

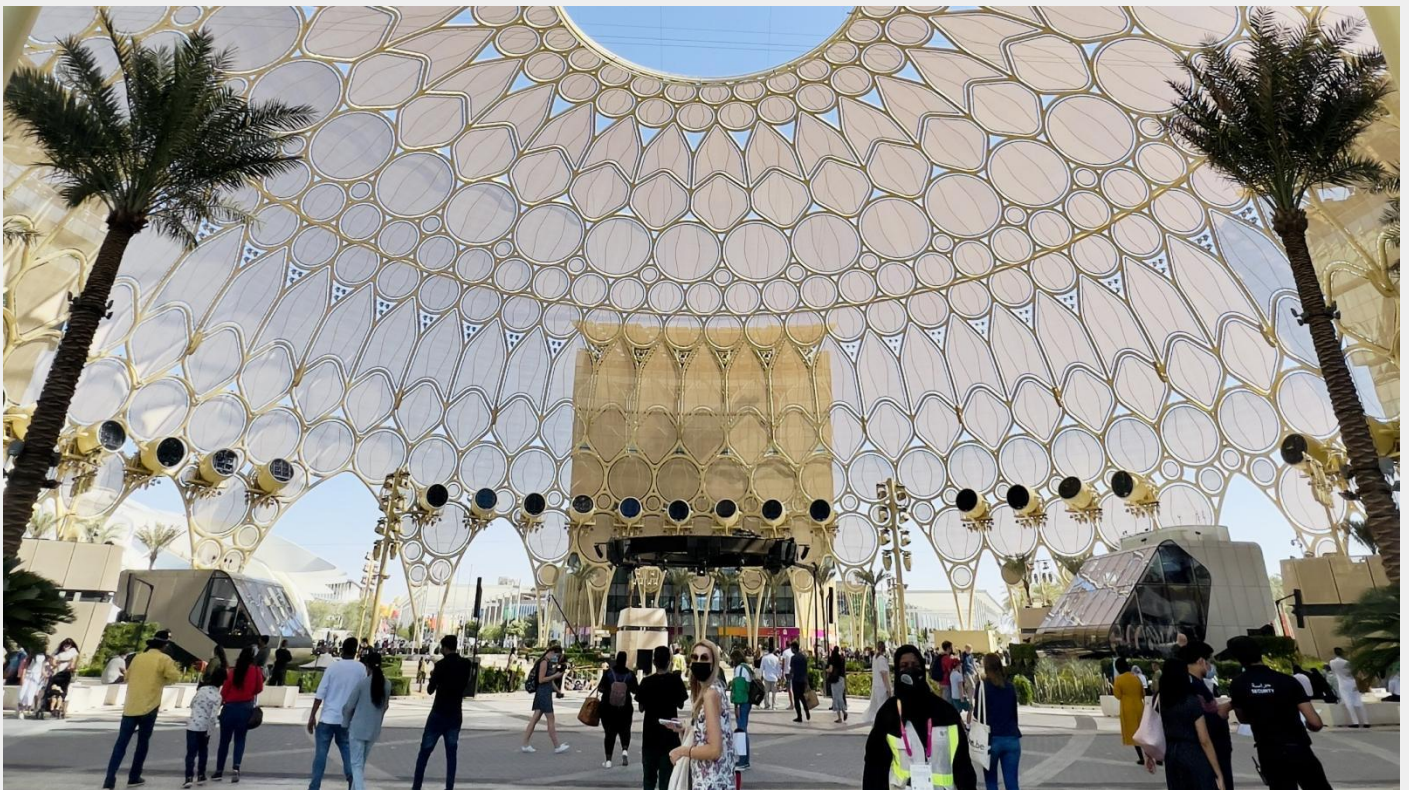


**COP28  
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# Cities and Climate Change at COP28

UN-Habitat Engagement, 30 November to 12 December 2023



The UN Climate Change Conference of Parties (COP) is the main decision-making body of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and is held every year to assess the measures of the parties to limit climate change. This year, the 28th COP will be held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from 30 November to 12 December.

