassy, thanked the institutions for their commitment to developing this project to support the objectives of the International Agenda for Sustainable Development.

In a discussion held on green infrastructure and coastal cities, Dr. Rodolfo Silva, a researcher at UNAM, commented that green infrastructure seeks solutions that allow us to return to the natural flows of ecosystems. Dr. María Luisa Martínez, a researcher at INECOL, added that it is essential to consider ecosystems' heterogeneity for their implementation.

Organizations: *GIZ Mexico; Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources; Ministry of Agrarian, Territorial and Urban Development*

Mexico, Mexico City Urban Solutions for Sustainability II

Mexico City, 13 October 2020 – A webinar was held on initiatives and projects, with youth participation, to create more sustainable, fair, resilient and inclusive urban spaces.

The webinar was attended by the Planning Institute of the Municipality of Querétaro, Isla Urbana, Weeds AC and The Climate Reality Project. We talked about initiatives for the appropriation of public spaces and the enjoyment of cities, the sustainable management of water and the importance of techniques such as rainwater catchment in the urban area and community creation through activities and practices for the conservation of biodiversity and natural resources.

Masterclass: Resiliencia Urbana

Mérida, Mexico October 13 2020 – The Masterclass addressed the following topics:

- Conceptual definition of systemic resilience.
- Resilience in the international development agendas.
- Urban Resilience
- Case study
- Urban resilience in the aftermath of the COVID-19 crisis.

Urban planning and available housing in central urban areas

Mérida, Mexico 13 October 2020

- A panel that aimed to analyze the challenges and contributions of housing concerning the 2017 proposal of the Urban Development Program (PDU) as well as the new policies in central areas and future urban planning

Organizations: CREHABITAT; Faculty of Architecture of the Autonomous University of Yucatán; College of Habitat Designers and Urbanists of Yucatan AC; Inhabiting and more; Grupo Architecture

Drum Donation

Heroica Nogales, 14 October 2020 –

Grupo Gutiérrez donated a 200-litre capacity steel drum for the correct disposal and proper urban solid waste management of 10 families living in Las Bellotas, an urban subdivision in the City of Nogales, Sonora, Mexico. The activity served to focus the attention on garbage in our urban environment and raise awareness about the responsibility

and commitment that we must have towards our City as a resident. There were high participation and gratitude from the neighbours for this vital action.

Organizations: Reynaldo Gutiérrez, Grupo Gutiérrez.

Improvement of Public Spaces

Heroica Nogales, 17 October 2020 – A Saturday Day of Improvement of Public Spaces, based on the rehabilitation of the Jacarandas Recreational Park located in the vicinity of Col. Jardines del Bosque in the City of Nogales, Sonora, Mexico, to promote vigilance, care and voluntary maintenance of the community in this type of Public Spaces. Additionally, we raised awareness about the benefits and advantages that these areas have for the neighbourhoods, mainly in terms of social cohesion.

Organizations: Reynaldo Gutiérrez, Master in Urbanism

Forum "Safer cities in Mexico #SRE".

Cuauhtémoc, Mexico 23 October 2020 –

The event had the special participation of Martha Delgado Peralta, Under-secretary for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights, Secretariat of Foreign Relations in Mexico and President of the First Assembly of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme - UN-Habitat.

Román Meyer Falcón made special remarks, Secretary of Agrarian, Territorial and Urban Development (Sedatu); and Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme - UN-Habitat.

In total, three panels were held:

Panel I: Safer cities in the context of the United Mexican States

- María Dolores Franco, General Director of Urban Development and Housing of the Secretariat of Agrarian, Territorial and Urban Development (Sedatu)
- Juma Asiago, Coordinator of the Safer Cities Program, UN-Habitat
- Franz Vanderschueren, Academic, Alberto Hurtado University, Chile
- Bernd Pfannenstien, Academic, Autonomous University of Querétaro, Mexico

Moderation: Monserrat Iglesias, Director of Political Coordination of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Panel II: The vision of four mayors to build safer cities in Mexico

- Claudia Rivera Vivanco, Municipal President of Puebla, Puebla
- Karla Ruiz MacFarland, Municipal President of Tijuana, Baja California
- Zulema Adams Pereyra, Municipal President of Tecate, Baja California
- Araceli Brown Figueredo, Municipal President of Playas of Rosarito, Baja California

Moderation: Horacio Urbano, President of Urban Center

Panel III: The reconstruction of the social fabric through safer cities

- Evaristo Hernández Cruz, Municipal President of Centro, Tabasco (Villahermosa)
- Sergio Pablo Mariscal, Municipal President of Cajeme, Sonora (Ciudad Obregón)

- Luis Eduardo de la Mora de la Mora, General Coordinator of Comprehensive City Management, Municipality of Guadalajara, Jalisco

Moderation: Horacio Urbano, President of Centro Urbano.

Organization: Urban Center

Improvement of Urban Image

Heroica Nogales, 24 October 2020 – The city's image was improved by developing the Eraser Campaign; we painted negative Graffiti that was generating a perception of insecurity in Colonias Villa Sonora, Nuevo Nogales and the atrium of the Sanctuary Cathedral of our City of Nogales, Sonora, Mexico. We aimed to focus the attention of the community on how negative messages affect the urban environment. Additionally, a call was made to the border city to take concrete action and combat this problem to avoid damaging the urban image.

Organizations: Reynaldo Gutiérrez, Grupo Gutiérrez.

Improving the public space of Santa María del Oro, Nayarit

Santa María del Oro, Nayarit, Mexico 26 October 2020 – To promote citizen participation in public spaces' improvement in our Municipality, citizens were invited to participate in a digital photography contest.

The contest, a good quality photograph of public space in their locality, attaching in the same photo, the improvement proposal, taking into account sustainability, inclusion and innovation.

The contest closed on October 26. On October 28, the winner of the competition was recognized by the citizens through

their reactions. The best proposal will be considered in the improvements of the locality's public space to which it refers.

New Paradigm in the Design of Modern Communications Systems, the case of Smart Cities

Mexico City, 26 October 2020 – The development of information and communications technologies allows us to think of alternatives to connect different geographical points of modern cities through the use of sensors, actuators and communication nodes for different purposes. "The Internet of Social Things (IoT)" or the "Internet of Social Vehicle Things" will allow multidisciplinary work on issues of communications, networks, drones, energy, urban planning, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence and sustainability, among many others.

Artificial Intelligence + Robotics + Internet of things = Efficient mobility in cities

Mexico City, 26 October 2020 – Artificial intelligence, robotics and the Internet of things are three of the great pillars of the so-called Industry 4.0. One of the significant problems of any city is the mobility of people and things.

In this dialogue, we aimed to show how integrating these three horizontal disciplines can solve mobility issues.

Sick buildings in the future of sustainable cities

Mexico City, 27 October 2020 – One of the significant problems that cities face is the "Sick Building Syndrome". Without a doubt, the COVID 19 pandemic generated by the SarsCov-2 coronavirus has set off an alert that must be attended

to immediately so that cities' future is based on buildings that allow coexistence, habitat and work—also survival.

"Urban gardens, our grain of sand to help the planet."

Mexico City, 27 October 2020 – This was a dialogue to present how urban gardens are gaining more importance due to the many benefits they offer for large cities, including improving the planet. We aimed to answer what they are? Where do I start? How do I help the planet? Why are they important?

The value of sociocultural urbanization for sustainable development guided by environmental complexity in contemporary cities

Mexico City, 27 October 2020 – Today, cities are facing various challenges posed by the Pandemic caused by COVID-19. It is essential to recognize the value of sociocultural urbanization to achieve sustainable development guided by environmental complexity where innovative aspects are considered to make them more humane.

Urban October. Planning to improve the future

Puebla, Mexico 27 October 2020 – Through the Puebla Municipal Planning Institute, the City of Puebla participated in the #OctubreUrbano initiative, promoted by UN-Habitat. On Tuesday, October 27 2020, the Webinar "Urban October: Planning to improve the future" was broadcast live. In this event, IMPLAN presented four planning instruments that aim to improve habitat conditions in Puebla's Municipality.

1. Municipal Indicators for Monitoring the SDGs

The objective is to generate updated and systematized information that allows the monitoring of compliance at the local level with the goals established in the UN 2030 Agenda and contributes to the Municipality's public policies' design Puebla.

In this sense, these indicators were designed through a clear and simple interpretation, giving priority to their usefulness in designing public policies for municipal development and decision-making. In addition to the above, its construction was carried out based on existing information that did not generate the Puebla City Council's costs.

2. Poblana Charter for the Right to the City

It is an instrument of participatory governance that contains a vision collected from the community. It provides a perspective for the City's construction that is wanted, the above, through a programmatic action plan that concentrates the goals to strengthen the Right to the City.

This plan comprises five governing blocks, 40 lines of action to which is added a measurement method, deadlines for obtaining results, managers, participants and co-managers.

This document places Puebla as a benchmark in the Right to the City's exercise through a tool that socializes and establishes how it should be guaranteed and enjoyed.

3. Housing Program for the Municipality of Puebla

The program's general objective is to improve the municipal population's access to adequate housing, giving priority to the economically most vulnerable, through 4 specific objectives, 12 strategies, and 61 actions and projects.

The program's conceptual and methodological approach is based on having adequate housing, which provides the security of tenure, availability of services, materials, facilities and infrastructure, affordability, habitability, accessibility, good location, and cultural adaptation.

4. Public Space Program for the Municipality of Puebla

The program's main objective is to comprehensively manage public space in the Municipality of Puebla to guarantee the Right to access, use, enjoyment, and appropriation by the population through an operational period of 20 years.

The diagnosis of the program detected that the City of Puebla has 1.7 square meters of public space per inhabitant and that 35 per cent of the urbanized area lacks coverage. This is the result of the city model that generates economic and social inequalities reflected in the lack of quality, connectivity and equitable distribution of public space.

Therefore, four strategic objectives were established to achieve the successful implementation of a comprehensive management model:

1. Provide quality public space in an equitable and connected manner.

2. Generate and implement mechanisms of organization and social participation that promote community ownership.
3. Consolidate institutional coordination for the comprehensive management of public space.
4. Generate accurate and up-to-date information to guide decision-making in the Public Space management processes.

Likewise, strengthening participatory governance that allows dialogue and exchange of ideas, there was the participation of three outstanding citizens and specialists in various topics, namely:

Maribel Flores Sánchez, a political scientist, specializing in public management, professor at the School of Social Sciences and Government of ITESM Campus Puebla. She has always been a citizen committed to the integral development of the City of Puebla and its inhabitants, who presented the topic: Reconstructing Citizenship.

Natalia Sardá Cué, academic, citizen counsellor and member of independent groups with an emphasis on disability, promote universal design to achieve accessibility in services and public spaces for everyone, who presented the topic: Citizen participation councils in collaborative actions by accessibility in public spaces.

Catalina Aguilar Oropeza, a woman with strong convictions in favour of gender equality and human rights. She was disciplined in continuous improvement and promoter of social and technological innovation for all people's well-being,



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which presented the topic: How Big Data and Artificial Intelligence help us create an inclusive city.

At the end of the event, the General Coordinator of IMPLAN Puebla, Gerardo Ríos Bermúdez, thanked the speakers' participation and all the people who followed the event, emphasizing that the government-citizenship alliance is the solution to generate inclusive cities and affordable for all residents.

Urban Dialogues: Improving my natural space (Diálogos Urbanos: Mejorando mi espacio natural)

Mexico City, 28 October 2020 – This activity was a virtual dialogue roundtable, with an online meeting on how to make AMBU sites better and more sustainable

for all. The meeting was open to the general public who wanted to get involved and there was a special invitation to form a table of experts who could answer questions from the public.

The title highlights the Environmental Education Program of CECA, which develops a social axis to integrate citizens.

The call was launched on Social Networks on October 21 and took place on Wednesday, October 28. The activity was coordinated by the Center for Environmental Education and Culture of the AMBU.

On Wednesday, October 21, the virtual roundtable was announced with dissemination on social networks, where

those who wanted to participate, sent a text message to the cell phone of the CECA which included the topic of interest that they wanted to address or for any further information, as well as their full name - counting this as your registration to be part of the activity.

It was announced during the week, and was held on Wednesday October 28.

Those who wanted to get involved were sent for a link through text message, a couple of days before, to enable them enter the meeting on-line on the Monday October 26.

Finally, in a small closing event on October 31 (adding to the activities 1 and 2 / the particular brief of this event was sent as the date approached on the area of Communication); a list of commitments to improve the spaces that make up the AMBU were communicated, according to the agreements reached in the virtual dialogue.

Organizations: *Metropolitan Agency for Urban Forests of the Metropolitan Area of Guadalajara (AMBU)*

Hydroponics: A sustainable food production option for large cities? (Hidroponía: ¿Una opción de producción de alimentos sostenible para las grandes ciudades?)

Mexico City, 28 October 2020 –

Nowadays, cities are facing several challenges due to the pandemic caused by COVID-19. It is important to recognize the value of socio-cultural urbanization to achieve sustainable development guided by an environmental complexity where innovative aspects are considered to make them more humane.

Healthy Public Spaces (Espacios públicos saludables)

Mexico City, 28 October 2020 – The events caused by the COVID-19 pandemic reaffirm the risks of having chronic non-communicable diseases, which have been seen with concern in recent decades, as well as housing, urban, economic, etc., problems have become evident; however, it is necessary to observe the potential that the city has to safeguard the population in this relationship.

Light pollution in cities, trying to observe the sky (a contaminación lumínica en las ciudades, tratando de observar el cielo)

Mexico City, 28 October 2020 – Light pollution is produced by the emission of light from artificial sources with high intensities that, instead of sending light to the ground, emit it to the sky, being a problem mainly in large cities. This phenomenon triggers several adverse effects, including energy waste, air and maritime traffic difficulties, alteration of biological cycles of some animals and plants as well as the loss of cultural and scientific heritage such as the starry sky.

Urban October. Webinars

Querétaro, Puebla and Chihuahua, Mexico 28 October 2020 – The Young Scientist Society (Sociedad Científica Juvenil - SCJ in Spanish), a non-profit youth association dedicated to the public communication of science., For the first time, the association organized a series of conferences open to the general public called “Urban October” during the last week of October. All the activities achieved a high attendance of people, especially of young enthusiasts interested in science and sustainable development.

The SCJ in Querétaro organized a discussion panel with specialists in economics, environmental policy, and renewable energy issues. The topic was sustainable development, its basic concepts, and sustainable cities in México, as well as its schemes, results, and prospects. Also, a webinar was held on working with agroecology in communities of Queretaro City, the methods of working with social dynamics, and emotional education through community gardens in urban and peri-urban areas (urban gardens).

The SCJ in Puebla held a webinar on the creation, use, and advantages of green walls in urban spaces (also known as vertical gardens). Likewise, students presented the topic of sustainable architecture, a trend in architecture driven by the search for solutions to small and large-scale environmental problems that offer ecological and sustainable alternatives.

The SCJ in Chihuahua had a discussion with prominent engineers and architects in regard to the importance of social housing in Mexico for the urban and economic development of the country's families.

Improving public spaces in Santa María del Oro (Mejorando los espacios públicos de Santa María del Oro)

Santa María del Oro Nayarit , Mexico 28 October 2020 - A digital photography contest was held. During the contest more than 1,300 reactions were posted on Facebook to show the need that citizens have in public spaces. The winner of the contest was the Chapalilla Baseball Park and the second runner up was Plaza Miguel Hidalgo. Each photograph

was accompanied by a proposal for improvement.

Organizations: *Municipal Planning Institute (IMPLAN) Santa María del Oro; Municipal Government of Santa María del Oro, Nayarit.*

World Metropolitan Day: Where is the urban development of Soledad de Graciano Sánchez heading?

Soledad de Graciano Sánchez , Mexico 28 September 2020

Activity I: Declaration of the delimitation of the historical centre of Soledad de Graciano Sánchez.

Event: Signing of the administrative agreement that authorises the work for the declaration of the Historical Centre of Soledad de Graciano Sánchez, in accordance with the stipulations of the articles: 115 of our Constitution; 114 of the State Constitution; 2, 4 and 70 of the Organic Law of the Free Municipality of the State of San Luis Potosi; as well as articles 5, 6, 66 fraction V and VI, 68, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 100 and 101 of the Law of Territorial Ordering and Urban Development of the State of San Luis Potosi, and others related to territorial ordering and urban development.

Participants:

- Gilberto Hernández Villafuerte, Municipal President of Soledad de Graciano Sánchez.
- Lic. Ricardo Gallardo Cardona, Federal Deputy.
- Luis Fernando Gámez Macías, Director of Urban Development of Soledad de Graciano Sánchez.

- Architect Amado Cabrera Sánchez, Chronicler and Municipal Historian.

Activity II: Webinar, Where is the urban development of Soledad de Graciano Sánchez heading? and its importance in the San Luis Potosí Metropolitan Area, in the face of the current health emergency at a global level.

Event: Speech by Dr. Abraham Cárdenas, research scientist at UASLP

Participants: Urban Development Department of the Municipality of Soledad de Graciano Sánchez, business chambers, universities, NGOs and guests.

- UASLP
- CANADEVI
- AMPI
- CANACINTRA
- AC PROGRESS"

Organizations: *Municipio de Soledad de Graciano Sánchez; Metropolis*

The contribution of the IPN community in the construction of an inclusive and sustainable Mexican society (La contribución de la comunidad del IPN, en la construcción de una sociedad mexicana incluyente y sustentable)

Mexico City 29 October 2020--The IPN's efforts to strengthen a comprehensive training for its graduates, to promote that in their professional practice they can boost various strategies to prevent environmental deterioration and contribute to Mexico's sustainable development.

Internet of Things (IoT): the enabling technology for smart cities (Internet de las Cosas (IoT): la tecnología habilitadora de las ciudades inteligentes)

Mexico City, 29 October 2020 – The Internet of Things (IoT) represents the radical evolution of today's Internet into an interconnected network of "smart objects" that not only collect information from the environment (sensing) and interact with the physical world (actuation, command and control), but also use the Internet to provide information transfer, analysis, applications and communication services. A smart city (SC) is a framework composed mainly of IoT systems and Information and Communication Technologies (ICT), integrated to develop, implement, and promote sustainable development practices and meet the challenges of urbanization. This talk first defined the concepts of IoT and SC, and then explained through different examples why IoT is the enabling technology for smart cities.

Urban housing in Mexico after COVID-19 (Viviendas urbanas en México después del COVID-19)

Mexico City, 29 October 2020 – Today, the population living in urban dwellings in Mexico and around the world has been in a daily confinement forced by the COVID-19, all this in a context of climate change. This poses, to the professionals of Architecture and Urbanism, new paradigmatic challenges of sustainability and resilience for the planning, design,

construction and operation of urban housing - new and already built, that generate comfortable, healthy, safe and aesthetic quality housing to ensure that the inhabitants of them, achieve their physical and mental well-being in decent spaces that allow them to be happy.

The generation and management of Urban Solid Waste in Mexico (La generación y manejo de los Residuos Sólidos Urbanos en México)

Mexico City, 30 October 2020 – In 2020, the Basic Diagnosis for Integrated Waste Management in our country was updated, which contains information that highlights the serious problems that exist in waste management, which is far from being comprehensive. These problems and some alternatives to face the challenges they imply for society and the environment were addressed.

Energy, a strategic ally of sustainable cities (Energía, aliado estratégico de ciudades sostenibles)

Mexico City, 30 October 2020 – The technological development of renewable energies is rapid and constant. The use of energy leads to the optimization and utilization in cities for an intelligent and resilient way of life that not only has advantages for the environment but also an important economic value.

Urban Homeostasis and the crisis caused by COVID-19 (Homeostasis Urbana y la crisis provocada por el COVID-19)

Mexico City, 30 October 2020 – When we talk about homeostasis, we refer to the equilibrium within systems. With the arrival of the automobile in our country last century, the growth of the city began, in this case Mexico City, as it was possible to connect the living area with the buildings where the population would go to receive some service, especially those of large capacity. These were located further and further away, for which some pre-Hispanic canals were drained, and some rivers were piped to favor their passage, altering the hydrological system, that has generated an imbalance in the urban space. It is possible that there is a relationship between paving as the main characteristic of the urban system, as well as its relationship with the effects on the environmental system of water and air, which leads us to think that these alterations in the urban environmental systems were exacerbated during the pandemic caused by COVID-19 (derived from Project SIP-20200985).

Thriving Cities

Monterrey, Mexico 30 October 2020 – "Thriving Cities" was held on Friday, October 30, as part of the activities of the online forum "Wellbeing 360", organized by the Institute of Happiness Sciences of the TecMilenio University with free and accessible content focused on the integral wellbeing of people within five thematic axes: Positive Organizations, Education in Wellbeing, Life with Purpose, Positive Families and Wellbeing Cities.

"Thriving Cities" was a full day dedicated to reflecting and dialogue on the importance of our cities and public life in our individual and collective wellbeing. Local and international speakers shared their experience and vision on different topics: public space, economy, innovation, community, environment, art, among others.

Life during the pandemic, seen through different forms (La vida durante la pandemia vista a través de diferentes formas)

Toluca, Mexico 30 October 2020 – This gallery was proposed based on the current situation in the world and how people go through their daily lives. The students of the degree in Territorial Planning made the proposal to communicate the day to day work, virtual study, and daily activities through photographs. The call was made among classmates and professors of the university. The gallery was also presented virtually.

