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INCLUSIVE, VIBRANT NEIGHBOURHOODS AND COMMUNITIES

CALL FOR PHOTOS COMPETITION

UN-Habitat's Flagship Programme 1 invites professional and amateur photographers worldwide to participate in a photo contest on the topic 'Inclusive, Vibrant Neighbourhoods and Communities'. The participants are invited to **submit images documenting the transformative capacity of urban regeneration to improve the quality of life**, spatial equity, and diversity in neighbourhoods, communities and the wider city. The submission deadline is **19 June 2022**.

Selected photos will be presented during the Eleventh Session of the World Urban Forum (WUF11) 26-30 June in Katowice, Poland.

Background

Inclusive, Vibrant Neighbourhoods and Communities is one of the five Flagship Programmes of UN-Habitat. It acts as a convening partner for multistakeholder collaboration and technical and financial resource mobilisation to promote inclusive, green and healthy urban regeneration processes, localising the Sustainable Development Goals and advancing the objectives of the New Urban Agenda.

This Flagship Programme aims to promote social and environmental value creation globally by supporting governments and urban actors to build more inclusive and climate resilient cities, neighbourhoods and communities through urban regeneration. The Programme explores the potential of urban regeneration, as a holistic urban planning process, to foster social inclusion, climate resilience and socio-economic development in urban communities. Therefore, it offers guidance to national and local governments to create an enabling institutional environment for urban regeneration through adequate policies, legal and financial frameworks, and inclusive mechanisms. The Flagship Programme provides technical assistance and promotes integrated approaches and partnership models for urban regeneration. Furthermore, it aims to create reference groups and a knowledge platform for urban actors to share knowledge and experience and pilot methodologies and projects.



The competition

Considering the WUF11 message 'Transforming our Cities for a Better Urban Future' and the principles of the Programme, the photo competition has two categories open for photos submissions.

Participants should upload **two photos**, one for each category:

- **Category 1** - Improved urban area through urban regeneration
- **Category 2** - Urban area in decline and in need of urban regeneration

Why participate?

- Winners of the contest will receive an award digital certificate from the organiser partners.
- All the selected photos will be presented in a public exhibition during the WUF11 and digitally on UN-Habitat social media and digital platforms.
- Selected photos can be featured in future publications and the authors will receive a full acknowledgment in the publication.

Timeline

- Launch of the call: **2 June 2022**
- Deadline for submission of photos: **19 June 2022**
- Announcement of winning and selected images for the exhibition: **24 June 2022**



Instruction for participants

Select a picture that represents each of the categories.

Category 1 - improved urban area through urban regeneration.

The photo(s) must be in good quality (see selection criteria) and must represent a place that has positively benefited from an urban regeneration process and symbolises its interrelated advantages (social, environmental, physical and economic), through:

- social diversity (gender, age, ethnicity, etc.)
- ecological presence and value
- quality of urban infrastructure
- economic activity

Example 1: inclusive public space, neighbourhoods or other urban areas with greenery, socio-economic activities supporting daily needs of residents for services, goods and leisure.

Example 2: preserved natural/cultural heritage and integrated into urban services, cultural programmes, commercial activities, connected to the transportation system, creating social relations.

Example 3: green areas connected to the transportation system, creating active streets, and promoting social relations and services.

Category 2 - urban area in decline and in need of urban regeneration.

The photo(s) must represent a misused or underutilised space that could benefit in urban regeneration process. The location could be the same as a submitted photo from Category 1, before the urban regeneration interventions



Describe the story behind your photo

Submitted photos should be accompanied with a description of no more than 150 words (English, French or Spanish) and the exact location. Add this description to the Participation Form below.

Please consider the following guiding questions for the description:

Category 1 - improved urban area through urban regeneration.

- Why did you choose this picture? How is the transformative capacity of urban regeneration captured in the picture?
- How is this place in a normal day? What activities happen and who frequent?
- What does this urban area represent to you? How did this project transform your life and the residents' lives?
- What was the focus of the intervention or the topics the projects worked more (e.g., basic service, mobility, housing, land ownership, public space, food security, natural environment)?
- What social, economic, physical and ecological changes did the project promote? What were the subsequent outcomes?
- Could a similar project be implemented elsewhere?

Category 2 - urban area in decline and in need of urban regeneration.

- What is/are the main problem(s) of this urban area?
- How is this place in a normal day? What activities happen there and who frequents this area?
- How does this problem impact your life and the residents' lives?
- How do you wish this area were (refer to social, economic, physical and environmental value creation)?
- How could these improvements impact the lives of residents in the neighbourhood?
- What are the unique features of this neighbourhood that could be strengthened through urban regeneration?
- Do you know an urban area that went through this process or that could serve as reference for its transformation?



How to submit

- Send a high-resolution photo(s) and the filled-in participation form to flagshipprogramme1@gmail.com
- Use the email subject line *'Inclusive, Vibrant Neighbourhoods and Communities'*
- Include the Category (1, 2) and the name of the location and city in the title of the photo.

Example: 1_TimesSquare_NYC.jpeg

Elegibility

- Participants from all over the world are kindly invited to submit their works.
- Participants are allowed to submit maximum 4 photos, the excess photos will not be considered but will participate in the competition only the first two couples.
- Participants are asked to avoid inserting the face of underage subjects in their photos.
- Participants must enter the Category (1, 2) and the name of the location and city in the title of the photo.

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Selection Criteria

- Photo for **Category 1** must be submitted in JPEG or TIFF in high resolution (at least 900px wide, 150dpi).
- Photos for **Category 2** can be submitted in JPEG, JPG or PNG in good quality.
- The winners will be selected by a jury composed of members of UN-Habitat and the Flagship Programme 1.



Judging Criteria

The photo that will be exposed should be judged based on **composition, responsiveness to the theme, originality and overall impact.**

Please note that UN-Habitat reserves the right to select the images that are most of interest and that not all submissions might be selected.

The author(s) of the photos also agrees to licensing all rights of the photos to UN-Habitat for its communication and dissemination purposes:

Rights of photos:

- Participation is free of charge.
- The participant declares that she/he is the author of the photographs and the owner of their copyright and of the right to use the image.
- By submitting an image, the participant gives UN-Habitat the right to share your image on social media, future publications (hardcopies) and the website competition.
- UN-Habitat takes no responsibility for infringement of 3rd party rights. The submitter of the photograph will incur any and all penalties associated with infringing on a 3rd Party's rights to the photo.
- UN-Habitat reserves the right to cancel or modify the contest at its discretion.

Contact Information

For further information, please send an email to this address: ***flagshipprogramme1@gmail.com***

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