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Side event 5

Promoting people centered smart cities for inclusive and sustainable futures leveraging global digital cooperation

 5 June 2023, 13:15 – 14:15 (EAT Time)

 Conference Room 11

The event titled *“Promoting people centered smart cities for inclusive and sustainable futures leveraging global digital cooperation”*, co-organised by the Government of the Republic of France and UN-Habitat, to be held on 5 June 2023 from 13:15 – 14:15 (EAT Time), aims to discuss and explore global and field experiences in adopting smart city approaches for sustainable and inclusive urbanization.

Through practical case studies, the debate will showcase how a people centered smart city approach can advance common guiding principles and multilateral cooperation, especially in times of global crises and digital divide, hence accelerating SDGs achievement and the implementation of the New Urban Agenda through inclusive and sustainable urbanization.

The event will outline opportunities for ensuring sustainable futures across urban and rural areas through technology, stressing the importance of inclusivity, collaboration and multilateral cooperation among different countries and communities *“to leave no one and no place behind”*. A strong multi-level governance framework is one of the key prerequisites to fully tap into the transformative potential of smart cities. The event intends to mobilize a discussion involving a variety of key actors in the people centered smart cities space, including national and local governments, innovators, practitioners, and cities towards utilizing appropriate digital technologies and data for cities and human settlements to become more inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable.



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Opening and welcome	
H.E. Mr. Arnaud Suquet, Ambassador of France to Kenya and Somalia and Permanent Representative to the United Nations	
Honorable Eric M. Molale, Minister of Transportation and Public Works of Botswana	
Panel discussion	
Mr. Fayaz King	Special Adviser to the United Nations Special Envoy for Technology
Ms. Stephanie Egerland	Chancellor, HafenCity University of Hamburg
Mr. Gil Byungwoo	Director General, Urban Policy Bureau of Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, Republic of South Korea
Mr. Bernard Binagwaho	Director of Africa and Middle East, Tactis AFRICA
Moderator	
Ms. Edlam Yemeru	Chief of Knowledge and Innovation Branch, UN-Habitat





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