### Cities are playing a big role in driving important changes.

- By 2050, about 2.5 billion more people will live in cities, making up around 68% of the world's population.
- However, as cities grow and economies develop, they're producing more emissions.

### Cities are highly vulnerable to the devastating impacts of climate change.

- **70% of cities worldwide are already experiencing climate impacts**, including typhoons, flooding, and, increasingly, heat waves. This is hitting over 1 billion people living in informal settlements the hardest.
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**Cities are key to delivering climate solutions.** Cities are both major contributors to and leaders in addressing the climate crisis. Around **65% of the 169 targets of the 17 SDGs cannot be achieved without the engagement of local and regional governments.**

**Unlocking urban climate financing is critical.** According to the IPCC, urban emissions could approach net-zero if radical mitigation efforts are implemented. But despite remarkable strides in urban climate resilience, finance remains a critical bottleneck. **Only 21% of climate finance is allocated to adaptation and resilience, with a mere 10% reaching the local level.**

### Cities are at the forefront of climate change action.

- Recognizing the urgent need for action, UN-Habitat is championing multi-level climate action at COP28 to accelerate climate change mitigation, adaptation efforts, and bolster local climate finance.
- At COP28, UN-Habitat will be engaging in a variety of ways, contributing to One UN Events, Side Events, Pavilions, Initiatives, Publication Launches, and convening the second-ever **Ministerial Meeting on Urbanization and Climate Change.**
- UN-Habitat will be co-hosting an inaugural pavilion, the **Multilevel Action and Urbanization Pavilion**, in collaboration with ICLEI, sparking dialogues aimed at bolstering global urban climate action.

## The Ministerial Meeting on Urbanization and Climate Change

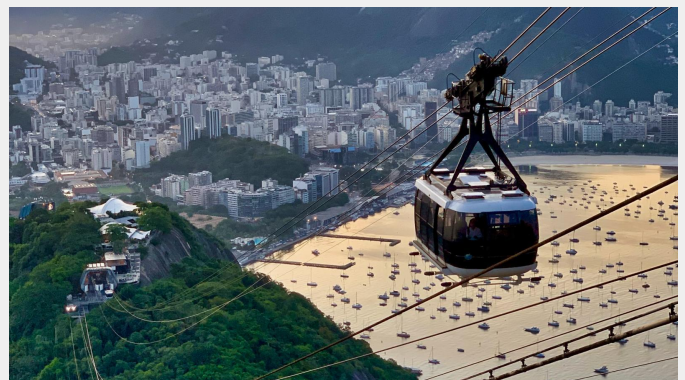
- December 6 will see the second iteration of the Ministerial Meeting on Urbanization and Climate Change, co-hosted by UN-Habitat, the UN Climate Change High-Level Climate Champions, and the COP28 Presidency.
- The Ministerial Meeting serves as a platform for dialogue among key sector Ministers, local and regional governments, non-state actors, and multilateral organizations.
- Building on the success of COP27's first Ministerial Meeting on Urbanization and Climate Change, which launched the **SURGe Initiative**, the second iteration at COP28 will emphasize the critical role of multilevel climate action with a strong focus on financial.

We invite you to join us in these sessions as we work towards overcoming the challenges of climate change in cities!

For further information:

- [UN-Habitat at COP28](#)
- [Official COP28 Website](#)

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# Daily Programme

Friday, 1 December 2023

Time	Event	Venue
13:00– 14:00	<b>High-level Pavilion Opening - Kicking-off an era of multilevel action urbanization in the age of climate emergency</b> <u>Leads:</u> UN-Habitat and ICLEI <u>Event link:</u> <a href="#">▶ Kicking-off an era of multilevel action urbanization in the a...</a>	Multilevel Action and Urbanization Pavilion, <i>Blue Zone</i>
14:00 – 15:00	<b>High-level event from Sendai to Paris: Progress and limitations in the implementation of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) in Mozambique</b> <u>Leads:</u> Government of Mozambique <u>Partners involved:</u> UN-Habitat, Ministry of Public Works, Housing and Water Resources (MOPHRH); National Institute of Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (INGD)	Mozambique Pavilion, <i>Blue Zone</i>
16:15 – 17:15	<b>World Action Climate Summit</b> <u>Leads:</u> COP28 Presidency and Bloomberg Philanthropies <u>Partners involved:</u> UN-Habitat	Al Wakri, UNFCCC Global Action Hub Action Arena 2
17:30 – 18:30	<b>Cities and Capital: Latin America's Urban Climate Vision and the Investments Powering Global Transformation</b> <u>Leads:</u> UN-Habitat <u>Event link:</u> <a href="#">▶ Cities and capital</a>	Multilevel Action and Urbanization Pavilion, <i>Blue Zone</i>

