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Agenda Item 6:

**Updates on the preparations of the twelfth
session of the World Urban Forum**

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Presentation outline



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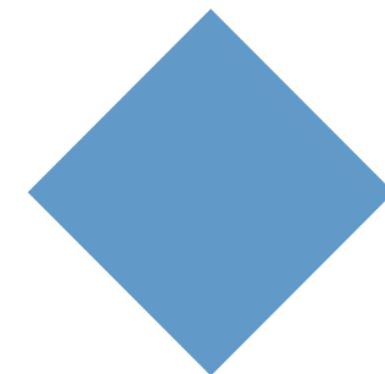
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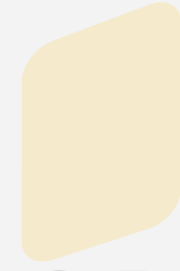
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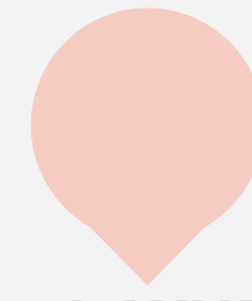
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Scoping mission to Cairo 13-15th of February 2023

- Objectives: to introduce the World Urban Forum Coordinator and the Chief of Communications to some of the Government of Egypt's representatives within the Ministry for Local Development, and the Ministry of Housing.
- Once agreement is signed, dates for the WUF12 will be communicated.



Mission focused on:

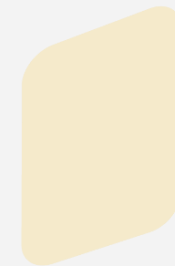
- **Urgency to sign** the Agreement and receive a confirmation on the dates.
- Overview of the governance arrangements for the implementation of WUF12.
- Overview of the theme selection process.



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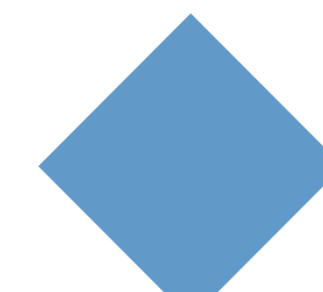


Proposed Venue: Egypt International Exhibition Centre



Located between Cairo and new Cairo, with a Monorail line expected to be operational mid of 2023 that will allow easy access from downtown Cairo.

Opportunities to make WUF12 as universally accessible as WUF11.

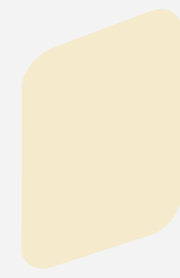




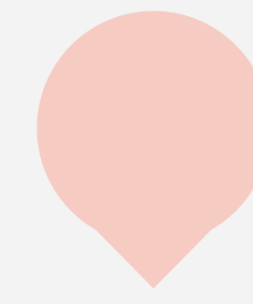
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Theme selection process

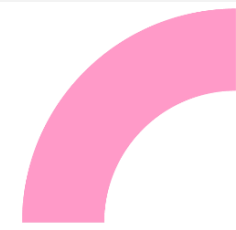
The government of Egypt and UN-Habitat have identified a main theme which will be further developed and unpacked. The theme direction that the WUF will take is:

Localisation as concrete and tangible implementation of the SDG and NUA.

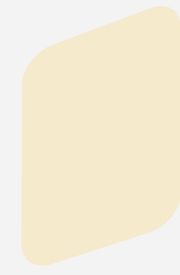
The theme will be developed further and a title for the WUF12 will be announced during the United Nations Habitat Assembly.



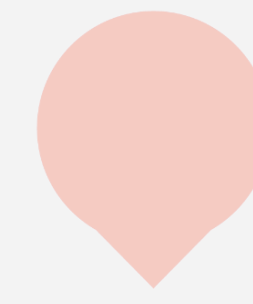
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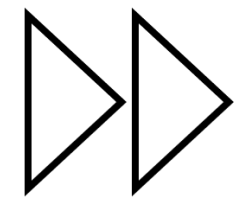
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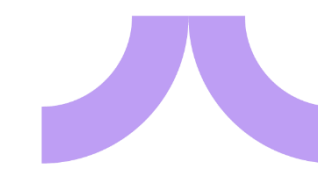
WUF 9,10,11



WUF 12,13,14

The new programme document will cover the **next 3 cycles of the World Urban Forum**, from the WUF12 in 2024, to the WUF14 in 2028.

- Opportunity to re-define the new WUF Objectives
- Incorporate independent evaluations' recommendations from WUF 9,10 & 11



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Objectives

① Reaffirm the WUF as the premier world conference on sustainable urban development with UN-Habitat as convener and facilitator.

② To provide an open, inclusive, and diverse platform where all stakeholders of the New Urban Agenda and the Habitat mandate contribute to transformative change in urban policy, governance and the advancement of human rights.

③ To convene and foster collective knowledge, innovative and transformative critical thinking, and thought leadership across all stakeholder types in human settlements and the urban development field.

