Agenda Item 8:

Preparations for the twelfth session of the World Urban Forum
WUF12 EB Meeting
6-8 May 2024
When and where

- 4–8 November 2024
- Egypt International Exhibition Centre
- WUF12 website: wuf.unhabitat.org
#WUF12 theme

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

The Background Paper is available
Background paper

All Member States as well as an estimated 2,600 partners were consulted.

First Draft
Shared with the host country, and Member States.

Available online
The Background paper is shared online in the WUF12’s website.

2024
22 Jan
Workshops
A draft was developed via expert group workshops.

02 Feb
Feedback
All feedback received and incorporated into the final version.

21 Feb
UN-Habitat Task force

First session: 19 December 2023
Second Session: 30 January 2024
Third Session: 18 April 2024

It provides guidance on all aspects of the preparatory process.
The final WUF12 logo, co-developed between the host country and UN-Habitat, was completed in January 2024, formally paving way for branding and development of advocacy materials.
Registrations and info sessions

- 1 Feb - 30 Oct.
- Over 3600 registered partners from 151 Countries
- New platform: UN-Habitat GEMS.
- +10 info sessions held.
Partner-led events

Stakeholders are the heart of WUF

Whether citizens, local and national government representatives, academia, private sector, civil society, UN entities, grassroots, international organizations, etc.; all are welcome to apply to host partner-led events.
Applications for partner-led events

• From 20 February to 29 April 2024.

• 1,112 applications received (994-WUF11; 787-WUF10).

• Deadline to apply for Urban cinema is 30 May and for Urban Expo 31 July 2024.

• Outcomes to be communicated from 21 June 2024.
Urban Expo

Deadline for Urban Expo 31 July 2024

A platform for Member States and stakeholders to share knowledge, build capacity, network and explore solutions.

- **NEW**: Urban Expo testing grounds
- **NEW**: Special awards for innovative, engaging, and sustainable proposals.
- **Pre-built stands** – rates coming soon
- **Empty floor space** (raw space) rates coming soon
- **Complimentary stands** – LDCs on first come first serve basis.
Main Sessions

Curated by UN-Habitat and facilitated by thought leaders and high-profile experts. They will include:

1. Housing our future
2. Cities and the climate crisis
3. Stronger together
4. Financing localization and localizing finance
5. Putting people first in a digital era
6. The loss of home

Dialogues
Cairo Declared Actions

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WUF12
The Forum will end with the Cairo Declared Actions

4–8 November

World Social Summit
This process is expected to provide key actions for the 2025 World Social Summit in New York.

11–22 November

COP29
Cairo Declared Actions will contribute to commitments at the COP 29 in Baku.

22–23 September

2025

November

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Regional Mobilization

We leverage Regional Offices on:

- Multi-level urban forums – Example at the regional level:
  - **Africa Urban Forum** – 4-6 September 2024
- Urban October activities
- High-level Political Forum (HLPF)
- 78th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)
- Partner-led advocacy platforms
- Mainstreaming the UN-Habitat guide on leveraging urban forums for Urban Policy uptake, SDG11 and New Urban Agenda Reporting.
WUF12 Legacy

Egypt Urban Campaign + Cairo’s Urban Week

• A collaboration with the host city.
• Curated together with the Government of Egypt and Governorate of Cairo.
• Culmination of activities one week before WUF12.
• A demonstration of SDGs and New Urban Agenda at local level.
Accessibility and inclusivity

Building on WUF11 achievements in Katowice, UN-Habitat and the Arab Republic of Egypt are committed to an accessible and inclusive event.

WUF12 host country has committed to:

- Meeting all **logistical** requirements as per agreement.
- Ensuring **100% universal accessibility**.
- Providing sign language, real-time captioning, and live streaming among others.
See you in Cairo
Thank you!

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