Saturday, 2 December 2023

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<b>10:00 – 11:00</b>	<p><b>Planning for Climate Mobility: Pioneering spatial strategies for resilient urban futures in Sub-Saharan Africa</b></p> <p><u>Leads:</u> UN-Habitat, EU  <u>Partners involved:</u> ACMI, African Development Bank  Event link: <a href="#">▶ Planning for climate mobility</a></p>	Multilevel Action and Urbanization Pavilion, <i>Blue Zone</i>
<b>13:00 – 14:15</b>	<p><b>Potentials of Fukuoka Method, Japanese environmental technology for methane gas reduction</b></p> <p><u>Leads:</u> Fukuoka City, Japan  <u>Partners involved:</u> Ministry of Environment, Japan, UN-Habitat</p>	Japan Pavilion, <i>Blue Zone</i>
<b>15:45 – 17:00</b>	<p><b>Local Climate Action Summit</b></p> <p><u>Leads:</u> COP28 Presidency and Bloomberg Philanthropies  <u>Partners involved:</u> UN-Habitat</p>	Al Wakri, <i>UNFCCC Global Action Hub Action Arena 2</i>

## Sunday, 3 December 2023

Time	Event	Venue
<b>11:00 – 12:30</b>	<p><b>Local authorities and the management of natural risks (Les collectivités territoriales et la gestion des risques naturels)</b></p> <p><u>Leads:</u> Morocco Ministry of Interior  <u>Partners involved:</u> UN-Habitat</p>	Morocco Pavilion, <i>Blue Zone</i>
<b>11:30 – 12:30</b>	<p><b>Protecting people and planet through a crime prevention and criminal justice lens - From Dubai (COP28) to Abu Dhabi (2026)</b></p> <p><u>Leads:</u> France, United Arab Emirates and UNODC  <u>Partners involved:</u> UN-Habitat</p>	French Pavilion, <i>Blue Zone</i>
<b>16:00-16:45</b>	<p><b>Accelerating Integration of Low-Carbon Waste Management in Nationally Determined Contributions to Reach Climate Commitments</b></p> <p><u>Leads:</u> UN-Habitat</p>	Finland Pavilion, <i>Blue Zone</i>

<b>17:30 – 18:30</b>	<b>Resilience lessons in African heritage sites: co-creation of innovative solutions and multi-actor capacity building</b> <u>Leads:</u> Fondation pour la Sauvegarde du Patrimoine Culturel de Rabat <u>Partners involved:</u> UN-Habitat	TBC
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## Monday, 4 December 2023

Time	Event	Venue
<b>11:30 – 12:30</b>	<b>Cities on a mission: unlocking net-zero, resilient future of urban transitions</b> <u>Leads:</u> GCoM and Bloomberg <u>Partners involved:</u> UN-Habitat Event link: <a href="#">▶ Cities on a mission: Unlocking net-zero, resilient future of u...</a>	Multilevel Action and Urbanization Pavilion, <i>Blue Zone</i>
<b>17:30 – 18:30</b>	<b>Smart urban resilience: Partnerships and integrated approaches in Africa</b> <u>Leads:</u> UN-Habitat, UNDP, AUC Event link: <a href="#">▶ Smart urban resilience: Partnerships and integrated appro...</a>	Multilevel Action and Urbanization Pavilion, <i>Blue Zone</i>

