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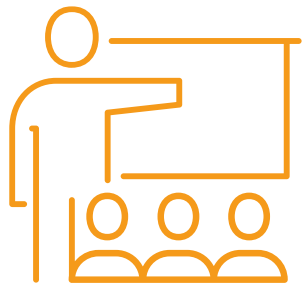
UN-Habitat, the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, was established after the Habitat I conference in Vancouver in 1976.

UN-Habitat is mandated by the UN General Assembly to promote socially and environmentally sustainable cities and towns

Our vision and goals

We advocate for a better urban future for people and the planet.

We promote **transformative change** through:



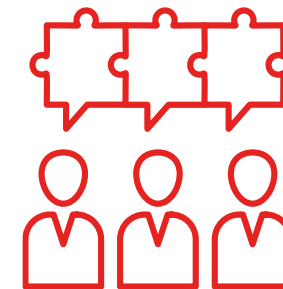
Knowledge



Policy advice

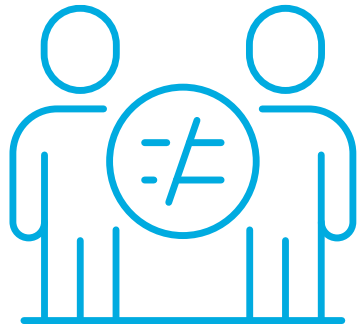


Technical assistance



Projects on the ground

Our challenges



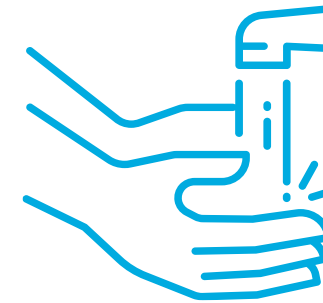
Growing inequality

163 million
newly poor people



Unaffordable housing

1 billion people live in
informal settlements



Lack of basic services

2.4 billion people lack
access to water and
sanitation

Our challenges



Climate change

132 million people can be pushed into poverty



Urban disasters

60% of displacements due to conflicts or disasters are in urban areas

Accelerating local urban action: SDG11



UN-Habitat works to increase awareness about the transformative potential of sustainable urbanization



A unique UN agency that engages with a broad range of stakeholders: national, regional, and local

UN-Habitat works with the public sector, businesses, academia, and civil society



www.urbanagendaplatform.org

World Urban Forum

**WORLD
URBAN
FORUM**



Established by the United Nations in 2021 to address one of the most pressing issues: rapid urbanization

A non-legislative meeting open to diverse stakeholders

Convened by UN-Habitat and co-organized with a host city once in two years

- **WUF12** takes place from **4 to 8 November** in **Cairo, Egypt**
- **WUF13** will take place in **Baku, Azerbaijan**

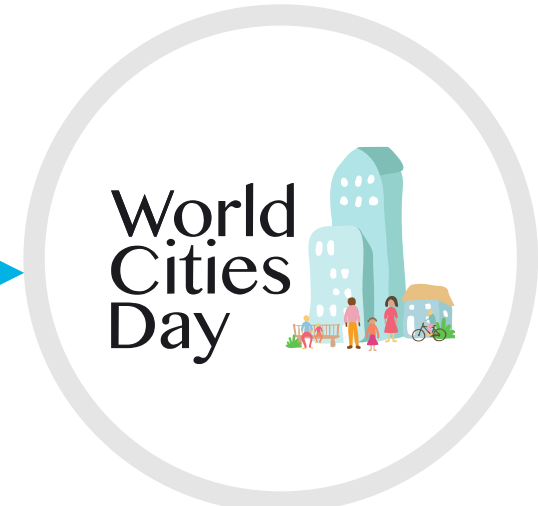
Urban October



31 days to promote sustainable urban development

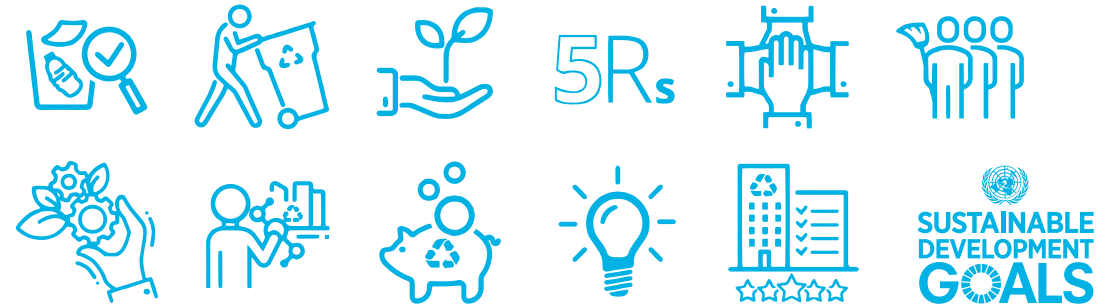


World Habitat Day
first Monday of October, set up to promote the state of human settlements: 7 October 2024
Queretaro, Mexico



World Cities Day
31 October, mandated by the UN to celebrate cities and urban environment

Waste Wise Cities



An initiative to address the increasing global waste management crisis

UN-Habitat invites cities to join this initiative and adopt key principles of solid waste management

30 March –Zero Waste Day

Our newsletter



Urban **impact**

A quarterly newsletter published by UN-Habitat

it includes an overview of our latest urban initiatives, country programmes, and upcoming events: subscribe [here](#)

Upcoming opportunities to engage

31 March 2024



International Zero Waste Day

Location: Global and Nairobi, Kenya

Explain zero waste concepts and highlight initiatives on zero waste in different parts of the world

6 - 8 May 2024



First session of the Executive Board for 2024

Location: Nairobi, Kenya

Presentation of draft work plan for 2025 and presentation and discussion of outline for the Strategic Plan 2026-2029

8 - 17 July 2024



High-level Political Forum

Location: UN headquarters NYC

SDGs, work on multilateralism and housing and how it contributes to eradicating poverty and building sustainable and resilient cities and communities

Upcoming opportunities to engage

22 - 23 September 2024



Summit of the Future

Location: UN headquarters NYC

How can we contribute to eradicating poverty and building sustainable and resilient cities and communities

7 October 2024



World Habitat Day

Location: Queretaro, Mexico

Theme: Engaging youth to create a better urban future

31 October 2024



World Cities Day

Location: TBC

Theme: Youth leading climate and local action for cities

4 - 8 November 2024



World Urban Forum 12

Location: Cairo

Theme: It All Starts at Home: Local Actions for Sustainable Cities and Communities

Upcoming opportunities to engage

11 - 24 November 2024



COP29

Location: Baku, Azerbaijan

Third Ministerial Meeting on
Urbanization and Climate
Change to be held at
COP29

November 2024



**Second session of the
Executive Board**

Location: Kenya, Nairobi

Workplan, budget and
work on the Strategic
Plan 2026-2029



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Thank you !