EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S
Member States Briefing on
Eleventh Session of the World
Urban Forum (WUF11)

20 May 2022
The Eleventh Session of the World Urban Forum (WUF11) will take place in Katowice, Poland 26-30 June 2022

Transforming Our Cities for a Better Urban Future

Stakeholders from around the world will provide in-person and virtual insights on the urban transformation agenda as part of the decade of action to achieve the SDGs.
Mission composition

1. Ambassador Ms. Jean Kimani, Permanent Representative (Kenya)

2. Ambassador Mr. Marek Rohr-Garztecki, Permanent Representative (Poland)

3. Mr. Clément Payeur, Deputy Permanent Representative (France) – attended online

4. Mr. Peter Oborn, Senior Vice-President of Commonwealth Association of Architects, UN-Habitat Stakeholder Advisory Group Enterprise (SAGE)
Recommendations
1. Confident that the WUF11 will be able to convene at Katowice on 26 to 30 June 2022 as scheduled
2. Recommend to develop clear communications with a joint press release
3. Recommend that UN-Habitat continues to monitor the security situation in coordination with the Government of Poland and updates the Executive Board appropriately

Observations
1. Appreciated the Host Country and City’s preparations including efforts to address safety and security as well as health measures
2. Impressed with the Government of Poland’s management and empathic care for refugees from Ukraine
Mission Objective
To support in the preparations for organising the WUF11 in June 2022 from perspectives of safety and security, programme, logistics and operations.

HLM side event on Road to Katowice
29 April 2022

Drawing upon the outcome of the High-Level Meeting, WUF11 presents an opportunity for constituencies to discuss and deliberate on the means of implementation for the New Urban Agenda during and beyond the Forum.
Updated Programme

In response to urban crisis recovery and reconstruction and strengthening of UN-Habitat’s Domain of Change 4: Effective urban crisis prevention and response, there will be an “extraordinary dialogue” and 2 special sessions featuring the crisis response and recovery.

- **Equitable urban futures**
- **Greener Urban Futures**
- **Innovation and Technology for Inclusive Urban Futures**
- **Resilient Economies and Sustainable Finance: Catalyst for Productive Urban Futures**
- **Urban Planning and Governance for Sustainable Urban Futures**
- **Building Resilience for Sustainable Urban Futures**
Updated Programme at a Glance
Seven types of partner-led events at WUF11

Received nearly 1,000 event applications for the first time

Urban Expo is the most popular attraction at every WUF
Received a record total of 184 applications for exhibition space from 60 countries
On the Agenda at WUF11: Linkages and Synergies

WUF11 Background Paper sets the tone for debate and discussion, including sharing of best practice for replication, scale and adaptation to different contexts, with dimensions of the transformation agenda for Dialogues.

Background paper also features the dimension of crisis response to post-conflict/disaster, and recovery and reconstruction as a key theme.
First Meeting of the WUF Alumni Network - Fulfilling commitments of the World Urban Forum

WUF Alumni Network Meeting  
10-12 May 2022 in Cairo, Egypt

Co-hosted by Abu Dhabi Department of Municipalities and Transport and Egypt as the future WUF12 host

Focused on:

1) Why do we continue to host the WUF?
2) What can be done better to improve the WUF experience?
3) What happens after hosting the event?
4) How will the alumni network organise and engage to achieve the why and the what?
Total Participants registered (as of 20 May 2022) = 6380 from 152 countries.

3,579 2,777 Prefer not to say = 24

REGISTRATION BY REGION

- Africa: 38%
- Asia: 17%
- Europe: 28%
- Latin America: 12%
- North America: 4%
- Oceania: 1%

PLANNED ATTENDANCE

- In-Person: 79%
- Virtual: 21%