Organizations: Universidad Autónoma del Estado de México (Autonomous University of Mexico State)

The future outlook for cities, a look from different perspectives (La perspectiva a futuro de las ciudades, un vistazo desde diferentes enfoques)

Mexico City, 31 October 2020 – Participants will discussed cities and megacities, giving their views on why people want to live in a city, and how, as a result of the increase in urban population, there are many problems in these spaces, including water shortages, high waste generation, difficulty in generating energy, increased violence, decreased

security, conflicts with food supply, and the challenge they face in terms of public health. They concluded with their opinions and recommendations to make life in cities more viable.

Living in VINTE (Vivir en VINTE)

Mexico City, 31 October 2020 – VINTE Foundation broadcasts a video with testimonies of neighbors from different communities developed by VINTE real estate, and they tell us about their experience to make their communities a better place to live. Posters were created alluding to Better Community, Better Life.

Circular fashion and responsible practices (Moda Circular y prácticas responsables)

Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico 10 November 2020 – "The conference was postponed from October 29 2020 to November 10 2020 due to the "blackout" in Colombia, the country where the speaker was located.

The objective of the conference was to raise awareness for responsible consumption, taking care of the environment and respecting the human rights of workers."

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Public Space Intervention and Tactic Urbanism (Recuperación de Espacios Públicos y Urbanismo Táctico)

Panama City, 16 October 2020 – Recuperación de Espacios Públicos y Urbanismo Táctico / Public Space Intervention and Tactical Urbanism was a Zoom Webinar for the co-creation of

solutions through public policies and inclusion. The event promoted innovation for Panamanian Parliament and an interactive way for participants to provide ideas including their perspective and national realities of the following topics:

1. Tactical Urbanism, A solution post COVID-19
2. Public Space Intervention, Mexico experience
3. Public Policies for Urbanism, Panama history

An important conclusion of this event is the strength of local governments in areas of capacity building, techniques and human resources in order to provide land management and public space solutions to optimize innovative processes. Decentralization will be required for increased local government and community's wellness, agile payment process and more budget for infrastructure.

Please send your comments and ideas, you'll find the last version of the public policy in the next link: <https://bit.ly/LeyEspaciosPúblicos>

Organizations: Panama National Assembly / Member of Parliament, Edison Broce; Fundación Libertad Panamá; Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom; Norte Progres

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Chelas Urbanas

Lima, 1 October 2020 – #ChelasUrbanas (Urban Beers) is a semi-attendance and currently virtual dialogue space, organized by Lima Cómo Vamos and the Nodal network; in alliance with the network Ciudades Cómo Vamos and Ocupa Tu Calle with the support of the Architecture Network of Peru, and the dissemination of LaMula.pe and LA Network. This space is characterized by being an exercise, although informal, serious and focused on building a critical and thoughtful dialogue regarding social, economic, cultural and political opportunities and challenges of cities

The #37 edition of #ChelasUrbanas served as the framework for the launch of Urban October and the celebration of World Habitat Day in Peru.

The dialogue originated with the formulation of the question: "What is the urban agenda from UN-Habitat for housing in our region and Peru?" thus starting the conversation between Efrén Osorio Lara, National Advisor of UN-Habitat Andean Countries in Peru and Mariana Alegre Escorza, Executive Director of Lima Cómo Camos.

Likewise, the challenges faced by authorities and governments at all levels was addressed, in terms of ensuring access to housing, independent of their legal framework and set out the concept of adequate housing. This was promoted by UN-Habitat, led by Efrén, who added elements to the understanding of decent housing, not only focusing on traditional qualitative or quantitative deficits, but also transforming the collective construction

of housing as a means of accessing a better life.

The space ended with a shared reflection among attendees on the challenges of providing adequate housing in Peru, followed by an invitation to join to the celebrations of Urban October.

The event had a live participation of 91 on the event page, however, it was broadcasted by 6 organizations, so it is estimated to have reached 15,000 views.

CESAL: Sharing innovative experiences for safe cities in the international campaign promoted by UN-Habitat (CESAL: Compartiendo experiencias innovadoras para ciudades seguras en la campaña internacional impulsada por ONU Hábitat)

Lima, 13 October 2020 – CESAL, within the framework of the Sustainable Cities 11.0 project, joined this campaign and together with the Federation of Municipal Women FEMUM ALC held the International Webinar "Building Safe Communities in LAC: Strategies and challenges facing COVID 19" on October 13. The main objective of the event was to share good practices and community strategies developed in Peru, Honduras and El Salvador aimed at building safe, inclusive and resilient cities.

In Latin America and the Caribbean, we have particularly concerning indicators such as high urbanization, citizen insecurity and lack of public spaces causing environmental degradation and increasing social inequality. Furthermore, 80 per cent of the impact of disasters is felt in cities, especially affecting the most vulnerable populations.

In the outskirts of eastern Lima these indicators are intensified by the lack of urban planning, lack of water and sanitation coverage, intra-family violence and limited spaces for citizen participation, among others. The presence of COVID 19 has increased these problems, especially in the most disadvantaged communities. Therefore, the event highlighted the need to share community experiences that have worked both in Peru and in other countries, thus encouraging municipal and national governments to carry out these good practices with their citizens, since the

success of safe and sustainable cities is the result of the joint efforts of local government and civil society.

In this sense, our objective is to disseminate good practices and community strategies developed in Peru and Honduras aimed at building safe, inclusive and resilient cities, which -through their implementation- have collaborated to the efforts of containing the COVID 19 crisis. In Lima (Peru), this process has been carried out within the framework of the Sustainable Cities project financed by the Madrid City Council.

Two events were held under this context:

1. Community campaign for the prevention of urban violence and promotion of good conviviality in the post COVID-19 context

During the Campaign, the main experiences in the construction of safe, inclusive and resilient cities of different communities and local stakeholders in Peru were presented. These actions were made visible through CESAL's social networks such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

2. International Webinar

Building Safe Communities in LAC: Strategies, challenges and challenges facing COVID-19

The webinar counted with the special participation of the Global Coordinator of the Safer Cities Program UN-Habitat, Juma Assiango, who joined us from the Nairobi headquarters and shared with us the challenge of the 40 days of safe cities: "Currently UN-Habitat has a new challenge, implementing an agenda for social security, which involves not only crime prevention, but also the right to access goods and services that ensure the protection and quality of life for all. This campaign will expose innovations that have been implemented for the safety of towns and cities. We must all realize that violence prevention is everyone's responsibility. Local governments must take responsibility for the safety of their citizens and must seek to learn from practices that work in other parts of the world, so that they can implement strategies," he said.



Community Brigade campaign ©CESAL

We were also honoured to have the presence of Dr. Nelson Saule, international expert and prominent leader of the Global Platform for the Right to the City, who joined us from Brazil. During his participation, he commented that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, violence against women and discrimination increased in his country, which is why the Global Platform for the Right to the City initiated a campaign to address these realities.

Also, in response to the emergency of the pandemic, they identified important aspects that must be addressed in order to support the most vulnerable communities: strengthening community public services, promoting changes that highlight the value of women within their communities, and designing democratic mechanisms for a massive redistribution of social wealth and the economy in the service of the common good. He also commented that within the framework of Urban October month, they were to carry out a campaign to pressure the authorities to act on long-term structural transformations and commit to protect the social function of the city.

In this sense, he specified: "Our work emphasizes on cities understood as common goods that fulfill their social function and the Right to the City at the service of the whole community, ensuring social protection and quality of life for all. There are many initiatives that were made by national and local governments such as those presented by the City Council of Madrid, which we must strengthen and multiply to achieve safer, more fair and more egalitarian cities".

The third special guest was the City Council of Madrid, which finances the Sustainable Cities 11.0 project.

On this occasion, Dr. Juan Carlos de Castro Pita, Deputy Director General of Internationalization of the Madrid City Council, from Spain, commented on the role of the Madrid City Council in the development of cities in Latin America and the Caribbean, and said that "the idea of creating the Sustainable Cities 11.0 project was to instill a global awareness about cities and the prevention of crimes of all kinds that may occur in cities. I can attest that the project is producing very positive results and that it has been very ambitious in the sense that it has been applying four sustainable development goals which are: sustainable cities and communities; decent work and economic growth; gender equality and climate action".

The second part of the event was dedicated to the community experiences that CESAL is carrying out in Peru, Honduras and San Salvador. From Peru, Heidi Grados, head of the Sustainable Cities 11.0 project, highlighted the situation in the district of Lurigancho Chosica, specifically in terms of citizen security and the way in which the project addressed this issue. A large increase in juvenile delinquency and violence against women was identified, as well as a loss of trust in local authorities.

In this context, the project began its activities under the concept of citizen security as a right and for this it was important to promote integrates efforts from both the state and the citizens in order to guarantee good coexistence and eradicate all types of violence inside and outside the home. Five work strategies were proposed: strengthening citizen security through the creation of neighborhood citizen security

boards; coordination between public institutions and social organizations; strengthening the capacities of public operators; dissuasive, preventive and educational actions; the recovery of public spaces and the installation of alarm systems. Among the main results obtained, there was an articulated work between neighbors, the Municipality of Lurigancho Chosica, the National Police and the Women's Emergency Center and a better proximity and trust among them; likewise, citizen participation was increased, benefiting more than 12,000 people; abandoned public spaces were recovered; 10 community alarm systems were implemented and public lighting was improved, thus achieving a reduction in crime.

On the other hand, the director of CESAL in Honduras, José Parmo, highlighted the work carried out in his country and in El Salvador, countries where they have been working for 20 years on the issue of habitability in response to natural phenomena. In addition, they have been working to reduce citizen insecurity and promote employability due to the high level of crime and violence due to the presence of criminal gangs. In this sense, strategies focused on 3 pillars were established: family, school and community, which have allowed the strengthening of community structures and an approximation between communities, government institutions and local actors. Through the articulated work of all, it has been possible to promote activities in the urban environment to reduce violence, assist children and youth through family counseling, as well as promote and improve the employability of young people.

The last block included a dialogue on community experiences that generate safe neighborhoods from the point of view of municipal governments and civil society. Olenka Ochoa, who is a representative of the allied network FEMUM ALC and partner for the event, moderated the panel. Diego Echegoyen, Manager of Cooperation and International Relations of the Municipality of San Salvador, and Karen Zetino, Head of the Department of International Cooperation of the Municipality of San Salvador, were also present. Both expressed that the prevention of violence is the greatest challenge they are taking on. In this sense, they have worked to promote education, youth employment, culture and sports, among other areas, and pointed out that CESAL is one of their strategic allies with whom they have been able to expand the intervention in order to be able to reach more families.

Two panelists from the Planning Office of the Metropolitan Area of San Salvador (OPAMSS), Jorge Manrique, who is Deputy Director of Planning and Research and Deputy Director of Social and Economic Development, and Roxana Mendoza, Head of the Economic Development and Social Cohesion Unit, commented on the actions being carried out in their country. The Metropolitan Area of San Salvador has a council of mayors that establishes actions for 14 municipalities in the metropolitan area, in that sense, given the need to address actions to prevent violence, they implemented the urban security policy. "Considering that urban security doesn't refer to only violence allowed us to look for more structured approaches, because if we want to transform these insecure realities that we are living, we have to see it as a much

more comprehensive approach, that is why our urban security policy is related to the new urban agenda 2030, with the sustainable development goals and with 4 axes: metropolitan governance, public spaces and mobility, peaceful coexistence and social inclusion".

Erika Villavicencio, coordinator of the district committee for citizen security of the Municipality of Lurigancho Chosica, was present as a municipal official in Peru, who indicated that the municipality has been working together with the Peruvian National Police and the community and highlighted that this union has brought many benefits. Likewise, they have had working tables with CESAL for prevention and attention to COVID-19 and are immersed in the Sustainable Cities 11.0 project, working with neighborhood councils and community brigades in the different lines of intervention.

Representing the civil society in Lima Peru, neighborhood leaders from the district of Lurigancho Chosica, Noemí De La Cruz and Elmer Medina, who are members of the neighborhood councils in their housing associations, participated. Noemí highlighted the importance of the work carried out by CESAL together with the National Police, the Municipality and the Women's Emergency Center, because it has allowed neighbors to receive training and be prepared to respond to the needs of their district. He also commented that "thanks to the training and the early warning system, through the megaphones and cell phones we can communicate at all times to our neighbors of any danger, and with this we are managing to reduce crime". Regarding the health emergency, he emphasized that his association does not have

any infected people because they are organized and are constantly supervising and providing prevention messages against the pandemic. For Elmer Medina, the work carried out by CESAL together with local authorities has managed to change the population, improve public safety and prevent dangers.

At the end of the event, Olenka Ochoa offered some words that summarized the most important highlights of this meeting: "All the experiences presented show us that the challenge of citizen security is not the responsibility of a single stakeholder, but is a multi-stakeholder one, that is, a joint work where the Municipality, the National Police, and the community are present". He also emphasized that in the last months due to the confinement, family violence and delinquency has increased. One of the greatest challenges therefore is the accompaniment of adolescents, through actions that promote employment, sports, and good coexistence. In this sense, he emphasized that inequality of opportunities is also an element that should be prioritized in the search for solutions from the communities and local governments.

All the experiences developed in this webinar have made it possible to learn about good practices and strategies to achieve safe, inclusive and resilient cities, and at the same time have shown that in order to achieve this, it is necessary to work together with the community and local governments. Likewise, the results obtained in each territory are an indicator that the methodologies do work and that they can be replicated in any country in the world that wishes to build cities for the benefit of the most disadvantaged populations.

Below are links to publications that have been made on social media:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g3sJcqb37DI> video of the webinar published on CESAL's Youtube Channel

<https://bit.ly/3732s17> video of the webinar published on CESAL's Facebook page

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NGB8F34h088> video of the Sustainable Cities 11.0 Project

<https://bit.ly/35YV9s6> Note on the webinar published on CESAL's webpage

<https://www.facebook.com/ONGCESAL/posts/3740195736047915> Note on the webinar published on CESAL's Facebook

<https://bit.ly/3fsuMOz> invitation to the webinar on CESAL's Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/ONGCESAL/posts/3733402516727237> Venezuelan refugees and migrants support the 40 Days Safer Cities Campaign

<https://www.facebook.com/ONGCESAL/posts/3719285141472308> Community brigaders from the district of Lurigancho Chosica join the 40 Days Safer Cities campaign

<https://www.facebook.com/ONGCESAL/posts/3713978458669643> The National Police and the Women's Emergency Center of the district of Lurigancho Chosica join the 40 Days Safer Cities Campaign

<https://www.facebook.com/ONGCESAL/posts/3713821508685338> The neighborhood safety councils of the district of Lurigancho Chosica join the 40 Days Safer Cities campaign

<https://www.facebook.com/ONGCESAL/posts/3666873546713468> CESAL joins the 40 Days Safer Cities campaign

The Adequate Housing: Concept and Implementation

Huancayo, Peru 9 October 2020 – The Continental University of Peru has created PROCIUDES, a laboratory of proposals for the development of cities, proposals that influence decision-making and impact society. For PROCIUDES, the issues of the city involve the day-to-day life of all its inhabitants and are more related to their lives than is believed: from where and how they live, to where and how they are going. The initiative has a sustainable city approach and mobility components and criteria to assess its effect on coexistence interactions. In addition to the above, PROCIUDES is also a space for debate and articulation between the actors involved in the development and work of the city, where consensus is sought, placing the person as the center of everything.

Within the framework of Urban October, PROCIUDES invited UN-Habitat to present the concept of appropriate housing and its implementation experiences as a spatial, community and individual element that allows people to achieve a comprehensive development.

This webinar and conversation was developed by Alfredo Lozada, Director of the Center for Studies for Cities PROCIUDES, accompanied by Efrén Osorio, National Advisor for UN-Habitat Andean Countries in Peru, who spoke about the celebration of Urban October, and with Diego Pérez Florean, who presented the elements of the appropriate housing, the challenges related to the crisis caused by COVID-19, as well as showed the efforts advanced by Mexico, which seeks to implement this approach through the implementation of public housing policies.

Among the most relevant conclusions, it is possible to identify that Peru faces a dilemma related to the legalization of informal settlements that do not meet the elements of appropriate housing, as well as simultaneously facing a housing deficit in the consolidated city.

The event had a live broadcast on Continental University's Facebook Live, however, the broadcast through the digital media Gestión, has been played five thousand times throughout October.

First virtual meeting of community leadership in the context of Pandemic - "SONQO" (Primer encuentro virtual de liderazgos comunitarios en contexto Pandemia - "SONQO")

Lima, 24 October 2020 – This event promoted and encouraged citizens to contribute to a new construction of social change and the vindication of human rights in the country, through dialogue and diversity.

Topics:

1. Housing and Habitat: Efrén Osorio Lara, on SDG 11 "Sustainable cities and communities", the New Urban Agenda and Urban October 2020 – He focused on the importance of housing and habitat, reinforced the fact that informal settlements continue to grow and are increasingly unaffordable, inadequate, informal and overcrowded. He stressed that during quarantine, as our economy was affected, many households became homeless due to forced evictions. Finally, he gave the figure that in Peru there are 10.1 million households, and that of these, 7.33 million are urban, where 6.75 per cent are unoccupied

and 4.1 per cent are inadequate and overcrowded housing.

2. How to generate a culture of disaster risk management; CENEPRED - He focused on explaining the different phenomena that affect housing and land occupation. In detail, he mentioned that we are exposed to climatic phenomena, natural disasters, etc. that in some way make us vulnerable to the danger that our territory runs; in turn, the dangers of biological origin such as pandemics, diseases, among others that we must take into account for social development, in terms of housing, land occupation (spatial planning for the development of cities).

SONQO 2020 Meeting of Community Leaders in The Context of Pandemic in Lima, Callao, Trujillo, Piura And Limbayaque

Lima, 24 October 202 – Peru organized the first virtual meeting of community leaderships, "SONQO", in context of the Global Pandemic. This event was supported by the private sector through SC Johnson and was held in partnership with the National Center for Disaster Risk Estimation, Prevention and Reduction (CENEPRED), the Peruvian Ministry of Health (MINSA) and UN-Habitat, within the framework of Urban October.

The event aimed to attract community leaders, including population leaders of refugees and migrants of Venezuelan origin. The objective was to promote and encourage citizens to contribute to a new construction of social change, and the claim of human rights in the country, through dialogue and enhancing diversity.

Likewise, the event sought to make visible the urgency of generating proposals to ensure access to appropriate housing and to contain and prevent the spread of COVID-19, as well as to generate conditions of urban and community resilience to this and other disruptive phenomena.

For this, the issues developed were "The adequate Housing and COVID19" by Efrén Osorio, National Advisor of UN-Habitat Andean Countries for Peru; "How to generate a culture in disaster risk management?" by engineer Juvenal Medina, Head of CENEPRED; and "Community Health Education" by Alexandro Saco, MINSA Peru.

One of the most relevant conclusions is the importance of the empowerment of urban communities, and the need to build solidarity ties with the refugees, migrants and local host populations which can strengthen collective capacities to reduce vulnerabilities, generated by housing deficits or phenomena such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

The event had more than 200 live participants via Facebook Live and the streaming video has reached more than 1700 views.

Discussion Session: Will the Housing Challenge Change as a Consequence of COVID-19 Pandemic?

Arequipa, Peru 28 October 2020 – Latin American cities were already immersed in a set of economic, social and cultural problems prior to the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic. The presence of this pandemic has visibly widened the gaps in inequality between the population.

It is a reality that the most vulnerable communities are those that don't have public services and the inhabitants that live in overcrowded small houses without gardens or public spaces within their neighborhoods. In the city of Arequipa this is no exception, and we therefore sought to take advantage within the framework of Urban October and generate a dialogue that analyzes the challenges of housing in regard to the emergence of COVID-19. The event issues concentrated on the reality of housing, particularly in Peru, being in the vast majority of cases small and overcrowded spaces, which do not meet the elements of decent and appropriate living. On the other hand, there was talk about the deficit of public spaces and habitat and habitability in cities, principally in Arequipa. Finally, long-term, medium-term and short-term convergent target approaches were made.

The event was launched with a few words of welcome, by the UN-Habitat Representative for Latin America and the Caribbean, Dr. Elkin Velasquez Monsalve, followed by the guest panelists: Catherina Martin Valdivia, candidate for the Master of Urbanism at the UDEM and specialist in sustainable design of HQE buildings®; Pablo Vega Centeno, professor and researcher specialized in urban issues; César Eduardo Simborth; consultant and external advisor on transport and mobility metropolitan reforms in the cities of Lima, Trujillo and Arequipa; and Luana Vasquez Samalvides, expert in health and environmental psychology issues. The final address was given by Architect Xavier Orlando Ugarte, Regional Dean Arequipa College of Architects, who highlighted the importance of government rectory in the formulation of housing policies that incorporates global trends.

Although the event was initially aimed at architectural professionals and urban experts, in particular the community Catholic University of San Pablo de Arequipa, who hosted the event, the general public was allowed to participate as well. The event had 100 live participants, however, it did not have a broadcast or recording on social networks.

Will the housing challenge change with the COVID-19 pandemic? (EL DESAFÍO DE LA VIVIENDA CAMBIARÁ CON LA PANDEMIA DE COVID 19?)

Arequipa, Peru 28 October 2020 – Latin American cities were already immersed in a series of economic, social and cultural problems. The presence of this pandemic has made inequality gaps between the population more visible and the case of housing is an issue that should be discussed. It is a reality that the most vulnerable communities lack public services and the inhabitants live in overcrowded houses without gardens or public spaces within their neighborhoods. Our city of Arequipa is no exception and it is time to analyze the challenges of housing in the face of COVID-19. We invited specialists to address this subject.

