
PRESS RELEASE

The Declared Actions of the Eleventh Session of the World Urban Forum (WUF11)

Katowice, Poland (1 July 2022) – The Declared Actions of the Eleventh Session of the World Urban Forum (WUF11) were introduced at the event’s closing ceremony on 30 June, the culmination of five days of debate and discussion in Katowice, Poland.

Announced by H.E Madame Martha Delgado, President of the UN-Habitat Assembly, the Declared Actions will carry the sustainable development agenda forward to the next World Urban Forum in Cairo, Egypt in January 2024, and beyond.

Dozens of commitments have already been received, but city planners, mayors, governments, civil society and community groups have until 31 July, 2022 to submit their actions on the Urban Agenda Platform <https://www.urbanagendaplatform.org/> on the WUF11 theme of ‘Transforming Our Cities for a Better Urban Future’.

Reading from the introduction to the Declared Actions, Ms Delgado said that participants in WUFF11 were “concerned by the lack of progress towards the SDGs and the Paris Agreement and call for urgent transformative action”.

“We need to focus on increasing the inevitable urban crises. The climate emergency, pandemics, the biodiversity crisis, other natural and man-made disasters, all converge in cities. Being prepared for and overcoming these crises becomes a precondition to transform towards a better urban future,” she said, quoting the document.

The Declared Actions concluded with an appeal for greater funding for UN-Habitat, which convenes the World Urban Forum every two years and co-organizes the event with a host country and city.

At the closing ceremony, Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director of UN-Habitat, declared that the expression of interest for the 13th session of the World Urban Forum officially opened.

Previous hosts have been: Nairobi, Barcelona, Vancouver, Nanjing, Rio de Janeiro, Naples, Medellin, Kuala Lumpur and Abu Dhabi.

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About the World Urban Forum

The World Urban Forum (WUF) was established in 2001 by the United Nations to address one of the most pressing issues facing the world: rapid urbanization and its impact on people, cities, economies, climate change and policies. Held every two years, the Forum is convened by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat). It is designed as a high level, open and inclusive platform for addressing the challenges of sustainable urbanization. Each session is staged in a different city - the Eleventh Session in Katowice from 26-30 June, 2022, will be the first in eastern Europe.

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About the United Nations Human Settlements programme (UN-Habitat)

UN-Habitat is the United Nations agency for human settlements. It has programmes in over 90 countries that support people in cities and human settlements and focus on socially and environmentally sustainable cities and towns.