## Tuesday, 5 December 2023

Time	Event	Venue
<b>08:30 – 11:00</b>	<b>Building the cities of tomorrow, today: mitigating risks and unlocking opportunities for sustainable development</b> <u>Leads:</u> Economist Impact <u>Partners involved:</u> UN-Habitat	<i>Off-site: Dubai Marina Hotel</i>
<b>09:00 – 11:00</b>	<b>Finance, data, and capacity building: Which accelerator frameworks to build Water-Smart Cities?</b> <u>Leads:</u> UN-Habitat, GWOPA <u>Partners involved:</u> UN-Habitat	Water for Climate Pavilion, <i>Blue Zone</i>

11:30 – 12:30	<b>Role of water in peacebuilding and local adaptation</b> <u>Leads:</u> UN-Habitat	Water for Climate Pavilion, <i>Blue Zone</i>
14:00 – 15:30	<b>Local adaptation: water policies and good practices in urban areas</b> <u>Leads:</u> UN-Habitat	Water for Climate Pavilion, <i>Blue Zone</i>
15:00 – 16:30	<b>UN raising ambition and delivery on the ground: multilevel climate action for local resilience</b> <u>Leads:</u> UN-Habitat <u>Partners involved:</u> UNCDF, UNU, UNDRR, UNEP, and UNDP	SE Room 8, <i>Blue Zone</i>
15:40 – 16:25	<b>UN-2023 water action agenda: Water-Smart pathway for cities in a water-resilient world</b> <u>Leads:</u> UN-Habitat	Water for Climate Pavilion, <i>Blue Zone</i>
16:00 – 17:00	<b>Strengthening urban resilience for a changing climate</b> <u>Leads:</u> UNDRR Making Cities Resilient 2030 <u>Partners involved:</u> Climate Champions, ICLEI, UN-Habitat Event link: <a href="#">Strengthening urban disaster resilience for a changing cli...</a>	Multilevel Action and Urbanization Pavilion, <i>Blue Zone</i>
16:30 – 17:30	<b>High level panel: Policy implications of a multi-level governance approach for water adaptation in cities</b> <u>Leads:</u> UN-Habitat	Water for Climate Pavilion, <i>Blue Zone</i>
16:45 – 18:15	<b>The transformative power of participatory living labs</b> <u>Leads:</u> Clean Air Initiative for Asian Cities Center, Inc. (CAI - Asia Center), and Coopération pour le Développement et l'Amélioration des Transports Urbains et Périurbains (CODATU) <u>Partners involved:</u> UNEP, SOLUTIONSplus, SESA, ACCESS, Urban Living Lab Center, UN-Habitat	SE Room 3, <i>Blue Zone</i>
17:30 – 18:30	<b>The impact of local climate action - looking into a decade of activities to define actions for the future</b> <u>Leads:</u> GCoM and Bloomberg <u>Partners involved:</u> UN-Habitat, ICLEI Event link: <a href="#">The impact of local climate action</a>	Multilevel Action and Urbanization Pavilion, <i>Blue Zone</i>