Objectives

- To analyze if the housing challenge will change after COVID-19.
- To hold a discussion under the framework of Urban October 2020 promoted by UN-Habitat Latin America and the Caribbean

Coffee with Europe: Venezuelan Migration and Solidarity in Peru

Lima, 28 October 2020 – Since the declaration state of emergency in Peru due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which has forced the population in the country to live in social isolation, some sector population have seen their livelihoods diminished. Among those who have been particularly affected are Venezuelan migrants and refugees who went on to live in conditions of high vulnerability.

In this digital edition of Coffee with Europa, Diego Mellado, Ambassador of the European Union in Peru and Efrén Osorio, Focal Point Initiative "Inclusive Cities, Communities of Solidarity" and UN-Habitat Andean Countries Advisor in Peru, talked about cooperation focused on supporting the population in times of the pandemic and the path towards economic reactivation; as well as the relationship between the development of cities and the social inclusion of refugees and migrants.

The conversation began with a message from Ambassador Mellado, where he expressed the European Union's wishes for Peru to recover quickly from the effects of the pandemic under a principle of solidarity. In this regard, the UN-Habitat advisor for Peru gave a brief description of the initiative "Inclusive Cities, Communities of Solidarity", a pilot project led by UN-Habitat, in cooperation with the European Union in Peru. The implementation is also supported by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, UNHCR, and the International Organization for Migration, OIM, which

seeks to provide permanent solutions to the refugee and migrant population of Venezuela. With vocation to stay in Peruvian cities, particularly in the Metropolitan Municipality of Lima and support the local government, in the formulation and implementation of policies and plans at the territorial and urban level that make the refugee and migrant population visible and create conditions of integration and inclusion with host communities.

The emerging care during the pandemic period was also addressed in regard to direct support being provided to more than 4000 Venezuelan families, as well as to dialogues with the local authority to improve the source, management and treatment of relevant information related to the care of migration phenomena.

The event had a live participation of 145 people via Facebook Live, however, the video has over 1200 views.

#CÓMOVAMOS – Markets and the street as a workspace (#CÓMOVAMOS - Mercados y la calle como espacio de trabajo)

Lima, 29 October 2020 – We discussed about markets and #StreetVending in Lima, its link with the neighborhood as a generator of social links and the role it plays as a supply and as a generator of income for people in poverty and vulnerability, with emphasis on the situation of Venezuelan migrants.

Organizations: *Lima Cómo Vamos; Ciudades Incluyentes; ONU Habitat*



NORTH AMERICA

CANADA

World Metropolitan Day: Metropolitan governance and pandemic: challenges and opportunities?

Montreal, 7 October 2020 – Every year for five years now, on October 7, Metropolis and UN-Habitat invite metropolitan authorities from around the world and interested institutions and organizations to commemorate World Metropolitan Day.

This day is an opportunity to highlight the metropolitan character of many territories around the world and to recognize their contribution to sustainable urban development.

World Metropolitan Day was decreed to recall the adoption, on October 7, 2015, of the Montreal Declaration on Metropolitan Areas, whose fifth anniversary is being celebrated this year.

In a global context characterized by the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's World Metropolitan Day is an opportunity to reflect on the role of metropolitan governance in the context of emergency situations.

The Montreal Metropolitan Community held a Webinar featuring representatives from the Brussels, Barcelona and Montreal regions for a crossover look at the challenges and opportunities raised by the coronavirus pandemic for metropolitan regions.

"The current crisis has been an opportunity for Greater Montreal to strengthen our metropolitan solidarity, increase the territory's resilience and accelerate our sustainable development," said Valérie Plante, Mayor of Montréal and President of the Montréal Metropolitan Community

Urban Economy Forum's Celebrations

Toronto, October 2020 – The Launch of the Harvard Gulf Sustainable Urbanism Book

To honour the publication of the Harvard Gulf Sustainable Urbanism Book, Harvard University and Msheireb Properties hosted a program of Virtual Panels, beginning with an initial introductory event on Wednesday, 7 October 2020.

This Launch was followed by two virtual online 'super-panels' composed of leading experts, who presented the salient lessons gleaned from the past that can be very relevant today, either directly or through careful interpretation. For that reason, this groundbreaking body of research knowledge has the potential to become an invaluable source of guidance when making holistic, sustainable decisions for the future urbanism of the Gulf region.

On October the 21st, Architect and Chair of Urban Economy Forum, Reza Pourvaziry spoke at the virtual online super panels. Mr. Reza Pourvaziry, based on his perception as an architect, talked

about 3 main topics: urban values, the use of proper and relevant scales of space in cities, and relevant urban architecture that is related to lifestyles of people. The streams were published on Gulf Sustainable Urbanism's official website.

The Regent Park World Urban Pavilion Announcement

To conclude UEF's Urban October Celebration, on November 11th, UEF announced 'The Regent Park World Urban Pavilion' which is a joint initiative between UN-Habitat, Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) - Government of Canada and Urban Economy Forum (UEF). The event was live streamed on CMHC's official website. The launch was moderated by the newly elected Member of Parliament for Toronto Centre Marci Len, and speakers included Ibrahim Afrah, community representative from Regent Park, Ahmed Hussen, Canadian Minister for Families, Children and Social Development, Mayor John Tory, City of Toronto, and Director of UN-Habitat office in Mexico and Cuba Region and Head of Knowledge and Innovation, Dr Eduardo Moreno.

The Pavilion will create a springboard for collaboration and collective action to advance crucial conversations covering a wide range of topics, explore urban economy and finance public participation through different lenses, and open dialogues globally about urbanism. It will be a knowledge exchange hub for academic discourses, achievements, research, best practices, projects,

ideas and initiatives about urbanism to realize the goal of sustainable urban development. The Pavilion will help move SDG 11 and other goals related to urbanization forward, along with the New Urban Agenda (NUA), and the resolution for sustainable urban development adopted by Habitat III and endorsed by the UN General Assembly.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Mobilizing urban stakeholders to accelerate progress towards the SDGs by 2030

New York 7 October 2020 – The UN-Habitat New York Office hosted an on-line live event uniting urban practitioners from around the world. The event was organized by Mission 2030 for Sustainable Cities, a French urban sustainability advisory firm, in partnership with UN-Habitat New York Office and MegaCities-ShortDocs, a French NGO showcasing sustainable & innovative solutions in megacities during its annual ShortDoc Film Festival and Award Ceremony.

This global event focused on the theme of “Mobilizing urban stakeholders to accelerate progress towards the SDGs by 2030”, with the intention of offering practical expertise to cities and urban practitioners to accelerate progress during the Decade of Action.

Curated by Dr. Abra Marie Walsh of Mission 2030, this roundtable united four international urban planning and housing experts:

- Jesus SALCEDO of UN-Habitat
- Ms Soo-Jin Kim of the OECD
- Alé Badara SY of GGGI – Senegal
- Serge Salat, Senior Advisor for the UN and the World Bank.

The experts evoked the challenges within both developed and developing cities, and what it would take to accelerate progress. Developing cities are confronted with greater demographic pressures, limited financial resources and technical capacities. Developing cities across Asia and Africa will need to reconcile urban expansion, due to population migration into cities, with the need to limit encroachment on natural ecosystems in order to preserve and enhance biodiversity, as well as to optimize public and private investments. Developing cities can turn to advances in successful cities, such as Vienna for its social housing, smart city and inclusive development initiatives; Seoul for its balanced development and integration of smart and sustainable policies; or to cities like London that have created highly sustainable urban districts such as the one developed around the King's Cross train station. They can also look to the concept of “complete neighborhoods” that Serge Salat presented (and which will be detailed in a soon to be published report for the UN).

Key strategies for accelerating progress include governance (alignment of all urban actors and coherent policies from national to local governments), integrated planning, dedicated and focused financial resources and regulatory frameworks. The OECD has done extensive work on localizing SDGs and has been able to identify levers for accelerating progress. In addition to those mentioned above, training, monitoring progress and using evidence-based decision making are key. Finally, in addition to strategic urban development projects, often implemented through public-private partnerships, resources are needed to build civic infrastructure such as community development centers within neighborhoods and accessible and centrally located spaces for mobilizing and training local actors, be they public, private, civic or local influencers.

Two shortdocs showcased (1) digital solutions in India to make cities more inclusive, through a smartphone app that locates all retail and leisure destinations that simplify access for people with reduced mobility cities and (2) a \$10 solar-energy fuelled innovation providing electricity and lighting for dwellings in informal settlements, invented by a public servant in a Ministry. Six other shortdocs were made available on UN-Habitat's YouTube channel for viewing by the public, during the month of Urban October 2020 events, from 5 – 31 October.

The 15th Annual Session of Global Forum on Human Settlements

New York 15 October 2020 – The 15th Annual Session of Global Forum on Human Settlements (GFHS 2020) was successfully held in a virtual format as an observance of Urban October on October 15-16, 2020, with the theme being “Post-Pandemic Recovery and Transformation: Resilient Cities, Healthy Planet”. This year’s forum was supported by a record lineup of 24 authoritative organizations, including 10 UN agencies and the Asian Development Bank. Some 100 distinguished speakers and discussants contributed to the in-depth discussions and analysis on a range of challenges – public health crisis, ecological disruption, and climate change that cities have had to wrestle with so as to embark on a path to sustainable development. While providing timely scientific solutions and policy recommendations, the forum called on the global community to accelerate green transformation in recovery.

The forum was addressed by Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury, Chairman of GFHS, Former UN Under-Secretary-General and High Representative; Prof. Petteri Taalas, Secretary-General, World Meteorological Organization; Patricia Espinosa, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity; Malcolm Johnson, Deputy Secretary-General of International Telecommunication Union; Dr. Bambang Susantono, Vice President of Asian Development Bank; ZHANG Xinsheng, President, International Union for Conservation of Nature; Satya Tripathi,

UN Assistant Secretary-General and Head of New York Office, UN Environment Programme; Dr Shamshad Akhtar, former UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific; Marco Lambertini, Director General of WWF International; Dr Awni Behnam, Fmr. United Nations Assistant Secretary-General, Hon. President, International Ocean Institute, and many senior officials of international organizations, government officials, well-known experts and scholars, entrepreneurs, and heads of non-profit organizations. The two-day forum has reached out to more than 100,000 professional audiences through live streaming and participation.

Being a timely action to implement the UN Policy Brief, the two-day event addressed important topics on urgent urban issues including preserving and sustainably managing biodiversity and guaranteeing ecological security; integrated climate, hydrology and environment services for sustainable cities; building urban resilience to climate change; financing for resilient urban infrastructure; smart, sustainable cities and communities; International Green Model City Initiative; adaptable buildings and resilient cities; post-crisis healthy and anti-fragile cities; blue economy and healthy ocean; blockchain technology and smart urban governance; energy-efficient and sustainable housing; and a resilient, inclusive, gender-equal and green economic recovery. The forum has yielded fruitful outcomes and made a significant contribution to the process of restoring people’s well-being, promoting green recovery and change in businesses, cities, and even countries, and preserving and sustainably managing biodiversity, thereby making cities and human

settlements safe, resilient, inclusive and sustainable, and achieving our vision of a healthy planet.

Organizations: *Global Forum on Human Settlements (GFHS); World Meteorological Organization (WMO); International Telecommunication Union (ITU); Asian Development Bank (ADB); International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN); International Science Council (ISC); UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction; UN Conference on Trade and Development; UN Development Programme; World Ocean Council; International Ocean Institute; Universal Peace Federation; Habitat for Humanity International*

COVID-19 and Beyond: Cities on the Front Lines of a Healthier Future

New York, 29 October 2020 – Nowhere has the impact of COVID-19 been more evident than in urban areas, home to more than 50 per cent of the world’s population.

To mark World Cities Day 2020, the Partnership for Healthy Cities—supported by Bloomberg Philanthropies, the World Health Organization and Vital Strategies—hosted a special VitalTalks event on how cities are leading us through the pandemic toward a healthier world.

Featuring:

- Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization
- Michael R. Bloomberg, 108th mayor of New York City and founder of Bloomberg Philanthropies
- José Luis Castro, President and CEO of Vital Strategies

- Dr. Etienne Krug, Director of the World Health Organization's Social Determinants of Health Department
- A moderated discussion led by Dr. Kelly Henning, who leads the public health program of Bloomberg Philanthropies, with Mayor Claudia López of Bogotá, Colombia, Mayor Kostas Bakoyannis of Athens, Greece and Deputy Lord Mayor Doreen Nyanjira of the Kampala Capital City Authority, Uganda

COVID-19 has brought urban leadership on health into greater focus: with more than 50 per cent of the world's population living in cities, urban governments have mounted a remarkable pandemic response—and continue to face daunting challenges. Speakers highlighted urban action and collaboration during this unprecedented pandemic. The Partnership for Healthy Cities also released a portfolio of case studies on the urban response to COVID-19.

To learn more and to access the newly released case studies, please visit: <https://cities4health.org/city-stories>

Further recognizing the importance of urban innovation, Mobilizing Urban Stakeholders to accelerate progress towards the SDGs by 2030 event used the showcase of award-winning documentaries as a unique medium to inspire individuals to take action in their neighbourhoods in megacities worldwide and contribute towards achieving the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda. This panel discussion marked the first collaboration project between the MegaCities-ShortDoc festival and UN-Habitat New York. The

event fostered a partnership for future events with UN-Habitat and opportunities to showcase short documentaries on the UN-Habitat YouTube Channel throughout the duration of Urban October.

Urban Planning and Design

"Design and the Post-Pandemic City", an Urban October event from the Mansueto Institute for Urban Innovation, University of Chicago, with world-renowned designer and urbanist Bruce Mau blended design thinking with emerging insights from urban science to demonstrate systemic approaches for imagining the future of cities in a post-pandemic world. The event highlighted the importance of urban design be a crucial mediator between knowledge and problem solving.

The Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization (CSU)'s H.E. Talal Abu Ghazaleh (TAG) Lecture was a memorial lecture delivered by Claire Weisz (UAIA). The lecture introduced to practitioners a new concept of "Millennial Thinking" in planning. It focused on what the present generation is asking for and what it has to do with what we are thinking about urbanization today.

To work towards a better urban future, the SDGs must be implemented into professional practice especially urban planning. Recognizing this, the International Union of Architects (UIA) introduced a guide with case studies of how urban planning can be approached to meet multiple SDGs. Examples included projects carried out in partnership with UN-Habitat that ranged from architectural design to micro-finance, micro gardening, urban planning and even examples of how

to legitimize informal settlements. The Consortium of Sustainable Urbanization (CSU) Gala Awards 2020 was another platform to provide recognition and encourage practitioners to contribute to the future of sustainable urbanization.

The "Housing and Social Protection to End Homelessness" event featured a collaboration by UN DESA, IGH, and UN-Habitat. It was the first celebration of World Homeless Day since its establishment in 2010. The event clearly emphasized that the solution to end homelessness isn't just housing alone, but requires many pieces, depending on the national context. However, some overarching critical elements include political will, better financing, and a changed mindset that there isn't a quick and easy solution. It is essential to prevent homelessness and have a working global definition in order to measure it and get people into the system of helping them with long-term measures out of this temporary condition.

The Symposium on Women and Children Experiencing Homelessness/ Displacement hosted by UNANIMA International, explored the various issues faced by women and children experiencing homelessness. The causes of homelessness that were discussed included domestic violence, human trafficking, income and market access inequality, mental health stigma, and natural disasters. Potential solutions outlined included affordable housing infrastructure, improved education and access to income opportunities, increased shelters and services for homeless people, and universal social protections.

One of the critical issues highlighted during Urban October was the importance of multilateralism. The event "Leave No One Behind: Ending Youth Global Homelessness in the Decade of Action" on 21 October made a very strong case for that by using the example of homelessness. The only way to make sustainable progress is by having a whole-of-the-system approach. In this case, the speakers highlighted that making policies without including lived experiences is totally unethical and would oppose any human rights approach as well as the SDGs.

Furthermore, the necessity of relevant data is probably bigger than ever before as highlighted in the event "Global Strategies for Sustainable Workforce Housing: Innovative Solutions to Win the

War Against Poverty, Healthcare & Crisis" on 24 October. Housing is the foundation for access to work, education, sanitation, healthcare, water, and food and therefore, requires a lot of data to address all related issues. Also, many affordable housing solutions were presented during the event, including expanded subsidies for public land and new affordable housing units, financial incentives for lower rents through tax policy and government-backed finance, expanded social safety nets for renters during times of crisis and the protection of tenants' rights, mandating a minimum percentage of affordable housing, and collaboration between stakeholders.

The dots need to be connected between policies and partnerships to advocate for a stronger support system, especially

for vulnerable people groups which was emphasized in another event "Urban Agenda to Urgent Action: Preventing Evictions and Homelessness" on 27 October. The role of UN-Habitat as amplifier and facilitator for sustainable change was repeatedly discussed during several events. Particularly this event used the COVID-19 example to show that a recovery from this pandemic can't be addressed independently but requires an organization like UN-Habitat to lead the way in connecting the dots on a global level.

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AUSTRALIA

Call for Action: youth wellbeing and public space in Sierra Leone

Brisbane, 27 October 2020 — This was a webinar bringing together participants from Australia and Sierra Leone to discuss the above topic in the West African nation.

There is a critical need to identify both the current wellbeing of youth living in informal settlements in Sierra Leone, and to identify and invest in community-scale interventions that have potential to support and build well-being among young people. Hence the reason why we Call to Action! and talk about and discuss

the results of a large survey of Youth Wellbeing in urban Sierra Leone. We seek to support youth wellbeing through community-led public space interventions in informal settlements.



STATISTICS FOR WORLD HABITAT DAY, WORLD CITIES DAY AND URBAN OCTOBER

	No. of Events	No. of countries	No. of cities
Urban October	606	47	146
World Cities Day	78	39	70
World Habitat Day	69	42	58
Grand Total	753	74	230

By Region

Region	No. of Events
Africa	65
Asia	57
Europe	81
Latin America and the Caribbean	385
North America	159
Oceania	6
Total	753

By Partner Type

Partner Type (ALL EVENTS)	%
Academia/Research	19%
Civil Society Organizations	47%
Foundation	2%
Inter-Governmental Organizations	3%
Local and Regional Government	10%
Media	1%
National Government	4%
Private sector	6%
United Nations System	9%
Total	100%

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Urban October	
Academia/Research	19%
Civil Society Organizations	49%
Foundation	1%
Inter-Governmental Organizations	3%
Local and Regional Government	11%
Media	1%
National Government	3%
Private sector	5%
United Nations System	8%

World Cities Day	
Academia/Research	21%
Civil Society Organizations	43%
Foundation	1%
Inter-Governmental Organizations	3%
Local and Regional Government	7%
Media	1%
National Government	1%
Private sector	14%
United Nations System	7%

World Habitat Day	
Academia/Research	19%
Civil Society Organizations	27%
Foundation	6%
Inter-Governmental Organizations	2%
Local and Regional Government	10%
Media	2%
National Government	12%
Private sector	4%
United Nations System	19%



LIST OF WORLD HABITAT DAY, WORLD CITIES DAY AND URBAN OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD

Country/City	Name of Organization	Title of Activity
Afghanistan, Kabul	Afghanistan Urban Sector & UN-Habitat	Launch of the Strategic Nahia (District) Action Plan: Advocate strategic planning and its role in achieving the SDG 11 and NUA
Angola, Luanda	Startup Musseke Smart	Musseke Smart 2020 - Community in dialogue
Angola, Luanda	-	The impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Architecture, Urbanism and Spatial Planning in Angola
Angola, Luanda	Associação dos Naturais, Residentes e Amigos de Luanda (Kalu)	Luanda - Urbanity and Mental Health in COVID-19 context
Angola, Luanda and Cabo Verde	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme	Urban Fridays: Developing Policies and Mechanisms to Finance Urbanization
Argentina, Quilmes	Global & local	How to build resilience capacities in urban contexts of inequalities and structural deficits in Latin American cities? Resilient governance to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 11/ <i>¿Cómo construir capacidades de resiliencia en contextos urbanos de desigualdades y déficit estructurales en las ciudades de América Latina? Gobernanza resiliente para alcanzar el Objetivo de Desarrollo Sostenible N° 11</i>
Argentina, Caba	ACIJ - Asociación Civil por la Igualdad y la Justicia	Housing and Habitat Budget 2021/ <i>Presupuesto de Vivienda y Hábitat 2021</i>
Argentina, Buenos Aires	Red Argentina del Paisaje Nodo Buenos Aires	PAISAJEURBE EN DIÁLOGO del 12 al 31 de Octubre/ <i>PAISAJEURBE IN DIALOGUE October 12 to 31</i>
Argentina, Córdoba	Ciudades Globales -CiGlo-	"Contributions for a better urban future"/ <i>"Aportes para un mejor futuro urbano"</i>
Argentina, Villa de Merlo - Carpintería (Provincia de San Luis)	Universidad Nacional de Los Comechingones	Conversations on the city and community we want / <i>Conversaciones sobre la ciudad y comunidad deseadas</i>
Argentina, Caba	Red Argentina del Paisaje Nodo Buenos Aires	Paisajeurbe in Dialogue October 12 to 31/ <i>Paisajeurbe en Diálogo del 12 al 31 de Octubre</i>
Argentina, Buenos Aires	Tormenta Calchaqui	Migration/Migracion
Australia, Melbourne	University of Melbourne	Sustainable Development Goals, Climate Change and Cities Symposium
Australia, Melbourne	Mend It, Australia	The Tinkering Travellers
Australia, Brisbane	Urban Synergies Group	Call for action: Priorities for Youth Wellbeing and Public Space in Urban Sierra Leone
Belgium, Brussels	Architects' Council of Europe (ACE)	Co-design for new Forms of Urban Living
Belgium, Brussels	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme	Training cities on Voluntary Local Reviews
Belgium, Brussels	Brussels Bouwmeester Maître Architecte	Urban Maestro Masterclass. Lessons learned
Belgium, Brussels	EuroRAP	The Road Safety Potential of Big Data: Ai-RAP and Achieving the UN Road Safety Targets
Bolivia (Plurinational State of), La Paz	Colectivo Tutuma Urbana	Reconciliation of spaces in the house / <i>Reconciliación de espacios en la vivienda</i>
Bolivia (Plurinational State of), La Paz	Colectivo Tutuma Urbana	Border problems in the municipality of La Paz / <i>Problemas limítrofes en el municipio de La Paz</i>