④ To increase cooperation and forge constructive partnerships to mainstream sustainable urbanisation in national development policies, local level development plans and private sector investments.



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The government of Egypt and UN-Habitat are preparing an **exhibition pavilion** during the Assembly to promote the WUF12 among stakeholders.

The theme and launching of the webpage of the WUF12 are expected to be announced during the Assembly.





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UN-Habitat wishes to invite member states to contact our WUF coordination team and UN-Habitat Regional Representatives to plan, convene, and facilitate regional discussion groups in relation to WUF12 engagement.

During the Assembly, discussions can occur so that delegations are adequately supported towards WUF12.

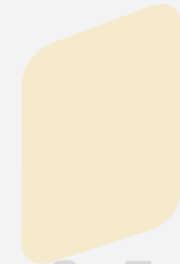




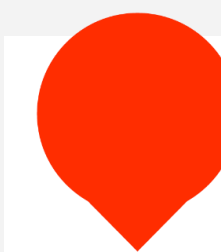
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4. WUF Legacy Initiatives



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Updates on the WUF Legacy Initiatives

The WUF Intersessional activities to advance implementation of SDGs anchored in agreements and initiatives of the World Urban Forum



Declared Actions – Abu Dhabi declared actions & Katowice declared actions reported through the Urban Agenda Platform.



WUF Alumni network - global think tank; technical advisory; knowledge management; voluntary local reviews; and global projects.



City Investment Facility – Mobilization of Private Sector for sustainable urbanisation.



Host city legacy initiatives – WUF11 - Action plan for cities

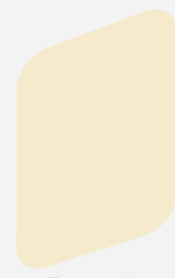




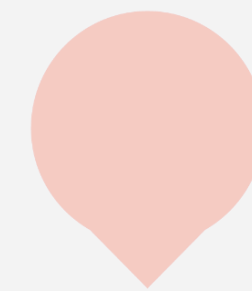
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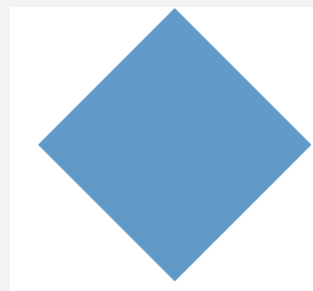
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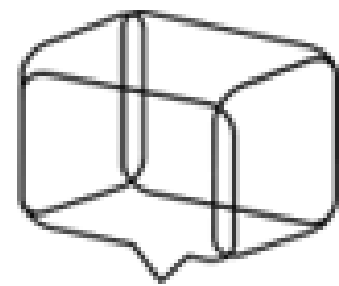


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Opportunities to mobilize towards WUF12



High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development and the General Assembly



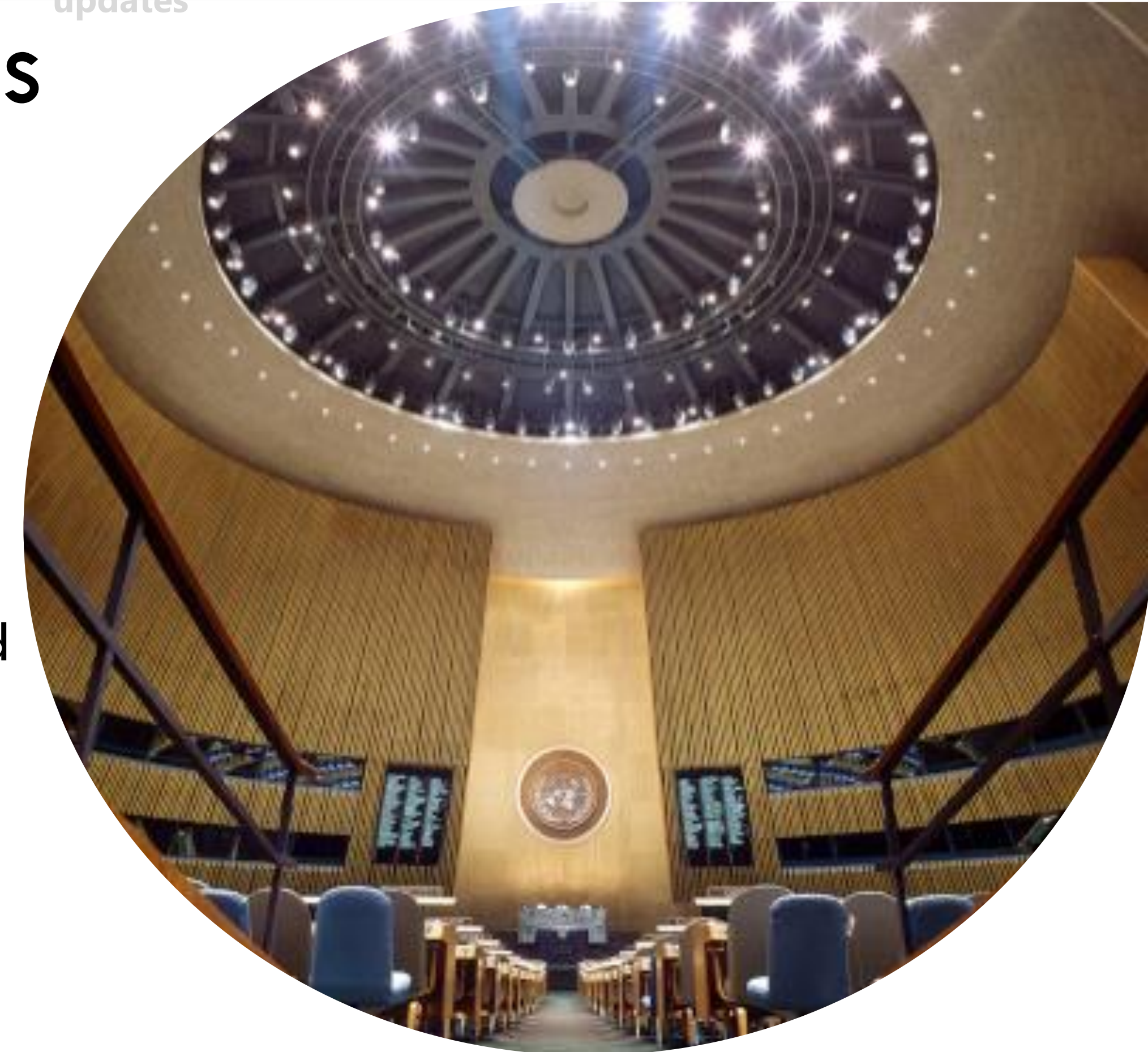
Urban Forums: Sub-national, National, and Regional levels