## Wednesday, 6 December 2023

Time	Event	Venue

09:30 – 12:00	<p><b>Ministerial Meeting on Urbanization and Climate Change</b>  <i>The meeting will foster dialogue and collaboration among key stakeholders to advance multilevel climate action with a strong financial focus, accelerating mitigation, adaptation, and resilience at the local level.</i></p> <p><u>Leads:</u> COP28 Presidency, UN Climate Change High-Level Climate Champions, and UN-Habitat  <u>Sign up:</u> <a href="#">LinkedIn event</a> and <a href="#">RSVP</a>.</p>	Al-Ghafat Plenary, Blue Zone
12:30 – 13:00	<p><b>Building breakthrough official launch: unlocking an action-oriented response to the global stocktake</b></p> <p><u>Leads:</u> Government of France  <u>Partners involved:</u> UN-Habitat</p>	TBC
12:30 – 13:30	<p><b>TBC</b></p> <p><u>Leads:</u> State Committee on Urban Planning and Architecture of the Republic of Azerbaijan  <u>Partners involved:</u> UN-Habitat</p>	TBC
13:00 – 14:00	<p><b>From policy to action, solving the waste challenges</b></p> <p><u>Leads:</u> Tadweer, ISWA  <u>Partners involved:</u> UN-Habitat</p>	Waste & Resources Pavilion, Blue Zone
14:00 – 17:00	<p><b>Accelerating city climate action at speed and scale: an Innovate4Cities implementation showcase</b></p> <p><u>Leads:</u> COP28 Presidency, Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy (GCoM), UN-Habitat, Innovate4Cities, and Urban Transitions Mission</p>	Terra Auditorium, Green Zone
14:30 – 15:30	<p><b>Operationalizing the Ministerial Meeting: catalyzing Urban Transformation on the road to COP30</b></p> <p><u>Leads:</u> UN-Habitat, ICLEI, and LGMA  Event link:  <a href="#">Operationalizing the ministerial meeting: Catalyzing urban ...</a></p>	Multilevel Action and Urbanization Pavilion, Blue Zone
15:00 – 16:30	<p><b>Delivering effective policy for active and public transport to meet the Paris Agreement</b></p> <p><u>Leads:</u> UITP  <u>Partners involved:</u> UN-Habitat</p>	Portugal Pavilion, Blue Zone
15:15 – 16:45	<p><b>No time to waste: Closing the climate loop</b></p> <p><u>Leads:</u> COP28 Presidency and UN-Habitat  <u>Partners involved:</u> CCAC, Ellen MacArthur Foundation, Roland Berger, Tadweer, Global Methane Hub, LGMA</p>	WCAS Theatre, 1100, Blue Zone



15:30 – 17:00	<b>Cities for the future: The relevance of urban form for local climate action</b> <u>Leads:</u> COP28 Presidency and UN-Habitat <u>Partners involved:</u> C40, NREP	WCAS Theatre, 1100, <i>Blue Zone</i>
17:30 – 18:30	<b>Accelerating urban transition towards low carbon, safe and multi-modal transport systems</b> <u>Leads:</u> UN-Habitat <u>Partners involved:</u> ICLEI, UEMI, UITP, SLoCAT, ITDP, GIZ, UNEP Event link: ▶ Accelerating urban transition towards low carbon, safe an...	Multilevel Action and Urbanization Pavilion, <i>Blue Zone</i>
17:30 – 18:30	<b>Launch event of the SAA working group on urban water resilience</b> <u>Leads:</u> COP28 Presidency and the UN Climate Change High-Level Climate Champions <u>Partners involved:</u> UN-Habitat	Global Climate Action Lab 2, Al Jeer, <i>Blue Zone</i>
17:45 – 19:00	<b>Local leadership in the renewable energy transition and green hydrogen economy</b> <u>Leads:</u> UNOSD <u>Partners involved:</u> UN-Habitat	SDG Pavilion, <i>Blue Zone</i>
18:30 – 20:00	<b>UN4NAPs – Leveraging UN-wide support for NAP formulation and implementation</b> <u>Leads:</u> UNFCCC <u>Partners involved:</u> UN-Habitat	Room 4, <i>Blue Zone</i>
TBC	<b>Mozambique’s advances in climate resilient infrastructure</b> <u>Leads:</u> Government of Mozambique and UN-Habitat <u>Partners involved:</u> Ministry of Public Works, Housing and Water Resources (MOPHRH)	Mozambique Pavilion, <i>Blue Zone</i>

## Thursday, 7 December 2023

Time	Event	Venue
10:30 – 13:00	<b>#HousingMatters - Taking action on low carbon and inclusive housing</b> <u>Leads:</u> Middle East Cities Center (AU in Dubai), FIABCI Global Real Estate Federation and UN-Habitat	<u>Off-site:</u> Auditorium of the American University of Dubai