Country/City	Name of Organization	Title of Activity
Bolivia (Plurinational State of), La Paz	Colectivo Tutuma Urbana	Tactical Urbanism and Placemaking in Bolivia / <i>Urbanismo Táctico y Placemaking en Bolivia</i>
Bolivia (Plurinational State of), La Paz	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme, Bolivia	Cities Policy Webinar Series. Social cohesion in cities / <i>Ciclo de webinarios de la Política de Ciudades. La cohesión social en las ciudades</i>
Bolivia (Plurinational State of), La Paz	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme, Bolivia	First broadcast of the "Urban Dialogues" Podcast/ <i>Primera emisión del Podcast "Diálogos Urbanos"</i>
Bolivia (Plurinational State of), La Paz	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme, Bolivia	Cycle of webinars with an equity perspective. The gender approach in the development of cities/ <i>Ciclo de webinarios con mirada de equidad. El enfoque de género en el desarrollo de las ciudades</i>
Bolivia (Plurinational State of), La Paz	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme, Bolivia	"Urban Dialogues" Podcast/ <i>Podcast Diálogos Urbanos</i>
Bolivia (Plurinational State of), La Paz	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme, Bolivia	Cities Policy Webinar Series/ <i>Ciclo de Webinarios de la Política de Ciudades</i>
Bolivia (Plurinational State of), La Paz	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme, Bolivia	Cities Policy Webinar Series. Open Government and Transparency/ <i>Ciclo de Webinarios de la Política de Ciudades. Gobierno Abierto y Transparencia</i>
Bolivia (Plurinational State of), La Paz	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme, Bolivia	"Urban Dialogues" Podcast/ <i>Podcast Diálogos Urbanos</i>
Bolivia (Plurinational State of), La Paz	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme, Bolivia	Cities Policy Webinar Series. A Challenge: Solid Waste Management in Cities/ <i>Ciclo de Webinarios de la Política de Ciudades. Un Desafío: La Gestión de los Residuos Sólidos de las Ciudades</i>
Bolivia (Plurinational State of), La Paz	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme, Bolivia	Cities Policy Webinar Series. With an Equity Perspective. Cities and youth/ <i>Ciclo de Webinarios de la Política de Ciudades. Con Mirada de Equidad. Las ciudades y los jóvenes.</i>
Bolivia (Plurinational State of), La Paz	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme, Bolivia	"Urban Dialogues" Podcast/ <i>Podcast Diálogos Urbanos.</i>
Bolivia (Plurinational State of), La Paz	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme, Bolivia	"Urban Dialogues" Podcast/ <i>Podcast Diálogos Urbanos.</i>
Bolivia (Plurinational State of), La Paz	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme, Bolivia	Presentation of the Cities Policy (NUP)/ <i>Presentación de la Política de Ciudades</i>
Bolivia (Plurinational State of), La Paz	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme, Bolivia	Presentation of the "Urban Mobility" study / <i>Presentación del estudio "Movilidad Urbana"</i>
Bolivia (Plurinational State of), La Paz	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme, Bolivia	Presentation of the City Prosperity Index/ <i>Presentación del Índice de Prosperidad de Ciudades</i>
Bolivia (Plurinational State of), La Paz	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme, Bolivia	Presentation of the project on "Food Security"/ <i>Presentación proyecto "Seguridad alimentaria"</i>
Bolivia (Plurinational State of), La Paz	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme, Bolivia	Presentation of the City Prosperity Index/ <i>Presentación Índice de Ciudades</i>
Bolivia (Plurinational State of), La Paz	RENASEH - Red Nacional de Asentamientos Humanos	Saneamiento Urbano Masivo de Oficio (SUMO)
Bolivia (Plurinational State of), La Paz	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme, Bolivia	Socialization of the Cities Policy (NUP)/ <i>Socialización de la Política de Ciudades</i>
Bolivia (Plurinational State of), La Paz	RENASEH - Red Nacional de Asentamientos Humanos	Civil Society Contributions to the Cities Policy/ <i>Aportes de la sociedad civil a la Política de Ciudades</i>
Bolivia (Plurinational State of), La Paz	Laboratorio de Tecnología Social	Presentación de "Calles de Mujeres"

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Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Cochabamba	Laboratorio de Tecnología Social	Mapping of solid waste collection points/Mapeo de puntos de acopio de residuos sólidos
Bolivia (Plurinational State of), La Paz	RENASEH - Red Nacional de Asentamientos Humanos	Bolivia: Households' Housing Vulnerability facing the sanitary crisis of COVID-19/Bolivia: Vulnerabilidad Habitacional de los Hogares ante la crisis sanitaria COVID-19
Bolivia (Plurinational State of), La Paz	Colegio de Arquitectos Bolivia	Cycle of Conferences/Ciclo de Conferencias
Bolivia (Plurinational State of), La Paz	Colegio de Arquitectos Bolivia	Cycle of Conferences on Built Environment/Ciclo de Conferencias Obra Construida
Bolivia (Plurinational State of), La Paz	Colegio de Arquitectos Bolivia	Cycle of Conferences on Built Environment/Ciclo de Conferencias Obra Construida
Bolivia (Plurinational State of), La Paz	Colegio de Arquitectos Bolivia	Cycle of Conferences on Built Environment/Ciclo de Conferencias Obra Construida
Bolivia (Plurinational State of), La Paz	Viceministerio de Defensa Civil	Risk Management Planning as a Multisectoral Public Policy/ La Planificación de la Gestión de Riesgos como Política Pública Multisectorial
Bolivia (Plurinational State of), La Paz	Viceministerio de Defensa Civil y Agencia de las Naciones Unidas para la Alimentación y la Agricultura (FAO)	Progress and perspectives on disaster risk management governance in Bolivia/Avances y perspectivas en la gobernanza en gestión de riesgos de desastres en Bolivia
Bolivia (Plurinational State of), La Paz	Viceministerio de Defensa Civil	Tri-national launching and presentation of the ECHO Resilience Project/Lanzamiento trinacional y presentación del proyecto ECHO Resiliencia
Bolivia (Plurinational State of), La Paz	Viceministerio de Defensa Civil	Photo contest: risk management in the context of COVID19/ Concurso de fotografías: gestión de riesgos en contexto COVID19
Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Santa Cruz	Arquitectura Yngrid Echalar	Urban Agriculture 2030/Huertos Urbanos 2030
Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Cochabamba	Laboratorio de Tecnología Social	Presentation of "Ciudadatos" ("City Data"), Cochabamba/ Presentación de Ciudadatos, Cochabamba
Botswana, Gaborone	Ministry of Infrastructure and Housing Development	2020 World Habitat Day Commemoration
Brazil, São Paulo	Colab	Book Launch - 2nd Edition - Sustainable Cities Survey
Brazil, Brasília	Paradiplomacia.org	BH + Buenos Aires + Bogota: International cooperation in the metropolises
Brazil, Santa Maria	Universidade Federal de Santa Maria (UFSM)	Community Art
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Laboratório Arquitetura Humanitária(LabAH/ EMAUDAU), Cátedra Sergio Vieira de Mello (CSVM/ACNUR/PUC-Rio)	Conversations on Humanitarian Architecture - The Architecture of Refugee Shelters
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Grupo de Trabalho de Memória e Cultura da Rede Favela Sustentável	How are Rio's Quilombos Doing During the Pandemic?
Brazil, Brasília	-	Social Housing Today and Tomorrow: Policies and Projects for the existing City
Brazil, Ouro Preto	Universidade Federal de Ouro Preto (UFOP)	Historical Cities Sustainability Forum – 2030 Agenda in Traditional Communities
Brazil, São Carlos	-	The Urban Model in Times Of Pandemic: Challenges And Perspectives
Brazil, São Carlos	-	Urban Planning: Health Promotion in Cities

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Brazil, Curitiba	Instituto Jaime Lerner	To Live is More Than to Inhabit (" <i>Viver é Mais do que Morar</i> ")
Brazil, Franca	Programa de Pós-Graduação em Planejamento e Avaliação de Políticas Públicas	Post-COVID-19 Cities: Territory, Budget and Public Policies
Brazil, Juazeiro do Norte	Laboratório de Estudos em Gestão de Cidades e Territórios (LaCITE-UFCA)	II Symposium on City Management - Pandemic, urban vulnerabilities and city management
Brazil, Porto Alegre	Instituto dos Arquitetos do Brasil - Departamento do Rio Grande do Sul (IAB/RS)	Open Letter to Society and Candidates in the 2020 Municipal Elections - A post-pandemic city project
Brazil, Brasília	Podcast Farol Urbano	Urban Conversations
Brazil, Maceió	Liga Acadêmica de Direito Internacional do Centro Universitário Cesmac (Ladint)	Right to the City and Housing Crisis: Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Associação Brasileira dos Profissionais pelo Desenvolvimento Sustentável (ABRAPs)	Sustainable Cities: Valuing Our Communities and Cities
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Laboratório Arquitetura Humanitária(LabAH/EMAUDAU), Cátedra Sergio Vieira de Mello (CSVN/ACNUR/PUC-Rio)	Conversations about Humanitarian Architecture: Urban Vulnerabilities
Brazil, Santa Maria	Universidade Federal de Santa Maria (UFSM)	Nature Art
Brazil, São Paulo	Instituto de Estudos Avançados da Universidade de São Paulo (IEA-USP)	UrbanSus UN: Gender Inequalities and Intersectionality During and After the Pandemic
Brazil, Brasília	Rede Arquitetos pela Moradia	5570 cities with Technical Assistance for Housing. Elections and the Right to Housing
Brazil, Brasília	-	Smart Cities: For whom?
Brazil, São Carlos	-	Urban Agroforest: Sustainability and Sustenance
Brazil, Barueri	Movimento ODS Barueri (ODS Barueri)	Protagonism and the 2030 Agenda on building a Sustainable and Inclusive City
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Universidade Veiga de Almeida (UVA)	Urban Waters Circuit, Climate Change and Disaster Risk
Brazil, Juazeiro do Norte	-	Public Policies in The Current Context – Education, Health, Mobility and Migration
Brazil, Porto Alegre	Instituto dos Arquitetos do Brasil - Departamento do Rio Grande do Sul (IAB/RS)	Collaborative Urbanism and Activism Fighting the Pandemic: Results from the Citizen Laboratory Conectalab
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Associação Brasileira dos Profissionais pelo Desenvolvimento Sustentável (ABRAPs)	Sustainable Cities: Valuing Our Communities and Cities
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Movimento Longevidade Brasil (MLB)	Connecting Generations, Building Longevity.
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Departamento de Saneamento e Saúde Ambiental (DSSA/ENSP/Fiocruz)	Social Determinants of Urban Health
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Grupo de Trabalho de Educação Ambiental da Rede Favela Sustentável	Favela and Academia Dialogue: Necessary Paths for Environmental Education
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Fundação Oswaldo Cruz (Fiocruz)	Sustainable and Healthy Territories: Fiocruz's Strategies to Promote Health And Sustainability
Brazil, Salvador	Multiplicação Social	Among Concepts and Practices: Right to the City, Housing and Social Work
Brazil, São Paulo	Departamento de Direito Civil da Faculdade de Direito da USP	Civil Law and Housing Access: Suggestions for a Better Urban Future
Brazil, Belo Horizonte	Colégio Imobiliário Registral de Minas Gerais (CORI-MG)	Connection CORI-MG – Reurb and Economic Development Post COVID-19

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Brazil, Maceió	Mídia Caeté	The City, The Square and The House: Debating the Rights of Homeless
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Movimento Longevidade Brasil (MLB)	Connecting Generations, Building Longevity
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Laboratório Arquitetura Humanitária (LabAH/EMAUDAU), Cátedra Sergio Vieira de Mello (CSVM/ACNUR/PUC-Rio)	Conversations on Humanitarian Architecture – Perspective of Women in Refuge in the City
Brazil, Santa Maria	Universidade Federal de Santa Maria (UFSM)	Socio-Environmental Educommunication: The Contribution of Journalism
Brazil, João Pessoa	Instituto ECCUS	Eccuscine
Brazil, Maceió	-	Gender and Childhood Perspective for Urban Mobility in the Post-COVID-19
Brazil, Fortaleza	-	Swinging the Network II - The Regularization of Property as a right to the city: The PIRFs in Fortaleza/CE
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Movimento Longevidade Brasil (MLB)	Connecting Generations, Building Longevity
Brazil, São Paulo	-	Morada Monte Serrat - Samba Brings Hope
Brazil, São Paulo	InCities	Inclusive Urban Solutions from a Gender Perspective
Brazil, Foz do Iguaçu	Escola Popular de Planejamento da Cidade-Universidade Federal da Integração Latino-Americana (UNILA)	The Right to the City from the Margins: Collaborative Methodologies for the Construction of Cities
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Secretaria de Estado de Desenvolvimento Econômico, Energia e Relações Internacionais (SEDEERI GOV/RJ)	Urbanization and Citizenship post-COVID-19
Brazil, Florianópolis	Sindicato dos Arquitetos e Urbanistas do Estado de Santa Catarina (SASC)	The Role of Municipalities in Guaranteeing the Right to Housing
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Laboratório Arquitetura Humanitária (LabAH/EMAUDAU); Cátedra Sergio Vieira de Mello (CSVM/ACNUR/PUC-Rio)	Conversations about Humanitarian Architecture - Designing the Future Today
Brazil, São Paulo	#metodorespirarrelaxar	Project Breathing and Relaxing in Squares Around the World: Praça da República - SP
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Caruá Negócios Sustentáveis	Caruá Creative Circuit
Brazil, São Paulo	-	Study on Public Policy and Legal Impacts of COVID-19 on the Housing Sector
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Instituto de Arquitetos do Brasil Departamento do Rio de Janeiro (IAB-RJ)	The City We Want: The Collective Effort of a Fluminense Urban Agenda on Inclusive Cities
Brazil, Pirai	Prefeitura Municipal de Pirai	Guidelines for Adoption of the 2030 Agenda in the Middle Paraíba Region - RJ
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Universidade Veiga de Almeida (UVA)	3rd Academic Week of Geography UVA - Roundtable 1: COVID-19, Challenges and Problems In Metropolitan Areas
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Plano de Arte e Intervenção Urbana (Partiu!)	Hostile Cities – Post-pandemic Urban Relations
Brazil, Curitiba	-	Cities after Covid-19: Environmental and Financial Intelligence for Sustainable Development
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme	DiverCity: The future we want
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Comunidades Catalisadoras (ComCat)	Collective Territorial Rights as an instrument for transforming urban reality: a debate using the lessons of Rio de Janeiro and Mozambique

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Brazil, São Paulo	Instituto de Arquitetos do Brasil (IAB) - Comissão de Política Urbana	2030 Agenda and Brazilian Architecture and Urbanism: Challenges in the Pandemic Period - SDGs 3 e 15
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Universidade Veiga de Almeida (UVA)	3rd Academic Week of Geography UVA - Roundtable 2: COVID-19 and Geographical Education
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Plano de Arte e Intervenção Urbana (Partiu!)	Hostile Cities – Post-Pandemic Urban Relations
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Programa de Pós-Graduação em Urbanismo (PROURB/UFRJ) and Departamento de Direito da PUC-Rio	Human Rights and Pandemic Cities
Brazil, Maceió	Faculdade Seune	9th Seune College Faculty Research Symposium (SIMPEDS)
Brazil, Fortaleza	-	Swinging the Network II - Hope for a Sustainable Post-Pandemic Future - Living Well and Education
Brazil, Porto Alegre	Instituto dos Arquitetos do Brasil - Departamento do Rio Grande do Sul (IAB/RS)	Popular Plans for Regional Action: Review of the POA Master Plan from the perspective of communities
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Universidade Veiga de Almeida (UVA)	3rd Academic Week of Geography UVA - Roundtable 3: COVID-19 and the environment
Brazil, São Paulo	Instituto de Arquitetos do Brasil (IAB) - Comissão de Política Urbana	2030 Agenda and Brazilian Architecture and Urbanism: Challenges in the pandemic period - SDGs 4 e 16
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Subsecretaria de Proteção e Defesa Civil Municipal do Rio	Community Dialogues: Resilience, culture and education after the pandemic
Brazil, Brasília	Portal Mercado Ambiental	The Sanitation Regulatory Framework and its impacts on the future of housing
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Plano de Arte e Intervenção Urbana (Partiu!)	Hostile Cities – Post-Pandemic Urban Relations
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Programa de Pós-Graduação em Urbanismo (PROURB/UFRJ) and Departamento de Direito da PUC-Rio	Planning and Right To The City
Brazil, Belo Horizonte	Conselho de Arquiteta e Urbanismo de Minas Gerais (CAU/MG)	Sustainable Cities: The New Reality After the COVID-19 Pandemic
Brazil, Santo André	-	Santo André – 500 years: Perspectives for Regional Urban Development
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Universidade Veiga de Almeida (UVA)	3rd Academic Week of Geography UVA – Roundtable 4: Cartography and counter(mapping) of COVID-19
Brazil, Várzea Grande	Instituto Federal de Educação, Ciência e Tecnologia de Mato Grosso (IFMT) - Campus Várzea Grande	City and Environment: Sanitation for the right to housing and the city
Brazil, Belo Horizonte	-	Housing and City: Links Between Medium-Sized Cities in Espírito Santo and Minas Gerais
Brazil, Cuiabá	Associação dos Defensores Públicos do Mato Grosso (AMDEP)	Public Defenders and Post-COVID-19 Cities: Housing and Health
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Laboratório Arquitetura Humanitária (LabAH/EMAUDAU)	3rd Academic Week of Geography UVA – Roundtable 4: Cartography and counter(mapping) of COVID-19
Cátedra Sergio Vieira de Mello (CSVN/ACNUR/PUC-Rio)	Conversations on Humanitarian Architecture - Integration and the Creative Economy in Refuge	City and Environment: Sanitation for the right to housing and the city
Brazil, São Paulo	Instituto de Arquitetos do Brasil (IAB) - Comissão de Política Urbana	The 2030 Agenda in Brazilian Architecture and Urbanism: Challenges in times of pandemic - SDGs 5 and 8
Brazil, Maceió	Núcleo de Estudos do Estatuto da Cidade (NEST) da Universidade Federal de Alagoas (UFAL)	Improvements in Housing and the Challenges in Practice

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Brazil, Cariri	-	Be Cariri: The Poetic Vision of the Architecture of Brazil's Northeastern Backlands
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Núcleo de Planejamento Estratégico de Transportes e Turismo (Planett/UFRJ)	Good Practices of Engagement and the Monitoring of Public Policies
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Programa de Pós-Graduação em Urbanismo (PROURB/UFRJ) and Departamento de Direito da PUC-Rio	The Urban Counter-Reform, Processes of Financialization in Cities and Law
Brazil, Belo Horizonte	Conselho de Arquiteta e Urbanismo de Minas Gerais (CAU/MG)	Sustainable cities: a new post-pandemic reality
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Aion Filmes	Possible Cities
Brazil, Salvador	Residência em Arquitetura, Urbanismo e Engenharia	Socio-spatial inequalities, racism, environmental emergencies and public health in times of pandemic
Brazil, São Paulo	Instituto de Arquitetos do Brasil (IAB) - Comissão de Política Urbana	The 2030 Agenda in Brazilian Architecture and Urbanism: Challenges in times of pandemic – SDG 6 and 7
Brazil, Curitiba	Pontos Vivos - Urbano Ativo	Living Together in an Urban Context: Between the local and the global
Brazil, Belo Horizonte	Conselho de Arquiteta e Urbanismo de Minas Gerais (CAU/MG)	Sustainable cities: a new post-pandemic reality of COVID-19
Brazil, Salvador	Residência em Arquitetura, Urbanismo e Engenharia	Experiences of assistance and technical advice in the pandemic context
Brazil, Barreiras	-	Swinging the Net-work II – Making meeting in the cities: That city is mine too!
Brazil, Curitiba	-	COVID-19 and Access to Public Space
Brazil, Natal	ODS RN	The City We Want: We'll Rebuild Better and Focusing on Diversity.
Brazil, São Carlos	-	Bioconstruction and Permaculture: Let's Save the Planet Together?
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Caruá Negócios Sustentáveis	Sanitation is Life!
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Centro Universitário das Faculdades Metropolitanas Unidas (FMU)	Socio-environmental Entrepreneurship in the Construction of Sustainable Peripheries
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	VIVACIDADE	City Talk [10th edition] What are the ways to strengthen communities?
Brazil, Natal	ODS RN	The City We Want: For Migrants and Refugees
Brazil, São Paulo	Instituto de Arquitetos do Brasil (IAB) - Comissão de Política Urbana	The 2030 Agenda in Brazilian Architecture and Urbanism: Challenges during pandemic times - SDGs 9 e 10
Brazil, Brasília	Associação das Trabalhadoras em Domicílio (ATEMDO)	Organization of female informal workers in the pandemic
Brazil, Campina Grande	Centro de Assessoria Comunitária a Tecnologias de Utilidades Sociais (CACTUS_CZ)	Model office CACTUS: Technical assistance services in the interior of Paraíba
Brazil, São Paulo	Instituto de Arquitetos do Brasil (IAB) - Comissão de Política Urbana	The 2030 Agenda in the Brazilian Architecture and Urbanism: Challenges in pandemic times - SDG 1 and 11
Brazil, Brasília	Ministério do Desenvolvimento Regional	Brazilian Letter for the Smart Cities
Brazil, Palmas	Universidade Federal do Tocantins (UFT)	Containment of COVID-19 in Palmas: SDG actions
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme	Alagoas Urban Thinkers Meeting (EPUAL) 2020
Brazil, São Paulo	USP Cidades Globais - IEA/USP	UN – UrbanSus: Innovation and Digital Technology in Brazilian Cities in the post-COVID-19 context