31 DAYS OF PROMOTING A BETTER URBAN FUTURE



Urban October activities

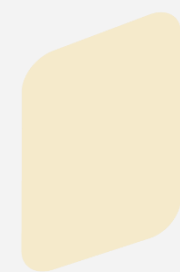




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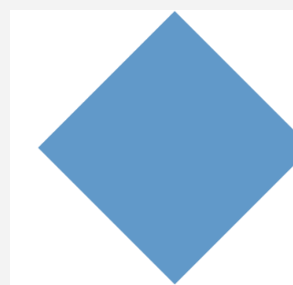
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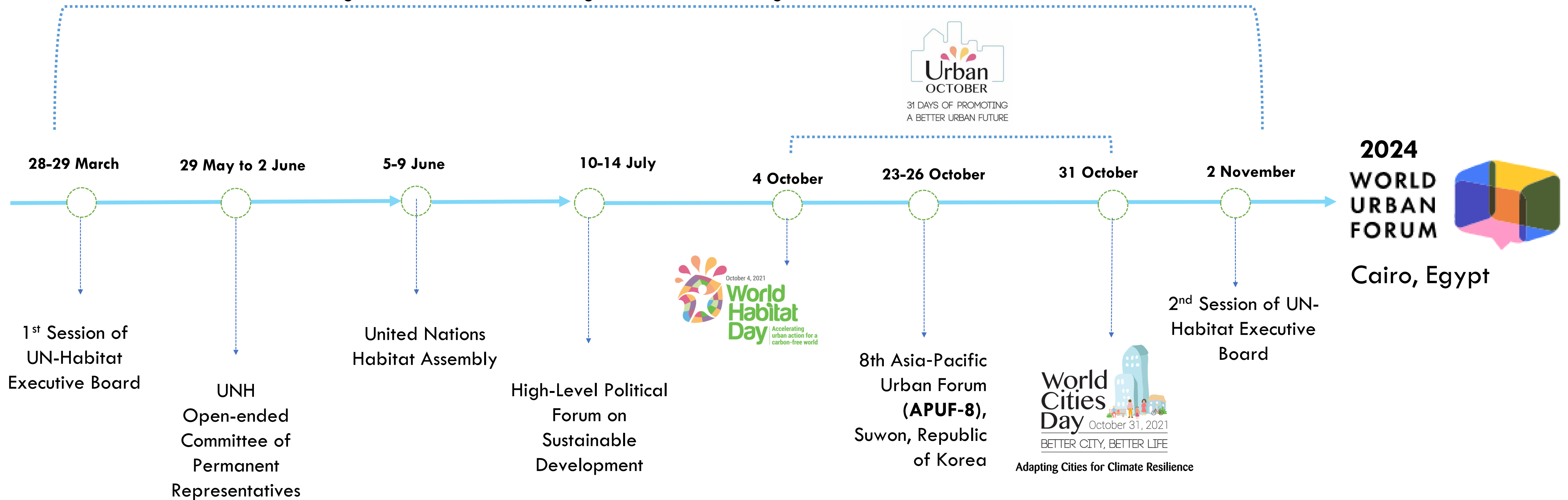
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» The road to WUF12

Regional Mobilization through National and Regional Urban Forums



Thank you!

And hope to see you all in Cairo in 2024!

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