Friday, 8 December 2023

Time	Event	Venue
10:00 – 11:00	<p><b>NDC implementation through sector coupling – how to finance integrated approaches towards low carbon urban development</b></p> <p><u>Leads:</u> UN-Habitat  <u>Partners involved:</u> Urban Living Lab Centre            Event link: <a href="#">▶ NDC implementation through sector coupling</a></p>	Multilevel Action and Urbanization Pavilion, <i>Blue Zone</i>
10:00 – 11:00	<p><b>Malaysia’s Cities and Communities: Green Cities and Communities of the Future Day</b></p> <p><u>Leads:</u> Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment and Climate Change (NRECC)  <u>Partners involved:</u> Malaysian Green Technology and Climate Change Corporation (MGTC), Boston Consulting Group (BCG) and Urbanice Malaysia, UN-Habitat</p>	Malaysia Pavilion, <i>Blue Zone</i>
11:30 – 13:00	<p><b>Housing and climate adaptation for the most vulnerable populations</b></p> <p><u>Leads:</u> Build Change  <u>Partners involved:</u> Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA), Habitat for Humanity International, UN-Habitat</p>	SE Room 9, <i>Blue Zone</i>
13:00 – 14:00	<p><b>Advancing climate action through urban law</b></p> <p><u>Leads:</u> UN-Habitat  <u>Partners involved:</u> UNEP, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Commonwealth Secretariat            Event link: <a href="#">▶ Advancing climate action through urban law</a></p>	Multilevel Action and Urbanization Pavilion, <i>Blue Zone</i>
14:00 – 15:00	<p><b>Vers la convergence des trois agendas internationaux pour habiter l’Afrique de façon durable et inclusive : Retour sur la Conférence Climate Chance Afrique 2023</b></p> <p><u>Leads:</u> UN-Habitat</p>	BOAD Pavilion, <i>Blue Zone</i>

<b>15:00 – 16:30</b>	<p><b>Raising the ambition of climate actions at urban level: Recommendations for policymakers</b></p> <p><u>Leads:</u> University of Southern Denmark</p> <p><u>Partners involved:</u> Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC), Iuav University of Venice (Iuav), Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies (SSSA), University of Bristol (UoB), UN-Habitat</p>	SE Room 8, <i>Blue Zone</i>
<b>TBC</b>	<p><b>Reflecting on the opportunities to involve young people, children and skills in accelerating adaptation, prevention and resolution of loss and damage in Mozambique</b></p> <p><u>Leads:</u> Government of Mozambique</p> <p><u>Partners involved:</u> National Institute for Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (INGD), UN-Habitat</p>	Mozambique Pavilion, <i>Blue Zone</i>

## Saturday, 9 December 2023

Time	Event	Venue
<b>10:00 – 11:00</b>	<p><b>From research to action: Nature-based solutions for systemic urban climate resilience for the most vulnerable</b></p> <p><u>Leads:</u> UN-Habitat</p> <p><u>Partners involved:</u> Bahrain, Nairobi Rivers Commission, City of Belo Horizonte, ICLEI, FAO, C40, Adaptation Fund, Sida, UNOSAT, UNITAR, Adapt40, AECID</p> <p>Event link: <a href="#">📺 From research to action</a></p>	Multilevel Action and Urbanization Pavilion, <i>Blue Zone</i>
<b>11:15 – 12:30</b>	<p><b>Building heat resiliency: Actions and opportunities</b></p> <p><u>Leads:</u> Global Heat Health Information Network, UN-Habitat</p> <p><u>Partners involved:</u> Red Cross Climate Center, ICLEI Africa, ArborDay Foundation, WMO-WHO Joint Office for Climate and Health, World Meteorological Organization, Natural Resources Defense Council</p> <p><a href="#">Event link</a></p>	WHO Health Pavilion, <i>Blue Zone</i>
<b>13:30-15:30</b>	<p><b>Roadmaps to Decarbonize the Buildings Sector</b></p> <p><u>Leads:</u> ICLEI</p> <p><u>Partners involved:</u> UN-Habitat, WRI, UNOPS, UNEP, Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction</p>	Buildings Pavilion, <i>Blue Zone</i>
<b>14:00 – 15:00</b>	<p><b>Connecting climate change, biodiversity and land for city-region resilience</b></p> <p><u>Leads:</u> UN-Habitat</p>	UNFCCC Global Innovation Hub, <i>Blue Zone</i>