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Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Tema Planejamento e Projetos Urbanos, Arquitetônicos e Sociais	Housing and COVID-19– Connecting everyone to build a better urban future
Brazil, Curitiba	Ordem dos Advogados do Brasil - Seção do Paraná (OAB/PR)/Comissão de Direito à Cidade	Post-COVID-19 Cities and the Smart Cities: Crisis and Opportunity
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	-	III Forum on Architecture and Urbanism - UVA - COVID 19 House in Crisis
Brazil, São Paulo	Instituto Tri	The City We Want - Instituto Tri
Brazil, Brasília	Coletivo Ifê	Urban dialogues: from Interterritorial Articulation to Popular Emancipation
Brazil, São Paulo	Instituto de Arquitetos do Brasil (IAB) - Comissão de Política Urbana	The 2030 Agenda in Brazilian Architecture and Urbanism: Challenges in times of pandemic - SDGs 2 and 12
Brazil, Brasília	Associação dos Professores de Direito Ambiental do Brasil (APRODAB)	Water and green in cities - A view of Environmental Law
Brazil, Santa Maria	Laboratório Interdisciplinar Interativo (LabInter PPGART/UFSM)	Virtual Monuments: Memory, Art and Collaborative and Transnational Technology
Brazil, Porto Alegre	Instituto dos Arquitetos do Brasil - Departamento do Rio grande do Sul (IAB/RS)	Report and letter to candidates: urbanism against the corona forum in RS communities and movements
Brazil, Natal	ODS RN	The City We Want: For Girls and Women
Brazil, Brasília	Instituto dos Arquitetos do Brasil - IAB/DF	Horizons for Brazilian housing policy: understanding the “Casa Verde e Amarela” Program
Brazil, São Paulo	-	Getting Involved Project: from inside to outside the school
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Laboratório Arquitetura Humanitária (LabAH/EMAUDAU)	Water and green in cities - A view of Environmental Law
Cátedra Sergio Vieira de Mello (CSVM/ACNUR/PUC-Rio)	Conversations on Humanitarian Architecture - Refuge Situations in Rio de Janeiro	Virtual Monuments: Memory, Art and Collaborative and Transnational Technology
Brazil, Aracaju	Universidade Federal de Sergipe (UFS)	Seminar on Law, work and the city: challenges for a better urban future
Brazil, São Paulo	Instituto de Arquitetos do Brasil (IAB) - Comissão de Política Urbana	The 2030 Global Agenda and the Brazilian Architecture and Urbanism: Challenges in times of the pandemic – SDGs 13 and 14
Brazil, Brasília	Câmara Brasileira da Indústria da Construção (CBIC)	The Future of My City: a new look at the civil society organizations in post-pandemic times. Urban Resilience, Participatory Governance, Long-Term Management and Public-Private Partnerships for the development of the cities
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Aion Filmes	Possible Cities
Brazil, Florianópolis	Conselho de Arquitetura e Urbanismo de Santa Catarina (CAU/SC)	The role of the Professional Councils in promoting ATHIS [Assistência Técnica em Habitação de Interesse Social // Technical Assistance in Housing of Social Interest]
Brazil, Maceió	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme	Maceió, Rio de Janeiro and Lusophone Africa Connection for a Better Urban Future
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Laboratório Arquitetura Humanitária (LabAH/EMAUDAU)	Seminar on Law, work and the city: challenges for a better urban future
Cátedra Sergio Vieira de Mello (CSVM/ACNUR/PUC-Rio)	Dialogues on Humanitarian Architecture – Environmental Refuge and the Indigenous Struggle	The 2030 Global Agenda and the Brazilian Architecture and Urbanism: Challenges in times of the pandemic – SDGs 13 and 14
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Sesc Rio	Sustainable Cities and Communities Forum – Panel 1: Urban Agriculture

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Brazil, São Paulo	Metrópole 1:1 (M1:1)	Inquire on the access to public spaces during the pandemic: results and analyses
Brazil, Natal	ODS RN	The City We Want: For Elderly People
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Laboratório de Vida Ativa (LaVA-UERJ)	Multisectoral Agenda for Research and Advocacy for the Promotion of Active Mobility
Brazil, São Paulo	Instituto de Arquitetos do Brasil (IAB) - Comissão de Política Urbana	The 2030 Agenda for Brazilian Architecture and Urbanism: Challenges by pandemic times - SDG 17
Brazil, Aracaju	Universidade Federal de Sergipe (UFS)	Seminar about Law, labor, and city: challenges for a better urban future
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Sesc Rio	Sustainable Cities and Communities Forum - Panel 2: Sustainable and low-cost constructions
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Sesc Rio	Sustainable Cities and Communities Forum - Panel 3: Sustainable Development in Communities
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Instituto Municipal de Urbanismo Pereira Passos (IPP)	Territorial information management in support of tackling social vulnerabilities and the pandemic
Brazil, São Paulo	-	Social housing: portraits and diagnostics in communities before and after the COVID-19
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Câmara de Comércio e Indústria do Estado do Rio de Janeiro (CAERJ)	Providing BIM, GIS, VR and SDG 11 in sustainable planning and operation for valuing the "CITIES"
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Coletivo Diálogos Suburbanos	Identity and Cultural Heritage in Rio de Janeiro outskirts
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Sidonio Porto Arquitetos Associados (SPAA)	Urban Design and Housing in the Expanded Center of the City of São Paulo
Brazil, Jundiaí	Departamento de Projetos Urbanos (DPU) da Prefeitura Municipal de Jundiaí	Urban Projects: methods, challenges and public articulation
Brazil, São Paulo	COMOVER Arte Cultura e Meio Ambiente	Brazil and Portuguese-speaking Africa: Connections and Sustainable Urban Actions
Brazil, São Paulo	-	Saracura River Valley in São Paulo: Virtual Expedition
Brazil, Brasília	-	The Post-COVID-19 World x Energy Demand in Urban Centers
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme	Closing event of the 2020 Urban Circuit
Brazil, Natal	Red Internacional Promotores ODS en Brasil (RIPO BR)	Habitaciones sostenibles bajo la mirada de los 5P's de la Agenda 2030
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	Columbia University - Federal University of Rio de Janeiro	1st Local Project Challenge Forum - Brazil
Brazil, Maceió	Mídia Caeté	The City, The Square and The House: Debating the Rights of Homeless - Part 2
Brazil, Petrolina	-	3rd Sao Francisco Valley Smart Cities Webinar: how public policies of continuity are making innovation habitats smarter and more human
Brazil, Petrolina	-	3rd Sao Francisco Valley Smart Cities Webinar - afternoon
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme	World Day of Cities: local actors for a better urban future
Brazil, São Paulo, S.P.	University of São Paulo	Thinking and Acting in a Disrupted World: Governance, Environment and People
Brazil, Cuiabá and Angola	Projeto LODs	Pandemic interpretations: challenges and perspectives

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Brazil, Maceió and Angola	Núcleo de Estudos do Estatuto da Cidade (NEST) da Universidade Federal de Alagoas (UFAL)	Living on the margins of Lusotopia II: local initiatives, support and concertation in COVID's times
Brazil, Maceió and Angola	Núcleo de Estudos do Estatuto da Cidade (NEST) da Universidade Federal de Alagoas (UFAL)	Inhabiting the margins in Lusotopia III: proposals for solutions and the right to the city on urban margins
Brazil, Ubatuba and Angola	Instituto Meu Oceano	Urban cleaning as a tool for sustainable development
Brazil and Angola, Luanda	Café do Arquitecto	Debate - Construction and Environment
Brazil, São Paulo and Angola	Instituto 17	The new normal: LGBTQIA+ communities and inclusion
Brazil, Brasília and Cabo Verde	Grupo de Pesquisa Experiências em Turismo e Transporte Ativos	CoMvid-19 – Urban Mobility in Niteroi after COVID-19
Brazil, Santa Maria and Cabo Verde	Universidade Federal de Santa Maria (UFSM)	Urban community garden of plants with nutritional and medicinal value
Brazil, Campina Grande and Cabo Verde	Centro de Assessoria Comunitária a Tecnologias de Utilidades Sociais (CACTUS_CZ)	ATHIS Project and Office Public Selection Process: reflections on building social housing
Brazil, Campina Grande and Mozambique	Centro de Assessoria Comunitária a Tecnologias de Utilidades Sociais (CACTUS_CZ)	Improved Homes Project
Brazil, Cuiabá and Mozambique	Projeto LODs	Arts, literature, pandemics and communities
Brazil, Natal and Mozambique	-	In the Network Balance: When education will be able to leave home – Challenges to post-pandemic education
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro and Mozambique	-	Global suburbs and local initiatives: housing and agroecological production in Brazil and Mozambique
Brazil, Angola and Mozambique	Batalha do Pedregal	Slam of Black Women in the Lusophone Space
Brazil, Angola, Cabo Verde	Instituto de Pesquisa e Planejamento Urbano e Regional (IPPUR)	Self-produced neighborhoods: sharing experiences, reflections and practices between Praia, Luanda and Rio de Janeiro
Brazil, Angola, Cabo Verde, Guiné Bissau, Mozambique, São Tomé e Príncipe	UN-Habitat	World Habitat Day – Master Class: housing for all
Brazil, Angola, Cabo Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique and São Tomé & Príncipe	Mais Casa	Habitat Brazil and Africa, post COVID-19
Brazil, Angola, Cabo Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, São Tomé & Príncipe	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme	Opening Ceremony
Brazil, Angola, Cabo Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, São Tomé & Príncipe	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme	Urban Fridays: Mapping outlying urban communities for the post-pandemic future
Brazil, Angola, Cabo Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, São Tomé & Príncipe	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme	Urban Fridays: building urban resilience through CityRAP tool
Brazil, Angola, Mozambique	Núcleo de Estudos do Estatuto da Cidade (NEST) da Universidade Federal de Alagoas (UFAL)	TO INHABIT THE MARGINS IN LUSOTOPY I: situation, adaptation and priorities in Covid times
Brazil, Cabo Verde	-	Connecting Sustainable Cities in the fight against COVID-19
Brazil, Guinea-Bissau	-	First School and Early Childhood: Cameconde Kindergarten

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Brazil, Guinea-Bissau and Mozambique	Universidade Federal de Santa Maria (UFSM)	Socio-environmental educommunication: alternatives for sustainable cities
Brazil, Guinea-Bissau and São Tomé & Príncipe	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme	Urban Fridays: Supporting Local Governments for Sustainable Development Plans
Bulgaria, Sofia	CSDCS	Sustainable mobility in the City of Ruse in the COVID-19 environment
Cabo Verde, Praia	Infraestruturas de Cabo Verde (ICV)	Requalification as an Instrument for Valuing Communities
Cabo Verde, Praia	Fundação Smart City Cabo Verde (FSCCV)	Pilot Project – Smart Neighborhood – Safende Community
Cabo Verde, Guinea-Bissau and Mozambique	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme	Urban Fridays: Promoting territorial zoning and balanced urbanization through Spatial Development Framework
Cambodia, Phnom Penh	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme	Urban WASH Breakfast
Cameroon, Douala	CODAS Caritas Douala	Salon Villes et Toits du Cameroun/Cameroon Cities and Roofs Fair
Cameroon, Douala	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme	Habitat Week in observance of the World Habitat Day
Cameroon, Douala	Agir Pour Impacter	Salon Pour la Promotion des Affaires Foncières et de l'habitat/Exhibition for the Promotion of Land and Housing Businesses
Canada, Toronto	Urban Economy Forum Association (UEF)	World Urban Pavilion Launch
Canada, Jasper	Alberta Recreation and Parks Association	Recreation and Parks: Essential to Life
Canada, Edmonton	World Urban Parks	The Green Heart - Emerging Research in Healthy City Design
Canada, Toronto	Urban Economy Forum	Urban Values: An Untapped Urban Resource
Canada, Toronto	Urban Economy Forum	Urban Economy Forum 2020
Canada, Edmonton	World Urban Parks	People and Parks: the pathways for social and ecological recovery
Chile, Santiago	Centro del Patrimonio Cultural UC	Recommendation on the Historic Urban Landscape in Latin America/Recomendación sobre el Paisaje Urbano Histórico en Latinoamérica
Chile, Concepción	CIUDADES 2030 Ciudades en Movimiento	3rd CYCLE HEALTHY CITIES 2030/ 3er CICLO CIUDADES SANAS 2030
Colombia, Medellín	VIVA- Empresa de Vivienda e Infraestructura de Antioquia	From housing to sustainable habitat/De la vivienda al hábitat sostenible
Colombia, Villa del Rosario	Asociación ESF-Empresarios e Industriales Sin Fronteras	"Social Management: Pandemic, Migrants and Returnees"/"La Gestión Social: Pandemia, Migrantes y Retornados"
Colombia, Medellín	Academia Interciudades	Integrated Cities/Ciudades Integradas
Colombia, Bogotá	Cabildo Indígena Muisca de Bosa	Strategies for sustainable urbanism and urban resilience: Iguaque, Mhuysqa Indigenous Citadel, in Bosa/Estrategias de urbanismo sostenible y resiliencia urbana: Ciudadela Mhuysqa de Iguaque en Bosa
Colombia, Villavicencio	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme	Vii National Urban Forum 2020: Retaking the Path of Sustainable Urban Development: Beyond COVID-19/Vii Foro Urbano Nacional 2020: Retomando la Senda del Desarrollo Urbano Sostenible: Más allá del COVID-19
Colombia, Cúcuta	ONU-Habitat, Países Andinos	Challenges of cities facing the urban impacts of human mobility/ Retos de las ciudades frente a los impactos urbanos de la movilidad humana

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Colombia, Cúcuta	ONU-Habitat, Países Andinos	Experiences for the control of informal settlements and human mobility. Cases of Bogota and Cartagena/ <i>Experiencias para el control de asentamientos informales y movilidad humana. Casos Bogotá y Cartagena</i>
Colombia, Cúcuta	ONU-Habitat, Países Andinos	Social inclusion mechanisms associated with the legalization of neighborhoods/ <i>Mecanismos de inclusión social asociados a la legalización de barrios</i>
Colombia, Cúcuta	ONU-Habitat, Países Andinos	Inclusion of the social fabric and socio-economic development in the Participatory Slum Upgrading/ <i>Inclusión del tejido social y el desarrollo socio-económico en el mejoramiento integral de barrios</i>
Colombia, Bogotá	Ensamble de Arquitectura Integral	Public Management of Housing in Colombia/ <i>La Gestión Estatal de la Vivienda en Colombia</i>
Colombia, Medellín	ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability	Discussion: Progress made by Colombian cities towards sustainable urban planning/ <i>Conversatorio: Avance de las ciudades colombianas hacia la planificación urbana sostenible</i>
Colombia, Medellín	ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability	Discussion: Progress made by Colombian cities towards sustainable urban planning/ <i>Conversatorio: Avance de las ciudades colombianas hacia la planificación urbana sostenible</i>
Colombia, Tunja	Universidad de Boyacá	Habitat and Housing Symposium (Day 1)/ <i>Simposio Hábitat y Vivienda (Día 1)</i>
Colombia, Tunja	Universidad de Boyacá	Habitat and Housing Symposium (Day 2)/ <i>Simposio Hábitat y Vivienda (día 2)</i>
Colombia, Villavicencio	Alcaldía Municipal de Villavicencio	Launching of the Special Plan on Management? Driving? and Protection/ <i>Lanzamiento Plan Especial de Manejo y Protección</i>
Colombia, Medellín	Universidad Nacional de Colombia	Forum: Habitat and Urbanism: taking advantage of the crisis to transform Medellin and the Metropolitan Area of the Aburrá Valley/ <i>Foro: Hábitat y Urbanismo: aprovechar la crisis para transformar Medellín y el Área Metropolitana del Valle de Aburrá.</i>
Colombia, Bogota	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme	The Challenges of the Integration of Refugees and Migrants with a Vocation of Permanence in the Cities of Latin America and the Caribbean: A Social, Economic and Urban Look
Colombia, Bogota	Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development	Dialogue "From Urban Biodiversity to Circular Economy: Challenges and Opportunities for the Sustainable Development of Cities in Colombia"
Colombia, Tunja	Hábitat - Innovación y creatividad	Inclusive cities and architectures/ <i>Ciudades y arquitecturas inclusivas</i>
Costa Rica, San Jose	Urbanalytica CR	Towards Sustainable cities and communities
Costa Rica, San Jose	Plataforma UHPH	Virtual Presentation #UHPH 2021 Contest/ <i>Presentación Virtual #ConcursoUHPH 2021</i>
Denmark, Copenhagen	Good Company Pictures	The Human Shelter - An expedition into what makes a home
Denmark, Copenhagen	Association for World Education	Global Plenary of relevance of SDGs in Local Contexts
Ecuador, Cuenca	Municipality of Cuenca	Gender and inclusion in mobility
Ecuador, Cuenca	Municipality of Cuenca	"Bike-school"/ <i>Bici escuela</i>
Ecuador, Cuenca	Municipality of Cuenca	all by bicycle: urban tourism
Ecuador, Cuenca	Municipality of Cuenca	Urban Planning and Emission Reduction from Citizen Participation
Ecuador, Cuenca	Municipality of Cuenca	Simulation of Superblocks in the Parish of Yanuncay

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Ecuador, Cuenca	Municipality of Cuenca	Sustainable Mobility: Electric Motion Systems
Ecuador, Quito	Defensoría del Pueblo de Ecuador	Building Human Rights cities/ <i>Construyendo ciudades de derechos humanos</i>
Ecuador, Quito	Laboratorio de Estudios, Planificación y Gestión Urbana (Polis.tic Lab) - FLACSO Ecuador	Seminar on the Social Production of Habitat/ <i>Seminario Producción Social del Hábitat</i>
Ecuador, Manta	Gremio de Arquitectos	Manta Development and Sustainability/ <i>Manta Desarrollo y Sostenibilidad</i>
Ecuador, Quito	Ministerio Desarrollo Urbano y Vivienda Ecuador	Launching of the Sustainable Habitat Agenda Ecuador 2036/ <i>Lanzamiento Agenda Hábitat Sostenible Ecuador 2036</i>
Ecuador, Quito	Ministerio Desarrollo Urbano y Vivienda Ecuador	Multi-stakeholder Dialogue for the implementation of the Sustainable Habitat Agenda Ecuador 2036/ <i>Dialogo Multiactor para la implementación de la Agenda Habitat Sostenible Ecuador 2036</i>
Ecuador, Quito	Ministerio Desarrollo Urbano y Vivienda Ecuador	Citizen Dialogue for the implementation of the Sustainable Urban Agenda Ecuador 2036/ <i>Dialogo Ciudadano para la implementación de la Agenda Urbana Sostenible Ecuador</i>
Ecuador, Quito	Laboratorio de Estudios, Planificación y Gestión Urbana (Polis.tic Lab) - FLACSO Ecuador	Seminar on the Social Production of Habitat/ <i>Seminario Producción Social del Hábitat</i>
Ecuador, Quito	Contrato Social por la Vivienda	Forum for the Right to the City/ <i>Foro por el Derecho a la Ciudad</i>
Ecuador, Quito	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme	Four awareness-raising and training workshops on human mobility, protection and the right to housing/ <i>Cuatro Jornadas de sensibilización y capacitación sobre movilidad humana, protección y derecho a la vivienda</i>
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Ecuador, Ambato	GAD MUNICIPALIDAD DE AMBATO	Environmental Education for Schools Program – Virtual/ <i>Programa de Educación Ambiental Escolar - Virtual</i>
Ecuador, Ambato	GAD Municipalidad de Ambato	Environmental Education in Times of COVID 19/ <i>Educación Ambiental en Tiempos de COVID 19</i>
Ecuador, Ambato	GAD Municipalidad de Ambato	International Rural Women's Day/ <i>Día Internacional de la Mujer Rural</i>
Ecuador, Ambato	GAD Municipalidad de Ambato	Sustainability criteria with a destination approach/ <i>Criterios de sostenibilidad con enfoque de destino</i>
Ecuador, Ambato	GAD Municipalidad de Ambato	Progress on Sustainable Mobility/ <i>Avances sobre la Movilidad Sostenible</i>
Ecuador, Quito	Ministerio Desarrollo Urbano y Vivienda Ecuador	Launching of the Sustainable Habitat Agenda Ecuador 2036/ <i>Lanzamiento Agenda Hábitat Sostenible Ecuador 2036</i>

