COP27 Presidency
Sustainable Urban Resilience for the next Generation Initiative (SURGe) - working title

UN-Habitat Briefing

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## COP27 | Initiatives to accelerate action for impact

### Confirmed COP27 Initiatives

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<td>Intends to catalyze greater investment and effort to develop waste management ecosystems and resources</td>
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<td>Catalyzing inclusive cooperation to address water as a key to climate change adaptation and resilience</td>
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<td>Improving the quantity and quality of climate finance contributions to transform agriculture and food systems by 2030</td>
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<td>Supporting African Countries to implement their NDCs, through integrating climate action into sustainable urban development</td>
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COP27 | Background and Roadmap

- **27 July**
  - Cairo Workshop
    - 120 participants
    - High-level remarks
    - Governance structure

- **Early August**
  - Draft Zero
    - Building on stakeholder input from Cairo workshop

- **22 August**
  - Consultation period
    - for comments, input and feedback

- **Set-Oct**
  - Implement. Mechanism
    - Finalization with partners

- **9 September**
  - Briefing to MS
    - Introduction to the Initiative

- **17 November**
  - Ministerial meeting
    - on housing urban development, sustainable cities and climate change
  - Solutions Day
    - With a focus on urban solutions

- **29 June**
  - Stakeholder Meeting
    - Over 50 participants confirmed their interest to join the consultation process.
## Sustainable Urban Resilience for the next Generation

### Multi-level governance
- Current **NDCs are not enough** to respond to the climate emergency.

### Finance
- In 2017 and 2018, **less than 10% of the climate finance** needed for cities was reached.

### Local capacity
- The **scale and complexity of the challenges** and insufficient finance limit the local capacity to tackle climate change.

### Access to technology and innovation
- Greenhouse gas emissions in cities could be **reduced by almost 90% by 2050** with technically feasible and available measures.

### Equity
- **Urban vulnerable groups are disproportionately and adversely affected** by climate change while they contribute the least to urban emissions.

### Objectives
- **Strengthen the implementation of the climate agenda in and with cities**
- **Unlock urban climate finance**
- **Build capacity**
- **Accelerate technology and innovation in cities**
- **Ensure equity**
SURGe | Ten Guiding Principles

- Low-carbon
- Resilient
- Nature-positive
- Fair, equitable, and inclusive
- Multi-level governance and climate planning
- Integrated
- Locally-led and culture-positive
- Circular
- Financing-enabling
- Health-promoting
SURGe | Working groups

**BUILDINGS & HOUSING**
Advancing energy efficiency, low-carbon materials and processes, circularity, land-use policies, and adaptation/resilience measures

**URBAN WATER**
Improving equitable access to year-round potable water, and gray and wastewater management

**URBAN MOBILITY**
Accelerating and supporting the uptake of public transport and active mobility use in cities.

**URBAN ENERGY**
Advancing renewable energy and energy efficiency in cities to provide energy access and tackle energy poverty

**URBAN WASTE / CONSUMPTION**
Enhancing municipal solid waste management systems that enable ‘zero waste cities’ and circular economies

**CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES**
- Multi-level governance
- Climate change action planning
- Urban and territorial planning
- Climate finance
- Data
- Capacity building
SURGe | Governance

Global SURGe Alliance

- High-level Champions
- Parties to UNFCCC
- COP Presidency
- UN Agencies
- Sub-National and Local Officials
- INGOs/NGOs
- Grass-root and Civil Society Organizations
- Academia
- Urban Networks & Coalitions
- IFIs
- Private Sector and Utility Companies

Steering Committee

- Provides guidance and oversight
- Working group leads and Global Secretariat

Global Secretariat

- Co-hosted by UN-Habitat and ICLEI:
  2 international staff from each organization, team assistants, secondments from partner org. encouraged

Working groups

- Each working group follows a similar structure
- Co-chairs: 2 national governments [one Annex 1, one non-Annex one country]
- Co-leads: non-Party stakeholders, UN Agencies and city networks
- Open for broad participation

- Building and housing
- Urban waste / consumption
- Urban energy
- Urban mobility
- Urban water
SURGe | Way forward

9 September
Briefing to MS
Soft launch/Introduction to the Initiative

Mid-Sept
Working group meetings

Sept-Oct
Implement. Mechanisms
and priority actions
Finalization with partners

17 November

Housing and Urban
development
Ministerial Meeting on
Cities and Climate
Change

Solutions Day
With a focus on urban solutions

Late 2022
Finalise roadmaps for each working group

Early 2023
Financing for the initiative and project pipeline is developed

Towards 2030

Late 2023
Report on progress at COP28 in Dubai

Mid 2023
Meeting of the Global Alliance at UN-Habitat Assembly

Registration open to join SURGe Initiative
Thank you!