<b>14:30 – 15:30</b>	<p><b>Make cities water resilient: Key strategies for water and wastewater utilities</b></p> <p><u>Leads:</u> UN-Habitat and GWOPA  <u>Partners involved:</u> GIZ, French Water Partnership, AfD  Event link:  <a href="#">▶ Make cities water resilient: Key strategies for water and wa...</a></p>	Multilevel Action and Urbanization Pavilion, <i>Blue Zone</i>
<b>16:00 – 17:00</b>	<p><b>Powering Progress: Seizing the Urban Energy Opportunity in Times of Crisis</b></p> <p><u>Leads:</u> UN-Habitat and ICLEI  Event link:  <a href="#">▶ Seizing the urban energy opportunity in times of crisis</a></p>	Multilevel Action and Urbanization Pavilion, <i>Blue Zone</i>
<b>18:00 – 19:00</b>	<p><b>Improving access to energy in the urban and peri-urban poor areas through Multifunctional Clean Energy Centres (MCECs)</b></p> <p><u>Leads:</u> UN-Habitat  <u>Partners involved:</u> NORCAP, Shelter Afrique</p>	SDG Pavilion, <i>Blue Zone</i>

## Sunday, 10 December 2023

Time	Event	Venue
<b>08:30 – 09:30</b>	<p><b>Améliorer l'accès à l'énergie pour les pauvres des zones urbaines et périurbaines grâce à des centres multifonctionnels d'énergie propre</b></p> <p><u>Leads:</u> UN-Habitat  <u>Partners involved:</u> Shelter Afrique, Othalo, Skat, ABC 21, NORCAP</p>	Francophonie Pavilion, <i>Blue Zone</i>
<b>11:30 – 12:30</b>	<p><b>Bridging urban narratives: Amplifying city voices via SURGE, CHAMP, and beyond</b></p> <p><u>Leads:</u> UN-Habitat, ICLEI  Event link:  <a href="#">▶ Bridging urban narratives: Amplifying city voices via SURG...</a></p>	Multilevel Action and Urbanization Pavilion, <i>Blue Zone</i>
<b>12:30 – 13:30</b>	<p><b>Multilevel governance for climate, food, and biodiversity action</b></p> <p><u>Leads:</u> FAO, Local 2030 Coalition  <u>Partners involved:</u> UN-Habitat</p>	SDG Pavilion, <i>Blue Zone</i>

<b>13:00 – 14:00</b>	<p><b>Water as leverage for worldwide urban resilience: through multilevel climate action</b></p> <p><u>Leads:</u> UN-Habitat</p> <p><u>Partners involved:</u> Ministry Infra and Water of the Netherlands, RVO, GCF</p> <p>Event link:</p> <p><a href="#">▶ Water as leverage for worldwide urban resilience: Through ...</a></p>	Multilevel Action and Urbanization Pavilion, <i>Blue Zone</i>
<b>18:30 – 20:00</b>	<p><b>Innovative instruments for joint biodiversity and climate policy</b></p> <p><u>Leads:</u> University Luigi Bocconi, Institute of Energy and Environment Economics and Policy (IEFE)</p> <p><u>Partners involved:</u> UN-Habitat, European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (EAERE), United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)</p>	SE Room 4, <i>Blue Zone</i>

## Monday, 11 December 2023

Time	Event	Venue
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<b>12:00 – 13:00</b>	<p><b>Transformative leverage and intervention points for climate and biosphere resilience</b></p> <p><u>Leads:</u> Stockholm Resilience Centre, Stockholm University and the Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research WSL</p> <p><u>Partners involved:</u> UN-Habitat</p>	Resilience Hub, <i>Blue Zone</i>
<b>14:45 – 16:00</b>	<p><b>Tackling global climate change with community actions</b></p> <p><u>Leads:</u> Vanke Foundation</p> <p><u>Partners involved:</u> UN-Habitat, European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (EAERE), United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)</p>	China Pavilion, <i>Blue Zone</i>

Map: Ministerial Meeting on Urbanization and Climate Change, and Multilevel Action and Urbanization Pavilion, Blue Zone