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Ecuador, Quito	Ministerio Desarrollo Urbano y Vivienda Ecuador	Citizen Dialogue for the implementation of the Sustainable Urban Agenda Ecuador/ <i>Dialogo Ciudadano para la implementación de la Agenda Urbana Sostenible Ecuador</i>
Ecuador, Cuenca	Municipality of Cuenca	"The Contribution of Intermediate Cities for Sustainable Urban Development"
Ecuador, Quito	Diálogo Diverso	Faces of COVID19 In Vulnerable Groups of Ecuador
Ecuador, Quito	Diálogo Diverso	Trans Memory Mural/ <i>Mural de la Memoria Trans</i>
Ecuador, Ambato	Simbiosis	Sustainable Cities/ <i>Ciudades Sostenibles</i>
Ecuador, Quito	Ministerio Desarrollo Urbano y Vivienda Ecuador	Subscription of the Interministerial Agreement for the implementation of the Sustainable Habitat Agenda Ecuador 2036/ <i>Suscripción del Acuerdo Interministerial para la implementación de la Agenda Hábitat Sostenible de Ecuador 2036</i>
Egypt, Cairo	Urban Innovation Movement (UIM)	Youth and Urban Innovation
Egypt, Sharm El Sheikh	UN Habitat	Vision of Green, Smart and Resilient Sharm El Sheikh
Egypt, Cairo	Housing and Utilities Sector, Ministry of Housing, Utilities and Urban Communities, Egypt	Launch of Egypt National Housing Strategy
El Salvador, Santa Ana	ACCION	URBANIZATE
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Fiji, Suva	UNESCAP - United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	Local Economic Development in the Pacific Islands - Framework for a Blue and Green Economy
France, Paris	Climate Heritage Network	Cities, climate and culture: The urban research agenda in the forthcoming IPCC co-sponsored expert meeting on culture, heritage and climate change
France, Paris	International Union of Architects	World Architecture Day
France, Paris	MegaCities-ShortDocs & Mission 2030 for Sustainable Cities	Mobilising Urban Stakeholders to accelerate action towards the SDGs for 2030
France, Paris	Mission 2030 for Sustainable Cities	Mobiliser les acteurs de la ville pour accélérer le progrès vers des ODD d'ici 2030/Mobilize urban actors to accelerate progress towards SDGs 2030
France, Paris	Twenty Communications	AI4Citizen
Germany, Bonn	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme/GWOPA	Daring Cities session: Water & Sanitation: What Is a 'WOP' and How Does It Help to Tackle Climate Crisis?
Germany, Bonn	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme	Solid Waste Management – The Forgotten, Underestimated Child and Its Critical Role for Current and Future Crises
Germany, Bonn	ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability	Daring Cities
Ghana, Accra	HIRED Consult	Promoting Global Interest in Sustainable Urbanization
Guatemala	TECHO	Vivienda x Vivienda
Guiné Bissau, Bissau	Rede Nacional das Associações Juvenis da Guiné Bissau (Renaj –GB)	Udjus k, bim di Vazadouro (Dumpsite witness)
Guinea-Bissau	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme	First Cleaning Championship between Districts in Guinea-Bissau

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India	Social Good Summit	Housing For All: A Better Urban Future.by BY FLATTEN THE CURVE & SDG ACTION ZONE- GOALS: PEOPLE, PLANET AND PARTNERSHIPS as sustainable cities & communities, INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL
India, New Delhi	Housing and Land Rights Network	Discussion with UN Special Rapporteurs on Adequate Housing
India, Bengaluru	Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development and Finance Corporation (KUIDFC)	Urban Governance and Innovation: Beyond Now?
India, New Delhi	Global Policy Diplomacy and Sustainability Fellowship	Building Back Better: Covid-19 crisis an opportunity to build safe, sustainable and resilient cities
India, Hyderabad	Worldview Education	FutureSake Dialogues- Schools & Sustainable Cities
India, Ahmedabad	Centre for Environment Education	Youth for Sustainable Mobility
India, Mumbai	Red Dot Foundation	Citizen Action Lab
India, Bhubaneswar	Local Governance Network	Voice For Our City
India, New Delhi	Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India	World Habitat Day
India, Amritsar	Centre for Sustainable Habitat, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar (India)	Housing for All: A Better Urban Future
Indonesia, Surabaya	Architecture Department, the University of 17 Agustus 1945 Surabaya, Indonesia	Revisiting Urban Resilience and The New Urban Agenda
Indonesia, Kota Adm. Jakarta Selatan	RuangWaktu Knowledge Hub	Talkshow: Kota Pasca Pandemi (Talkshow: City after Pandemic)
Indonesia, Yogyakarta	Arkom Indonesia	Webinar Diseminasi Perumahan Gotong Royong (Webinar Collective Housing Dissemination)
Indonesia, Yogyakarta	A	Virtual Tour on 6 Kampung in Indonesia
Indonesia, Surabaya	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme	REPORTING PROGRESS AND SHARING KNOWLEDGE IN THE DECADE OF ACTION
Indonesia, Jakarta	Kemitraan Habitat Indonesia (Indonesia Habitat Partnership)	Knowledge Sharing on Urban Development: Learning from Cities Around the World in Response to Covid-19
Indonesia, Surabaya	Architecture Department, the University of 17 Agustus 1945 Surabaya, Indonesia	Architecture, City and Power: Toward Liveable and Humanized Urban Future
Indonesia, Surabaya		World Habitat Day Global Observance
Iran (Islamic Republic of), Karaj	Western Asian Development Institute	International Youth Dialogue for Sustainable Cities on the occasion of World Cities Day 2020
Iran (Islamic Republic of), Tehran	Ministry of Roads and Urban Development, Government of Iran-Habitat National Committee	Housing for All: Youth, Family, Lifestyle and Quality of Space
Ireland, Dublin	Trinity College Dublin	SHARECITY - the practice and sustainability potential of food sharing in urban areas
Ireland, Dublin	SCSWORLD	RESILIENCE - PLANNING and TECHNOLOGY: BUILDING THE FUTURE TOGETHER for SAFER AND RESILIENT WORLD
Italy, Roma	Pentapolis Onlus	Italia smART Community SUMMIT 2020
Italy, Trieste	Kallipolis	ENERGY CARE - Innovation Days: Social Innovation for Green Neighborhoods
Italy, Florencia	Colectivo Paisaje Caminante	REVALORACION DE LA ZONA CHURUBAMBA PLAZA ALONSO DE MENDOZA, LA PAZ - BOLIVIA
Italy, Roma	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	2020 Tree Cities of the World Conference

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Italy, Naples	Laboratory on Creative and Sustainable City – Department of Architecture (DiARC), University of Naples Federico II, Naples, Italy	Cities for all: the ecological and human-centred development strategy of metropolitan cities. The circular city model in the COVID19 context
Italy, Naples	Laboratory on Creative and Sustainable City – Department of Architecture (DiARC) of the University of Naples Federico II, Naples, Italy	The human-centred development strategy to face the challenges of our century. From right to the city towards rights to adequate housing for all.
Japan, Fukuoka	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific	World Habitat Day Special Art Project
Japan, Fukuoka	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific	Let's think about the city with coronavirus
Jordan, Amman	Eir org / Global Goals World Cup	Global Goals World Cup Amman (GGWCUP)
Jordan, Ramallah	Palestinian Society for consumer Protection	issued Newsletter
Kenya, Nairobi	Sustaining the Vulnerable	Kibera Elderly Day Care Center
Kenya, Nairobi	Eden Ecotech Global	Trees for Buildings
Kenya, Kisumu	Winam Grassroots	Urban Tinkering
Kenya, Nairobi	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme	Expert Group Meeting on National Urban Forums
Kenya, Nairobi	Dreamtown	Changing Faces: Youth led public space transformation in Nairobi
Kenya, Nairobi	Daima Coalition	Reclaiming the Green City in the Sun: Green, and Public Spaces at the Centre of the Urban Solution
Kenya, Nairobi	Daima Green Spaces	Reclaiming the green city in the sun
Kenya, Nairobi	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme	Future Cities Challenge
Kenya, Nairobi	Polycom Development Project	Wamama Tunauwezo 5 - Urban Thinkers Campus
Kenya, Nairobi	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme	Global Well Being Survey (Children and Youth)
Kenya, Nairobi	Women in Real Estate Kenya (WIRE)	COVID-19 Challenge Prize Giving Ceremony
Kenya, Nairobi	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme	Lithium-ion EV battery: e-waste, electric mobility and energy nexus
Kenya, Nairobi	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme	Waste technologies deep dive: waste electric and electronic equipment treatment
Kenya, Nairobi	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme	Solutions Durables pour les déplacements dans le Sahel central: collaboration avec les autorités locales et renforcement des services urbains.
Kenya, Kilifi	Elimu Development Projects	Offline eLearning Innovation
Kenya, Nairobi	Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Kenya office	Revaluing Justice for Communities in Cities
Kenya, Nairobi	Kounkuey Design Initiative	Planning and Designing with people, focusing on informal neighbourhood upgrading processes in Nairobi
Kenya, Nakuru		World Cities Day Global Observance
Kenya, Nairobi	Enkaya Designs	World Habitat Day Contribution
Lao People's Democratic Republic, Vientiane	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme	World Habitat Day
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Malaysia, Ipoh	UrbanXHub	UrbanXFest 2020
Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur	UrbanXHub	UrbanXFest 2020
Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur	UrbanXHub	World Cities Day 2020 - UrbanXFest 2020
Malaysia, George Town	Penang Urbanites	Navigating Malaysian Cities: Walking in the midst of Covid-19
Mexico, Guadalajara	Bek' Consultoría Socioambiental	Urban Challenges in the Guadalajara Metropolitan Area regarding Climate Change/ <i>Retos urbanos en el Área Metropolitana de Guadalajara frente al Cambio Climático</i>
Mexico, Metepec	Universidad Autónoma del Estado de México	Conversation on flood vulnerability/ <i>Conversatorio sobre vulnerabilidad por inundaciones</i>
Mexico, Tlaxcala	PPI Proyectos y Planeación Integral	Public policies and citizen participation in the urban sphere/ <i>Políticas públicas y participación ciudadana en el ámbito urbano</i>
Mexico, Mexico City	Climate Reality Project	Urban solutions for Sustainability/ <i>Soluciones Urbanas para la Sostenibilidad</i>
Mexico, Yucatán	Secretaría de Desarrollo Sustentable	Urban Photography Contest/ <i>Concurso de Fotografía Urbana</i>
Mexico, Tijuana	Universidad de las Californias Internacional	Responsible Production and Consumption/ <i>Producción y Consumo responsable</i>
Mexico, Ciudad de México	SEDATU - Secretariat of Agrarian, Land, and Urban Development, GIZ - Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, Cities Alliance, United Nations Human Settlements Programme México	"Building together", a Participative Methodology for the generation of SEDATU's Sectorial Program/ <i>Construyendo juntas y junto, Metodología Participativa para la generación del Programa Sectorial de Sedatu</i>
Mexico, Ciudad de México	SEDATU - Secretariat of Agrarian, Land, and Urban Development, GIZ - Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, Cities Alliance, United Nations Human Settlements Programme México	Having specific inputs to strengthen the methodology to develop and implement Municipal Urban Development Plans and Programs, from the perspective of Caring Cities/ <i>Contar con insumos puntuales para fortalecer la metodología para elaborar y aplicar Planes y Programas Municipales de Desarrollo Urbano, desde la perspectiva de Ciudades Cuidadoras</i>
Mexico, Monterrey	Casas Javier	October Urban Javier/Octubre Urbano Javier
Mexico, Ciudad de México	SEDATU - Secretariat of Agrarian, Land, and Urban Development, GIZ - Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, Cities Alliance, United Nations Human Settlements Programme México	Launching of the "Sustainable Development of Urban Coastal Regions through the Integration of Ecosystem Services and Biodiversity (BIOCITIS) Project"/ <i>"Lanzamiento ""Proyecto Desarrollo Sustentable de Regiones Urbanas Costeras mediante la integración de servicios ecosistémicos y biodiversidad (BIOCITIS)""</i>
Mexico, Ciudad de México	SEDATU - Secretariat of Agrarian, Land, and Urban Development, GIZ - Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, Cities Alliance, United Nations Human Settlements Programme México	Women for the Right to Land/ <i>Mujeres por el Derecho a la Tierra</i>
Mexico, Mérida	Resiliente: Estudio de Soluciones Urbanas	Masterclass: Urban Resilience/ <i>Masterclass: Resiliencia Urbana</i>
Mexico, Mexico City	Asociación Mexicana de Arquitectas y Urbanistas, A.C. AMAU	Introductory Workshop towards the Editatona "Women in Architecture and Urban Planning"/ <i>Taller Introductorio rumbo a la Editatona Mujeres en la Arquitectura y el Urbanismo</i>
Mexico, Tonalá, Jalisco	Municipio de Tonalá, Jalisco	Panel discussion: how to make your city or community inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable?/ <i>Panel de encuentro: ¿cómo hacer que su ciudad o comunidad sea inclusiva, segura, resiliente y sostenible?</i>

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Mexico, Tonalá, Jalisco	Municipio de Tonalá, Jalisco	Photographic memory: tangible improvements in the urban challenges of your community./ <i>Memoria fotográfica: mejoras tangibles en los problemas urbanos de su comunidad.</i>
Mexico, Tonalá, Jalisco	Municipio de Tonalá, Jalisco	Panel discussion: how to make your city or community inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable?/Panel de encuentro: ¿cómo hacer que su ciudad o comunidad sea inclusiva, segura, resiliente y sostenible?
Mexico, Tonalá, Jalisco	Municipio de Tonalá, Jalisco	Problems that affect habitat of the municipality of Tonalá, Jalisco./Problemas que inciden en el hábitat del municipio de Tonalá, Jalisco
Mexico, Tonalá, Jalisco	Municipio de Tonalá, Jalisco	Panel: The State as a formulator of public policies for local development./Panel: El Estado como formador de Políticas públicas para el Desarrollo Local
Mexico, Tonalá, Jalisco	Municipio de Tonalá, Jalisco	Competition of Narrative or Painting: Resilient Cities/ Concurso de narrativa o pintura: Ciudades Resilientes
Mexico, Tonalá, Jalisco	Municipio de Tonalá, Jalisco	The Municipality as part of the Metropolitan City/El Municipio como parte de las Ciudad Metropolitana
Mexico, Heroica Nogales	Reynaldo Gutiérrez	Street Improvement/Mejoramiento de calles
Mexico, Ciudad de México	SEDATU - Secretariat of Agrarian, Land, and Urban Development, GIZ - Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, Cities Alliance, United Nations Human Settlements Programme México	Virtual Workshop. Methodological Guide for the Elaboration and/or Adaptation of Programs for Metropolitan Areas or Conurbations./Taller Virtual. Guía Metodológica para la Elaboración y/o Adecuación de Programas de Zonas Metropolitanas o Conurbaciones
Mexico, Ciudad de México	Fundación Vinte	Creating value in my neighborhood/Creando valor en mi barrio
Mexico, Monterrey	DistritoTec	Thriving Cities
Mexico, Puebla	Árboles Patrimoniales de Puebla	Trees in Puebla. Perspectives from the civil society./Los árboles en Puebla. Perspectivas desde la ciudadanía.
Mexico, Tamaulipas	IMEF Universitario - Universidad Autónoma de Tamaulipas	Conference: Transforming Our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development./Conferencia: Transformar Nuestro Mundo: La Agenda 2030 Para el Desarrollo Sostenible
Mexico, Poza Rica	Observatorio Ciudadano Integral de la Zona Metropolitana de Poza Rica	Territorial and Urban Development Forum/Foro de Desarrollo Territorial y Urbano
Mexico, Metepec	Secretaría de Desarrollo Urbano y Obra	Workshop on the Integration of Municipal Planning Institutes./ Taller para la Integración de los Institutos Municipales de Planeación
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Mexico, Ecatepec	Mujeres, Democracia y Ciudadanía A.C.	The Challenge of living in the Metropolis of the Valley of Mexico: the experience of its inhabitants from Ecatepec to the east of Mexico City./El Desafío de Vivir en la Metropoli del Valle de Mexico, la experiencia de sus habitantes desde Ecatepec hasta el oriente mexicano
Mexico, Metropolitan Area of Guadalajara	Metropolitan Agency for Urban Forests of the Metropolitan Area of Guadalajara (AMBU)	"Agents of Change" Contest /Concurso "Agentes de cambio"

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Mexico	Conferencia Nacional De Municipios De Mexico	Inauguration of the National Association of Metropolitan Municipalities/ <i>Toma de protesta de la Asociación Nacional de Municipios Metropolitanos</i>
Mexico, Ciudad de México	Fundación Vinte	Creating value in my community/ <i>Creando valor en mi comunidad</i>
Mexico, Metropolitan Area of Guadalajara	Metropolitan Agency for Urban Forests of the Metropolitan Area of Guadalajara (AMBU)	Video: "Whatever you do today, will make tomorrow better"
Mexico, Metropolitan Area of Guadalajara	Metropolitan Agency for Urban Forests of the Metropolitan Area of Guadalajara (AMBU)	Urban Dialogues: Improving my Natural Space/ <i>Diálogos Urbanos: Mejorando mi espacio natural</i>
Mexico, Metropolitan Area of Guadalajara	ASADO URBANO	URBAN BARBECUE IV/ <i>ASADO URBANO IV</i>
Mexico, Heroica Nogales	Reynaldo Gutiérrez	Cleanup Day / <i>Jornada de Limpieza</i>
Mexico, Heroica Nogales	Reynaldo Gutiérrez	Donation of Tambos / <i>Donación de Tambos</i>
Mexico, Mexico City	Candidato a Presidente CAM-SAM CDMX	Efficient social housing as a base for poverty eradication
Mexico, Puebla	Universidad del Valle de Mexico	Metropolitan Planning and Projects / <i>Planificación y Proyectos Metropolitanos</i>
Mexico, Monterrey	DistritoTec	Thriving Cities
Mexico, Culiacán	Integra Comunidad	The City in face of COVID-19: Urban Mobility / <i>La Ciudad ante el COVID-19: Movilidad Urbana</i>
Mexico, Tlajomulco de Zúñiga	Instituto para el Mejoramiento del Hábitat	Community Agriculture / <i>Huertos Comunitarios</i>
Mexico, Guadalajara	dérive LAB	Generation and Use of Data in Environmental Public Policies
Mexico, Tuxtla Gutiérrez	Comisión Estatal de los Derechos Humanos (CEDH), Chiapas	Right to the City, Habitat and Human Development / <i>Derecho a la ciudad, hábitat y desarrollo humano</i>
Mexico, Morelia	Tecnológico de Monterrey	Urban Legislation and Sustainable Entrepreneurship for the Cities We Need / <i>Legislación Urbana y Emprendedorismo Sostenible para las Ciudades que Necesitamos</i>
Mexico, Tijuana, Baja California	Universidad de las Californias Internacional (UDCI)	Circular Fashion and Responsible Practices / <i>Moda Circular y prácticas responsables</i>
Mexico, Puebla	Instituto Poblano de la Juventud	Creating Emerging Bikeways / <i>Creando ciclovías emergentes</i>
Mexico, Puebla	Instituto Poblano de la Juventud	Sustainable Living in Mexico / <i>Vida sustentable en México</i>
Mexico, Puebla	Instituto Municipal de Planeación Puebla	Urban October: Planning to Improve the Future / <i>Octubre Urbano: Planeación para mejorar el futuro</i>
Mexico, Morelia	Colegio de Arquitectos de Michoacán A.C.	Binding strategies for citizen participation to transform hazardous environments / <i>Estrategias vinculantes de participación ciudadana para transformar entornos peligrosos</i>
Mexico, Heroica Nogales	Reynaldo Gutiérrez	Improvement of Public Spaces / <i>Mejoramiento de Espacios Públicos.</i>
Mexico, Puebla	Instituto Poblano de la Juventud	A city for all / <i>Una ciudad para todas</i>
Mexico, Puebla	Instituto Poblano de la Juventud	The transition to walkable cities in the state of Puebla / <i>La transición hacia ciudades caminables en el estado de Puebla</i>
Mexico, Puebla	Instituto Poblano de la Juventud	Mobility, accessibility and transportation systems / <i>Movilidad, accesibilidad y sistemas de transporte</i>
Mexico, Puebla	Instituto Poblano de la Juventud	Youth building a better urban future / <i>Juventudes construyendo un mejor futuro urbano</i>
Mexico, Mexico City	Dirección de Difusión de Ciencia y Tecnología del Instituto Politécnico Nacional	New Paradigm in the Design of Modern Communications Systems, the Case of Smart Cities / <i>Nuevo Paradigma en el Diseño de los Sistemas de Comunicaciones Modernos, el caso de las Ciudades Inteligentes</i>

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Mexico, Metropolitan Area of Guadalajara	dérive LAB	Governmental Innovation through Open Data // PIP Ciudad Futuro / Innovación Gubernamental a través de los Datos Abiertos // PIP Ciudad Futuro
Mexico, Zona Metropolitana de Guadalajara	dérive LAB	Why Measure Noise // PIP Ciudad Futuro / ¿Por qué medir el ruido? // PIP Ciudad Futuro
Mexico, Zona Metropolitana de Guadalajara	dérive LAB	Air and Health What are we breathing? // PIP Ciudad Futuro / Aire y Salud ¿Qué estamos respirando? // PIP Ciudad Futuro
Mexico, Zona Metropolitana de Guadalajara	dérive LAB	Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and the Environment // PIP Ciudad Futuro / Sistemas de Información Geográfica (SIG) y Medio Ambiente // PIP Ciudad Futuro
Mexico, Zona Metropolitana de Guadalajara	dérive LAB	Reducing Emissions through Mobility // PIP Ciudad Futuro / Ahorro de emisiones a través de la movilidad // PIP Ciudad Futuro
Mexico, Zona Metropolitana de Guadalajara	dérive LAB	PIP Future City Information Sessions / Sesiones Informativas PIP Ciudad Futuro
Mexico, Mexico City	Dirección de Difusión de Ciencia y Tecnología del Instituto Politécnico Nacional	Artificial Intelligence + Robotics + Internet of Things = Efficient Mobility in Cities / Inteligencia Artificial + Robótica + Internet de las cosas = Movilidad eficiente en ciudades
Mexico, Metropolitan Area of Guadalajara	Laboratorio de Innovación Urbana - Universidad del Valle de Atemajac	Connected Cities / Ciudades conectadas
Mexico, Heroica Nogales	Reynaldo Gutiérrez	Improving the Urban Image / Mejoramiento de la Imagen Urbana
Mexico, Santa María del Oro, Nayarit	Instituto Municipal de Planeación	Improving public space in Santa María del Oro / Mejorando el espacio público de Santa María del Oro
Mexico	Peatonline	Mobility Share in LATAM during COVID
Mexico, Querétaro, Chihuahua and Puebla	Sociedad Científica Juvenil	Urban October Youth Science Society / Octubre Urbano Sociedad Científica Juvenil
Mexico	Innovación Ciudadana Oaxaca	Oaxaca Citizen Innovation Lab / Laboratorio de Innovación Ciudadana Oaxaca
Mexico, Ciudad de México	Dirección de Difusión de Ciencia y Tecnología del Instituto Politécnico Nacional	Artificial Intelligence + Robotics + Internet of Things = Efficient Mobility in Cities / Inteligencia Artificial + Robótica + Internet de las cosas = Movilidad eficiente en ciudades
Mexico, Ciudad de México	Dirección de Difusión de Ciencia y Tecnología del Instituto Politécnico Nacional	"Sick buildings in the future of sustainable cities" / "Edificios enfermos en el futuro de las ciudades sustentables"
Mexico, Ciudad de México	Dirección de Difusión de Ciencia y Tecnología del Instituto Politécnico Nacional	The future perspectives for cities: a glimpse from different approaches / "La perspectiva a futuro de las ciudades, un vistazo desde diferentes enfoques"
Mexico, Ciudad de México	Dirección de Difusión de Ciencia y Tecnología del Instituto Politécnico Nacional	The value of socio-cultural urbanization for a sustainable development guided by environmental complexity in contemporary cities / El valor de la urbanización sociocultural para un desarrollo sustentable guiado por la complejidad ambiental en las ciudades contemporáneas
Mexico, Ciudad de México	Dirección de Difusión de Ciencia y Tecnología del Instituto Politécnico Nacional	Urban agriculture: our grain of sand to help the planet / "Huertos urbanos, nuestro granito de arena para ayudar al planeta"
Mexico, Mérida	CREHABITAT	Urban planning and housing supply in central areas / "Planeación urbana y oferta de vivienda en áreas centrales"
Mexico, Mérida	CREHABITAT	Evaluation and contribution towards the Mobility Plan from the disciplines of the Campus of Architecture, Habitat, Art and Design / "Evaluación y contribución hacia el Plan de Movilidad desde las disciplinas del Campus de Arquitectura, Hábitat, Arte y Diseño"

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Mexico, Mérida	CREHABITAT	Perspectives of inclusion in the design and configuration of public space. / <i>"Perspectivas de inclusión en el diseño y la configuración del espacio público"</i>
Mexico, Toluca	Contexto Sociocultural del Diseño (Cuerpo Académico) - CIAD	Recycling of architectural assets for the revitalization of historic heritage centers. / <i>Reciclaje de bienes arquitectónicos para revitalización de centros históricos patrimoniales</i>
Mexico, Tlaxcala	PPI Proyectos y Planeación Integral	Who plans cities? / <i>¿Quién planea las ciudades?</i>
Mexico, Acapulco	HOMBRES SOLIDARIOS POR LA IGUALDAD	Forum For A Better City And A Better Life / <i>Foro por una Mejor Ciudad y una Mejor Vida</i>
Mexico, Alcaldía de Tlalpan	Rabilotta Flores	#MexicoInPerspective / <i>#MéxicoEnPerspectiva</i>
Mexico, Sonoyta	UBBJ Sonoyta	Resilient Cities: redefining urban development. / <i>Ciudades Resilientes: redefiniendo el desarrollo urbano.</i>
Mexico, Ciudad de México	Fundación VINTE	Living in VINTE / <i>Vivir en VINTE</i>
Mexico, Zapopan	Dirección de Medio Ambiente	Actions and perspectives on climate change in Zapopan, Mexico. / <i>Acciones y perspectivas ante el cambio climático en Zapopan, México</i>
Mexico, Toluca	Universidad Autónoma del Estado de México	Life during the pandemic seen through different shapes. / <i>La vida durante la pandemia vista a través de diferentes formas</i>
Mexico, México City	Exploradores de la ciudad	First Open Council for Children in Mexico / <i>Primer Consejo Abierto para Niñas y Niños en México</i>
Mexico, México City	Colloquio	"The city through citizens eyes: Photo Gallery" / <i>"La ciudad a través del ojo de sus habitantes: Galería Fotográfica"</i> .
Mexico, Monterrey	Casas Javier	Javer Drawing Contest / <i>Concurso de Dibujo Javier</i>
Mexico, Tuxtla Gutiérrez	Instituto Ciudadano de Planeación Municipal (ICIPLAM)	Conversation on "Co-creating Sustainable Cities" / <i>Conversatorio Cocreando Ciudades Sustentables</i>
Mexico, Playa del Carmen, Solidaridad	Universidad Ducens	Is Sustainable Urban Development Possible? Experience and Some Actions from our cities. / <i>¿El desarrollo Urbano Sostenible es Posible? Experiencia y Algunas Acciones desde Nuestras Ciudades.</i>
Mexico, Parral	Observatorio Urbano de Parral	International Meeting: WORLD CITIES DAY "Constructions and Re-constructions post pandemic" / <i>Encuentro Internacional: WORLD CITIES DAY "Construcciones y re-construcciones post pandemia"</i>
Mexico, San Cristóbal de Las Casas	Ciudadanía	World Cities Day 2020. San Cristobal de Las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico / <i>Día Mundial de Las Ciudades 2020. San Cristóbal de Las Casas, Chiapas, México</i>
Mexico, Heroica Nogales	Reynaldo Gutiérrez	Cleaning of the Iconic Hill of the Pirinola / <i>Limpieza del Cerro Icónico de la Pirinola.</i>
Mexico, Toluca	Facultad de Planeación Urbana y Regional. Universidad Autónoma del Estado de México	Poetry to the City of Toluca / <i>Poesía a la Ciudad de Toluca</i>
Mexico, Toluca	Facultad de Planeación Urbana y Regional. Universidad Autónoma del Estado de México	Gallery "Territory in Pandemic" / <i>Galería "Territorio en Pandemia"</i>
Mexico, Ciudad de México	Sociedad de Energía y Medio Ambiente	World Day of Cities Dialogue, UNO 75 and Eco-club / <i>Dialodo día mundial de las ciudades, ONU 75 y Eco-club</i>
Mexico, Toluca	Universidad Autónoma del Estado de México	Is it possible to create sustainable urban communities for all? / <i>Conjuntos urbanos sustentables para todos ¿es posible?</i>
Mexico, Tlaxcala	PPI Proyectos y Planeación Integral	Youth for Territory / <i>Jóvenes por el Territorio</i>

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Mexico, Cuauhtémoc, Ciudad de México	Centro Urbano	World Habitat Day / <i>Día Mundial del Hábitat</i>
Mexico, Mérida	Dirección de Desarrollo Social del Ayuntamiento de Mérida	Municipal Housing Improvement Program / <i>Programa Municipal de Mejora de Vivienda</i>
Mexico, Ecatepec	Mujeres, Democracia y Ciudadanía A.C.	Video Conversation: The Human Right to Housing in the Metropolitan Zone of the Valley of Mexico, The Ecatepec Case / <i>Video Conversatorio: El Derecho Humano a la Vivienda en la Zona Metropolitana del Valle de México, El caso Ecatepec.</i>
Mexico, Cancún	WOMEN'S WORLD CONNECT#	Women's World Connect # Trilliontreecampaign: 1 Billion Trees, Hope for the Future of the Young Generation / <i>Women'S World Connect# Trilliontreecampaign: 1 Billón de Árboles, la Esperanza Para el Futuro de Las Generaciones Jovenes.</i>
Mexico, Poblado C-28, H. Cárdenas, Tabasco	Granero Del Mundo Organizado A.C.	World Habitat Day in Poblado c-28, H.Cárdenas, Tabasco, Mexico / <i>Día Mundial del Hábitat en Poblado c-28, H.Cárdenas, Tabasco, México</i>
Mexico, Cancun	Agencia de Proyectos Estratégicos del Estado de Quintana Roo	Equity Park Participatory Workshop / <i>Taller participativo del Parque de la Equidad</i>
Mexico, Tlajomulco de Zúñiga	Tlajomulco Government	Habitat and Housing / <i>El hábitat y la vivienda</i>
Morocco, Rabat	Ministère de l'Aménagement du Territoire National, de l'Urbanisme, de l'Habitat et de la Politique de la Ville	Housing For All: For a Better Urban Future / <i>Logement pour tous: pour un meilleur avenir urbain</i>
Mozambique, Luanda	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme	Technical training about Spatial Adaptation of Markets to Prevent Covid-19 in Mozambique Cities
Mozambique, Luanda	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme	Good practices and challenges for prevention and response to COVID-19 in public transportation
Mozambique, Luanda	Associação Juvenil de Apoio ao Desenvolvimento das Crianças e Jovens (AJAD)	Circulation of People and Goods in Developing Cities after COVID-19
Mozambique, Maputo	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme	Sharing experiences in the spatial adaptation of markets for the prevention of COVID-19 in urban areas
Namibia, Windhoek	Ministry of Urban and Rural Development	Commemoration of World Habitat Day
Nepal, Kathmandu	Green Institute: for sustainable development	Nepal Urban Dialogue NUD 2020 (NUD 2020)
Nepal	Department of Urban Development and Building Construction (DUDBC) and UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme	World Cities Day Nepal 2020
Nepal, Kathmandu	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme, National Urban Forum, Ministry of Urban Development/GoN	Inaugural event of World Habitat Day
New Zealand, Auckland	World Urban Parks	Healthy Parks Healthy Cities Statement Release – World Cities Day 2020
New Zealand, Auckland	Department of Property University of Auckland Business School	The Most Unaffordable Informal Housing in the Most Unaffordable City
Nicaragua, Managua	Assistant, Independent Researcher	Radiografías Urbanas Blog relaunching
Nigeria, Abuja	BIM Africa	BIMHarambee.Africa 2020 - Reimagining the way cities are built in Africa
Nigeria, Awka	Benjy Poetry and Music Global Concepts	ANAMBRA YOUTH ARISE 2020
Nigeria, Owerri, Imo State	Urbanize Africa	Positioning for opportunities in digital era

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Nigeria, Lagos State	Nigerian Institute of Town Planners Lagos State Chapter	Valuing Our Communities and Cities
Nigeria, Minna	Association of City Managers in Nigeria (ACMAN)	A tweet Chat with Abubakar Sidiq Usman @MrAbuSidiq The Special Assistant on New Media to the Senate President of Nigeria and Godswill Unekwuho Musa @GUMSFather The Secretary General, ACMAN, In Celebration of World Habitat Day 2020
Nigeria, Bauchi	Global Youth Climate Action Initiative	Climate Action Group Green, Clean, and Habitat Day
Norway, Oslo	Habitat Norway	Pandemics and Future Cities
Pakistan, Islamabad	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme, Pakistan	Celebration of World Habitat Day
Panama, Panama City	Panama National Assembly / Member of Parliament, Edison Broce	Public Space Intervention and Tactical Urbanism / <i>Recuperación de Espacios Públicos y Urbanismo Táctico / Public Space Intervention and Tactical Urbanism</i>
Panama, Panama City	UN-Women - United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women	Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces for Women and Girls in the COVID-19 Context
Panama, Panama City	Junta Comunal 24 de Diciembre	Recycling Fair - Environmental Awareness / <i>Feria de reciclaje-Conciencia Ambiental</i>
Panama, Panama City	Jóvenes y Cambio Climático	Sustainable Cities and Communities / <i>Ciudades y Comunidades Sostenibles</i>
Panama, Panama City	Fundación Konrad Adenauer	Strong Cities: The Importance of Public Policy / <i>Strong Cities La importancia de Las Políticas Públicas</i>
Paraguay, Asunción	TECHO Paraguay	Conversatory: Informal Settlements and the Right to the City / <i>Conversatorio: Asentamientos y Derecho a la Ciudad</i>
Paraguay, Lambaré	Red Paraguaya por Ciudades Sustentables	Paraguayan Week of Cities / <i>Semana Paraguaya de las Ciudades</i>
Peru, Arequipa	Universidad Católica San Pablo	Will the challenge of housing and public space change with the Covid19 pandemic? / <i>El desafío de la vivienda y el espacio público cambiará con la pandemia de Covid19?</i>
Peru, Lima	Centro de Estudios Para las Ciudades - Prociudades, Escuela de Posgrado Universidad Continental	Adequate Housing. Concept and implementation / <i>La Vivienda Adecuada. Concepto e implementación</i>
Peru, Lima	CESAL	International Webinar "Building Safe Communities in LAC: Strategies, challenges and challenges related to COVID 19" / <i>Webinar Internacional Construyendo Comunidades Seguras en LAC: Estrategias, retos y desafíos frente al COVID 19.</i>
Peru, Lima	TECHO	SONQO: Meeting of community leaders in the context of the pandemic. / <i>SONQO: Encuentro de liderazgos comunitarios en contexto Pandemia</i>
Peru, Lima	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme	Coffee with Europe / <i>Cafecito con Europa</i>
Peru, Iquitos	Acuerdo Por Iquitos	Iquitos: Better city, better life / <i>Iquitos: Mejor ciudad, mejor vida</i>
Peru, Chiclayo	Colectivo ciudadano Peatón CIX	First virtual conversation "Citizen Jane: Battle for the city" / <i>Primer conversatorio virtual "Citizen Jane: Battle for the city".</i>
Peru, Lima	DESCO - Programa Urbano	Presentación Revista IQ Nueva Generación N° 28 "Mujeres y derecho a la ciudad"
Peru, Lima	Lima Cómo Vamos Nodal	Public Space Intervention and Tactical Urbanism / <i>Octubre Urbano: #Vivienda para todos: un mejor futuro urbano</i>

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Philippines, Pasig	University of the Philippines Diliman	<i>Leadership in Philippine Housing today and beyond: The Public, Private and Non-Government initiatives and collaborations</i>
Philippines, Quezon City	University of the Philippines Diliman	The Future of Philippine Housing: Innovations in planning, research and design
Philippines, Tagum	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme, Philippines (on behalf of DILG)	Revisiting Land Use: Adapting to COVID-19
Philippines, Manila	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme, Philippines (on behalf of the Local Government Academy)	Strengthening Disaster Preparedness and Management Towards Good Governance
Philippines, Manila	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme, Philippines (on behalf of the Local Government Academy)	Leading Local Green Economic Recovery Post-COVID-19
Philippines, Manila	Cities Development Initiative for Asia (CDIA)	#BetterMyCity Draw-on-photo Contest
Philippines, Manila	Cities Development Initiative for Asia (CDIA)	Urban Breakfast 01 – LIVE SMARTER, NOT HARDER: Smart Urban Solutions for Economic Recovery
Philippines, Manila	Cities Development Initiative for Asia (CDIA)	Urban Breakfast 02 – OUT WITH THE OLD: Improving Urban Waste Management
Philippines, Manila	Cities Development Initiative for Asia (CDIA)	Urban Breakfast 03 – CHANGE WE NEED: How Cities Can Build Climate Resilience
Philippines, Manila	Cities Development Initiative for Asia (CDIA)	Urban Breakfast 04 – CITY FUTURE: Engaging Youth in Urban Development
Philippines, Mandaluyong	Honeycomb Builders Inc.	Live the Greener Life at Urban Loft
Philippines - Partner Cities: Angeles, Cagayan De Oro, Legazpi, Ormoc and Tagum	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme, Philippines	Financing Urban Resilience in Cities
Philippines, Quezon City	University of the Philippines Diliman	Philippines Housing Snapshot
Philippines, Quezon City	Karapatan Ang Tahanan	The Right to Stay Home: Forced Evictions in the Time of Covid-19
Poland, Warsaw	Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy of the Republic of Poland	Urban October Observation in Poland
Republic of Korea, Seoul	Korean National Committee for UN-HABITAT	Sustainable Habitat-Urban School (SHUS)
Republic of Korea, Seoul	Seoul Metropolitan Government	Seoul Urban Regeneration International Conference 2020
Republic of Korea, Incheon	United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction	Launch of Making Cities Resilient 2030 (MCR2030)
Republic of Korea, Seoul	Korean National Committee for UN-HABITAT	World Habitat Day Local Observance
Russian Federation, Tolyatti	Togliatti Philharmonic	On The Way to Art
Russian Federation, Moscow, House of Architects	Higher School of Economics (HSE) -National Research University	A Better Urban Future: Climate and Environmental Challenges in the city
Russian Federation, Moscow	UN-Habitat	UN SDG framework localisation in Moscow. Private Sector Engagement
Russian Federation, Ekaterinburg/ Nairobi	City Administration of Ekaterinburg	Virtual Global Observance of World Cities Day 2020
São Tomé & Príncipe, São Tomé	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme	Contributions to National Housing Policy
São Tomé & Príncipe, São Tomé	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme	Technical Validation of the Framework for the Sustainable Urban Development of the Island of São Tomé - ST 2030

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Saudi Arabia, Riyadh	C20	C20 Summit - Social Infrastructure as Resilient Infrastructure
Saudi Arabia, Riyadh	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme	Harnessing the Force of Urbanization to Accelerate SDG Delivery: The VLR and SDG Cities Global Initiative
Senegal, Dakar	ENDA ECOPOP	Promouvoir la participation et l'engagement citoyen pour des villes et territoires durables: enjeux, défis et perspectives à l'heure et au-delà du Covid-19/Promote participation and citizen engagement for sustainable cities and territories: issues, challenges and perspectives during and after COVID19
	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme, Philippines	Financing Urban Resilience in Cities
Sierra Leone, Freetown	dreamtown@dreamtown.ngo	The Urban Space Challenge
Slovenia, Ljubljana	Faculty of Design	World Habitat Day
Somalia, Beledweyne	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme, Somalia Programme	Discussion session on Flood Risk & Urban Resilience, Beledweyne, Somalia.
South Africa, Cape Town	ICLEI Africa	Unpacking inclusive mobility in African cities: moving from buzzwords to reality
South Africa, Cape Town	ICLEI Africa	World Urban Parks Regional Roundtable - Urban Parks, Urban Futures: Insights from Africa
South Africa, Johannesburg	Our Future Cities	Festival of virtual events, running every day for the month of October
South Africa, Johannesburg	Generation.e	Smarter Mobility Africa LIVE supported by Alstom
South Africa, Pretoria	Department of Human Settlements	Greening Challenge and Media Tour
Spain and in several metropolises around the world	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme & Metropolis	World Metropolitan Day (WMD)
Spain, País Vasco	Gobierno del País Vasco	Metropolitan Regions on the Framework of Recovery
Spain, Tarragona, Cataluña	UNESCO Housing Chair of Rovira i Virgili University	Webinar: Collaborative Housing
Spain, Madrid	HOGAR SI	World Homeless Day
Spain, Córdoba	Fundación Arquitectura Contemporánea	Entreplanos 4: cinema. city. architecture / <i>Entreplanos 4: cine. ciudad. arquitectura</i>
Spain, Madrid	n'UNDO	#n'SDG UNDO, REDO and DO NOT to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals / #n'ODS UNDO, REDO and DO NOT to achieve the Objectives of Sustainable Development
Spain, Madrid	n'UNDO	#n'SDG UNDO, REDO and DO NOT to achieve the SDGs / #n'ODS <i>Deshacer, Rehacer y No hacer para alcanzar los ODS</i>
Spain, Barcelona	Barcelona City Council	Urban Resilience in a context of Climate Change (URCC) conference
Spain, Oviedo y Madrid	URBAN RED	Urban Agendas and the Localization of the SDGs: Reflections from Academia / <i>Las Agendas Urbanas y la Localización de los ODS: Reflexiones desde la Academia</i>
Spain, Madrid	International Federation for Family Development	Inclusive Cities for All: COVID-19 Urban Response
Spain, Madrid	UN-Habitat office in Spain	Expert Group Meeting on Global Urban Safety Indicators and Monitoring Tool

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Spain, Murcia	Ayuntamiento de la Murcia	Resilience of Cities in the time of COVID-19: Citizen-centered Local Projects and Strategies / <i>La resiliencia de las Ciudades en época de COVID-19; Proyectos y Estrategias locales centrados en los ciudadanos</i>
Spain, Barcelona	Fundació Mies van der Rohe / Creative Europe - European Union	Young Talent Architecture Award 2020 Day
Spain, Andalucía	Agencia Andaluza de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo	Housing for all: a perspective from the international cooperation
Sweden, Solna	WWF - World Wide Fund for Nature	We Love Cities
Sweden, Gothenburg	Gothenburg Centre for Sustainable Development	Agenda 2030 på lokal nivå – så gör andra städer
Sweden, Stockholm	JPI Urban Europe	AGORA Dialogue Urban Community Transitions: Linking local actions with European ambitions
Sweden, Stockholm	Global Utmaning	Social Bonds - Tools for an inclusive transition
Sweden, Stockholm	Global Utmaning	Meet a Minecrafter: Urban Girls Movement
Sweden, Stockholm	Global Utmaning	Online consultation on Her City toolbox
Switzerland, Geneva	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)	UN Forum of Mayors
Switzerland, Basel	Fondation Botnar	Future Cities Challenge
Switzerland, Geneva	CoHabitat Network	CoHabitat Network campaign for community-led housing
Switzerland, Zürich	UNICEF Schweiz und Liechtenstein	Fachtagung "Kinderfreundliche Lebensräume (be)greifen"
Switzerland, Geneva	WHO - World Health Organization, UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme, and Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs	People-oriented urbanization – Planning and public health working together to generate healthy urban environments
Switzerland, Geneva	UNDRR - United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction	Launch of the Making Cities Resilient 2030 (MCR2030)
Switzerland, Geneva	City Cancer Challenge	The City of Tomorrow
Switzerland, Basel	Fondation Botnar	Future Cities Challenge
Switzerland, Basel	Healthy Cities for Adolescents	Young people driving change in their cities in 2020
Switzerland, Gland	IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas	People and Parks: The Pathways to Social and Ecological Recovery
Switzerland, Basel	erde.group	constitution for the biogenesis of earth
Thailand, Bangkok	UNESCAP - United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	'Response and Recovery: Asia-Pacific Cities on the Front Lines of COVID-19'
Thailand, Bangkok	FAO - Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	Urban forestry innovations - Transforming landscapes for human well-being in the post-Covid-19 era
Thailand, Bangkok	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme, AIA - American Institute of Architects, New York	UN-Habitat honourably joint the 20th Anniversary of the Community Organizations Development Institute (CODI) commemoration
Tunisia, Tunis	International organization of local government	HOUSING FOR A FAIRER SOCIETY: the role of the local and central authorities in ensuring stronger communities/ :
Uganda, Jinja	Training, Education and Empowerment for Neighborhood Sustainability (TEENS)	Open Streets Jinja

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United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, London; Indonesia, Banjarmasin; Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar	Global Disability Innovation Hub	Inclusive Design: What if we built a world that was accessible to all?
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Glasgow	University of Glasgow	Housing for all during COVID-19 and beyond
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, London	National Park City Foundation, World Urban Parks and Salzburg Global Seminar	How to make cities #GreenerHealthierWilder! Voices from around the world
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Coventry	Institute for Global Sustainable Development, University of Warwick	Live Q&A with Marcus Mayr, UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, London	International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)	COVID-19 and the housing crisis in the global South – time for change
United States of America, New York	Global Forum on Human Settlements	The 15th Annual Session of Global Forum on Human Settlements
United States of America, New York	American Institute of Architects, New York	Leadership Breakfast with Kim Yao, AIA
United States of America, New York	Bronx River Alliance	Community Friday Paddles
United States of America, New York	Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum	Design Tour: Architecture
United States of America, New York	South Street Seaport Museum	Inside Schermerhorn Row: A Virtual Tour of the Seaport Museum's Landmark Buildings
United States of America, New York	Open House New York	Open House New York Weekend
United States of America, New York	Bronx River Alliance	Estuary Paddle
United States of America, New York	Bard Graduate Center	Eileen Gray: Architectural Drawing as Spatial Praxis
United States of America, New York	Untapped New York	Victorian Flatbush Walking Tour
United States of America, New York	The City College of New York, The Bernard and Anne Spitzer School of Architecture	Fall 2020 Sciame Series: Alexia León
United States of America, New York	Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation	Lecture: J. Phillip Thompson
United States of America, New York	New York Public Library	Changing Signs, Changing Times: A History of Wayfinding in Transit with the New York Transit Museum
United States of America, New York	'T' Space Rhinebeck	Steven Holl Architects' Ex of In House, Virtual Tour
United States of America, New York	Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum	How to Launch Your Project: Join Cooper Hewitt to Learn How to Launch a Project!
United States of America, New York	The City College of New York, The Bernard and Anne Spitzer School of Architecture	Architecture Graduate Programs Info Session
United States of America, New York	The General Society of Mechanics & Tradesmen of the City of New York	Bricks & Brownstone: The New York Row House
United States of America, New York	Monacelli Press	92Y Master Class: Stanford White in Detail
United States of America, New York	The Green-Wood Cemetery	History Happy Hour: Decoding the Past—Cemetery Symbols, Part 2
United States of America, New York	NYC Architecture Biennial	New York City Architecture Biennial
United States of America, New York	Building Energy Exchange	ASHRAE Global HQ: Energy Modeling for Net Zero (Part 2)
United States of America, New York	Untapped New York	Rafael Guastavino's New York
United States of America, New York	Museum of the City of New York	Tracing the Legacy of Housing Discrimination in New York City
United States of America, New York	The Glass House	Glass House Presents: Evolution of Architectural Photography

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United States of America, New York	Historic House Trust of New York City Village Preservation	The Ultimate Ghost Tour: East Village to Greenwich Village
United States of America, New York	Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum	National Design Awards Virtual Gala
United States of America, New York	Urban Green Council	Crushing the Code New York City: Commercial
United States of America, New York	The School of Constructed Environments at Parsons School of Design	Militant Research: Collective Investigations with Urban Social Movement
United States of America, New York	Untapped New York	The Remnants and Future of Penn Station, Webinar
United States of America, New York	AIA - American Institute of Architects, New York	Womxn to the Front: Design, Activism, and Lessons from the Creative Frontlines
United States of America, New York	Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation	The Feminist City
United States of America, New York	Fraunces Tavern Museum	Preserving the Past: The Restoration of Fraunces Tavern
United States of America, New York	AIA - American Institute of Architects, New York	Cocktails & Conversation: Thomas Phifer, FAIA
United States of America, New York	AIA - American Institute of Architects, New York & Classic Harbor Line	TOUR AIANY Industrial Waterway Tour: Freshkills Park in Staten Island
United States of America, New York	Untapped New York	The Secrets of the Brooklyn Bridge
United States of America, New York	Bronx River Alliance	Community Friday Paddles
United States of America, New York	The Architectural League of New York	Annual Student Program 2020
United States of America, New York	Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum	Guggenheim's Frank Lloyd Wright-Designed Building Reopens
United States of America, New York	Art Omi	Art Omi: Architecture Tour
United States of America, New York	Cooper Hewitt & Smithsonian Design Museum	Design Day: Collection Selects
United States of America, New York	Untapped New York	Victorian Flatbush Walking Tour
United States of America, New York	National Trust for Historic Preservation	Tidal Basin Ideas Lab
United States of America, New York	Center for Architecture	Building of the Day: Peter and Paul Hotel with Preservation Resource Center
United States of America, New York	Urban Green Council	Crushing the Code New York State: Commercial
United States of America, New York	Van Alen Institute & Urban Design Forum	Neighborhoods Now Summit: Day 1
United States of America, New York	AIA - American Institute of Architects, New York	ResArch Practice: Demystifying Passive House Workshop
United States of America, New York	The Irwin S. Chanin School of Architecture, The Cooper Union	Design For Change: Architects Of Modernity And Their Contemporary Resonance
United States of America, New York	AIA - American Institute of Architects, New York	AIANY Boat Tour: Architecture and the Lights of Gotham
United States of America, New York	The Glass House	Glass House Presents: Tom Kundig + Pilar Viladas
United States of America, New York	Pratt Institute	Mapping Urban Inquiry: Ecological Services Planning for Equitable Peace Building in Bogota, Colombia
United States of America, New York	Center for Architecture	Building of the Day: Hunter's Point South Waterfront
United States of America, New York	Urban Green Council	Crushing the Code New York State: Residential
United States of America, New York	Van Alen Institute & Urban Design Forum	Neighborhoods Now Summit: Day 2
United States of America, New York	Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization	MILLENNIAL THINKING: Reflections on our Designed Future
United States of America, New York	The School of Constructed Environments at Parsons School of Design	Integrated Pathways Lecture Series: Radhika Subramaniam

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United States of America, New York	AIA - American Institute of Architects, New York	TORCH Mentorship Program – Social Responsibility and Community Engagement
United States of America, New York	New York Public Library	TALK Online Book Discussion: 'The Last Neighborhood Cops: The Rise and Fall of Community Policing in New York Public Housing' Pt. II
United States of America, New York	Center for Architecture	Building of the Day: The Bronx River Greenway River House
United States of America, New York	Cooper Hewitt & Smithsonian Design Museum	Design Salon: Designing Sustainable Cities
United States of America, New York	Urban Green Council	Reconnect: Urban Green Gala 2020
United States of America, New York	DOCOMOMO US, New York Tri-State The School of Constructed Environments, Parsons School of Design	Gordon Bunshaft & SOM: On Being Silent
United States of America, New York	Center for Architecture	Building of the Day: High Line
United States of America, New York	South Street Seaport Museum	Inside Schermerhorn Row: A Virtual Tour of the Seaport Museum's Landmark Buildings
United States of America, New York	Bronx River Alliance	Community Friday Paddles
United States of America, New York	AIA New York nycoba NOMA	J. Max Bond Jr. Lecture IMPATIENCE
United States of America, New York	Wave Hill	Family Art Project: The Earth on the Turtle's Back
United States of America, New York	Bronx River Alliance	Lake Paddle
United States of America, New York	Untapped New York	Remnants of the World's Fairs in Flushing Meadows Corona Park
United States of America, New York	Historic House Trust of New York City	Virtual Con Edison Family Days with Morris-Jumel Mansion
United States of America, New York	The Green-Wood Cemetery	Green-Wood Cemetery Open Doors
United States of America, New York	Historic House Trust of New York City	(Socially Distanced) Walking Tour of 19th Century NoHo: A Century of Change
United States of America, New York	Untapped New York	The Remnants of Dutch New Amsterdam
United States of America, New York	Center for Architecture	Building of the Day: Domino Sugar Refinery
United States of America, New York	Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation	Lecture: Al Borde
United States of America, New York	Center for Architecture	Building of the Day: Paul R. Williams' Los Angeles
United States of America, New York	Untapped New York	The Mansions of Victorian Flatbush, Webinar
United States of America, New York	New York School of Interior Design	Fall Pre-College: The Elements of Art II: Line, Value, Texture and Shape
United States of America, New York	Cooper Hewitt & Smithsonian Design Museum	Design Fair Meet the Designers
United States of America, New York	Municipal Art Society of New York	2020 MASTerworks in Conversation: Design for Recreation and Community Connection
United States of America, New York	Museum at Eldridge Street	Fashion Metropolis Berlin
United States of America, New York	The General Society of Mechanics & Tradesmen of the City of New York	Henry Street Settlement – Story of a Loving Restoration
United States of America, New York	Museum of the City of New York	The Ultimate (Virtual) NYC Trivia Night: October
United States of America, New York	Mansueto Institute for Urban Innovation (University of Chicago)	Design and the Post-Pandemic City: A conversation with Bruce Mau
United States of America, New York	Center for Architecture	Building of the Day: Staten Island Museum at Snug Harbor
United States of America, New York	Urban Green Council	Crushing the Code New York City: Commercial

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United States of America, New York	New York Public Library	MAD Reads! with Museum of Arts and Design
United States of America, New York	The School of Constructed Environments at Parsons School of Design	Integrated Pathways Lecture Series: Yu Nong Khew & Cotter Christian
United States of America, New York	The Green-Wood Cemetery	More Than Just Tiles: Guastavino, Green-Wood, and A New Discovery
United States of America, New York	Museum of the City of New York	Protest Streets
United States of America, New York	Center for Architecture	Building of the Day: Little Island
United States of America, New York	New York Public Library	A Virtual Tour of the Lower East Side
United States of America, New York	Cooper Hewitt & Smithsonian Design Museum	Design Salon: Social Impact
United States of America, New York	Museum of the City of New York	The Fight for Education Equity in New York City
United States of America, New York	Monacelli Press Chicago Architecture Center	Modern in the Middle: Chicago Houses 1929-1975 Book Talk
United States of America, New York	Center for Architecture	Building of the Day: Weeksville Heritage Center
United States of America, New York	Building Energy Exchange	What's My Penalty? LL97 Calculator Demo
United States of America, New York	The School of Constructed Environments at Parsons School of Design	Integrated Pathways Lecture Series: Dave Marin
United States of America, New York	Municipal Art Society of New York	2020 MASTerworks in Conersation: Design for Park Amenities
United States of America, New York	Museum of the City of New York	Empty City
United States of America, New York	Untapped New York	Rafael Guastavino's New York
United States of America, New York	Wave Hill	Meet the Artist: Gracelee Lawrence in Conversation with Eileen Jeng Lynch
United States of America, New York	Center for Architecture	Common Bond 2020: The Center for Architecture Gala
United States of America, New York	The Glass House	Glass House Presents: Pioneering Women of American Architecture
United States of America, Paradise Valley	Cosanti Foundation	Arizona Water Use and Farming Cultures, Prehistory to the Present
United States of America, New York	Center for Architecture	Building of the Day: Society of St. Paul Seminary
United States of America, New York	Urban Green Council	Crushing the Code New York State: Commercial
United States of America, New York	Untapped New York	The Remnants and Future of Penn Station
United States of America, New York	South Street Seaport Museum	Inside Schermerhorn Row: A Virtual Tour of the Seaport Museum's Landmark Buildings
United States of America, New York	Bronx River Alliance	Community Friday Paddles
United States of America, New York	The Irwin S. Chanin School of Architecture, The Cooper Union	Student Lecture Series, Caitlin Taylor: The Architecture of the Food System
United States of America, New York	Wave Hill	Family Art Project: Dear Decay
United States of America, New York	Bronx River Alliance	Lake Paddle
United States of America, New York	Untapped New York	The Remnants of Dutch New Amsterdam
United States of America, New York	Center for Architecture	Building of the Day: Ganondagan State Historic Site
United States of America, New York	The School of Constructed Environments at Parsons School of Design	Book Talk: The New American Farmer
United States of America, New York	AIA New York	Decolonizing Design Research: Citizen Participation
United States of America, New York	Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation	Lecture: LEFT Architects
United States of America, New York	Center for Architecture	Building of the Day: Taliesin West

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United States of America, New York	Architectural Record	Innovation 2020 Virtual Conference
United States of America, New York	Historic House Trust of New York City	Colonial Cooking with the Wyckoff House Museum
United States of America, New York	Municipal Art Society of New York	2020 MASTERworks in Conversation: Design for Tourism and Commerce
United States of America, New York	AIA New York	14th Annual Arthur Rosenblatt Memorial Lecture: Elizabeth Diller
United States of America, New York	The General Society of Mechanics & Tradesmen of the City of New York	111 Museums in New York That You Must Not Miss
United States of America, New York	Monacelli Press	Book Talk: "Stanford White in Detail"
United States of America, New York	Pratt Institute	Mapping Urban Inquiry: Drones and Photogrammetry for Climate Change Research in Cairo, Egypt
United States of America, New York	Center for Architecture	Building of the Day: Shirley Chisholm State Park
United States of America, New York	Architectural Record	Innovation 2020 Virtual Conference
United States of America, New York	China Insitute	The Forbidden City at 600: Architecture of the Celestial Empire
United States of America, New York	Museum of the City of New York	Everyday City
United States of America, New York	Center for Architecture	Building of the Day: Louis Armstrong Museum
United States of America, New York	The Irwin S. Chanin School of Architecture, The Cooper Union	In Conversation Will Shapiro and Farzin Lotfi-Jam: Extracting Urban Intelligence
United States of America, New York	New York Botanical Garden	NYBG's 22nd Annual Landscape Design Portfolios Lecture Series: Walter Hood: Landscape and Community
United States of America, Paradise Valley	Cosanti Foundation	The Value and Importance of Water in the Desert: The History of Agua Caliente Spring
United States of America, New York	Center for Architecture	Building of the Day: Tidal Basin Project
United States of America, New York	Bronx River Alliance	Community Friday Paddles
United States of America, New York	South Street Seaport Museum	Virtual Walking Tour: Typography and Job Printing in the 19th-Century Seaport
United States of America, New York	Wave Hill	Family Art Project: Dia de los Muertos
United States of America, New York	Bronx River Alliance	Estuary Paddle
United States of America, New York	Redesigning the World	Regenerative is the new black
United States of America, New York	Argot Pictures	PUSH - documentary screening
United States of America, New York	Columbia University	Rethinking Affordable Housing post COVID-19
United States of America, Chicago	Institute of Global Homelessness	Leave No One Behind: Ending Youth Global Homelessness in the Decade of Action
United States of America, New York	Partnership for Healthy Cities	COVID-19 and Beyond: Cities on the Front Lines of a Healthier Future
United States of America, Lake Worth	Haiti Cholera Research Funding Foundation Inc	Connect To Community
United States of America, Washington, DC	Friends of Ecosystem-based Adaptation	Ecosystem-based Adaptation in Cities: Incorporating Nature into Urban Adaptation - Practical examples from the Global South
United States of America, Honolulu, HI	FIABCI-USA - Hawaii Council	Building People-Focused Smart Cities – The Future is Now
United States of America, New York	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme, New York	World Cities Day Virtual Celebration, New York
United States of America, Honolulu, HI	FIABCI-USA - Hawaii Council	Inclusive, Vibrant Neighborhoods and Communities - Actions to Address Spatial Inequality

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United States of America, New York	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme, New York, AIA New York, Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization	World Habitat Day 2020: Post-Pandemic Cities
United States of America, New York	The City College of New York, The Bernard and Anne Spitzer School of Architecture	Fall 2020 Sciame Series: Luis Callejas
United States of America, New York	Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation	Black Reconstruction Collective
United States of America, New York	Museum of Modern Art	Espaço preto (Black Space), Part Two: Other Foundations?
United States of America, New York	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme	Post-Pandemic Cities
United States of America, Pittsburg	First+Main Films	UN-Habitat Better Cities Film Festival Screening
Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of, Caracas	Museo Nacional de Arquitectura MUSARQ	Urban October Promotion / Promocion Octubre Urbano
Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of, Caracas	Esri Venezuela	The development of the country through technology, building Smart Cities. / "El desarrollo del país a través de la tecnología, construyendo Ciudades Inteligentes"
Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of, Caracas	NOUCITY Consultores	Reducing Urban Vulnerability to increase Sustainability / Reducir la Vulnerabilidad Urbana Para Ganar Mas Sostenibilidad
Yemen	Ministry of Public Works and Highways, Housing and Urban Development Sector	Urban Development Challenges in Yemen
United States of America, New York	Bronx River Alliance	Community Friday Paddles
United States of America, New York	South Street Seaport Museum	Virtual Walking Tour: Typography and Job Printing in the 19th-Century Seaport
United States of America, New York	Wave Hill	Family Art Project: Dia de los Muertos
United States of America, New York	Bronx River Alliance	Estuary Paddle
United States of America, New York	Redesigning the World	Regenerative is the new black
United States of America, New York	Argot Pictures	PUSH - documentary screening
United States of America, New York	Columbia University	Rethinking Affordable Housing post COVID-19
United States of America, Chicago	Institute of Global Homelessness	Leave No One Behind: Ending Youth Global Homelessness in the Decade of Action
United States of America, New York	Partnership for Healthy Cities	COVID-19 and Beyond: Cities on the Front Lines of a Healthier Future
United States of America, Lake Worth	Haiti Cholera Research Funding Foundation Inc	Connect To Community
United States of America, Washington, DC	Friends of Ecosystem-based Adaptation	Ecosystem-based Adaptation in Cities: Incorporating Nature into Urban Adaptation - Practical examples from the Global South
United States of America, Honolulu, HI	FIABCI-USA - Hawaii Council	Building People-Focused Smart Cities – The Future is Now
United States of America, New York	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme, New York	World Cities Day Virtual Celebration, New York
United States of America, Honolulu, HI	FIABCI-USA - Hawaii Council	Inclusive, Vibrant Neighborhoods and Communities - Actions to Address Spatial Inequality
United States of America, New York	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme, New York, AIA New York, Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization	World Habitat Day 2020: Post-Pandemic Cities

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United States of America, New York	The City College of New York, The Bernard and Anne Spitzer School of Architecture	Fall 2020 Sciame Series: Luis Callejas
United States of America, New York	Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation	Black Reconstruction Collective
United States of America, New York	Museum of Modern Art	Espaço preto (Black Space), Part Two: Other Foundations?
United States of America, New York	UN-Habitat - United Nations Human Settlements Programme	Post-Pandemic Cities
United States of America, Pittsburg	First+Main Films	UN-Habitat Better Cities Film Festival Screening
Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of, Caracas	Museo Nacional de Arquitectura MUSARQ	<i>Promocion Octubre Urbano</i>
Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of, Caracas	Esri Venezuela	<i>"El desarrollo del país a través de la tecnología, construyendo Ciudades Inteligentes"</i>
Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of, Caracas	NOUCITY Consultores	<i>Reducir la Vulnerabilidad Urbana Para Ganar Mas Sostenibilidad</i>
Yemen	Ministry of Public Works and Highways, Housing and Urban Development Sector	Urban Development Challenges in Yemen

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