

# Second Global Expert Meeting of the Expert Working Group

International Guidelines on People-Centred Smart Cities

DAY 2

Nairobi, Online | 27 September 2024



# Updated Agenda – EGM Day 2

Time (EAT)	Discussion	Speaker
14:00 - 14:10	<b>Welcome: Quick recap Day 1 and Agenda Day 2</b>	<b>Ms. Roberta Maio</b> , Knowledge and Innovation Branch
14:10-14:30	<b>Consultation Process: Key learnings</b>	<b>Ms. Gesa Ziemer</b> , Academic Lead UNITAC <b>Ms. Milou Jansen</b> , UN-Habitat <b>Ms. Roberta Maio</b> , UN-Habitat
14:30 – 15:00	<b>Q&amp;A and feedback</b>	<b>Ms. Milou Jansen</b> Knowledge and Innovation Branch
15:00 – 16:00	<b>Breakout rooms: Implementation by different actors</b>	<b>Ms. Florencia Serale</b> , <b>Ms. Hazel Kuria</b> , <b>Ms. Milou Jansen</b> , <b>Ms. Roberta Maio</b> , Knowledge and Innovation Branch
16:00 – 16:15	<i>Break</i>	
16:15 – 16:45	<b>Plenary discussion on Key-take aways</b>	<b>Ms. Milou Jansen</b> Knowledge and Innovation Branch
16:45 – 17:00	<b>Next Steps, and Closing remarks</b>	<b>Ms. Roberta Maio</b> , Knowledge and Innovation Branch

# Consultation Process: Key learnings

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## Academic Consultation

Gesa Ziemer, Academic  
Lead UNITAC



## LRG Consultation

Milou Jansen  
UN-Habitat



## UN-Habitat & UN consultation

Roberta Maio  
UN-Habitat

# UNITAC Conference Urban Tech for Equity

International Guidelines on People-Centred Smart Cities

Hamburg, Germany | June 18 to 20 2024



Prof. Dr. Gesa Ziemer  
Academic Lead UNITAC

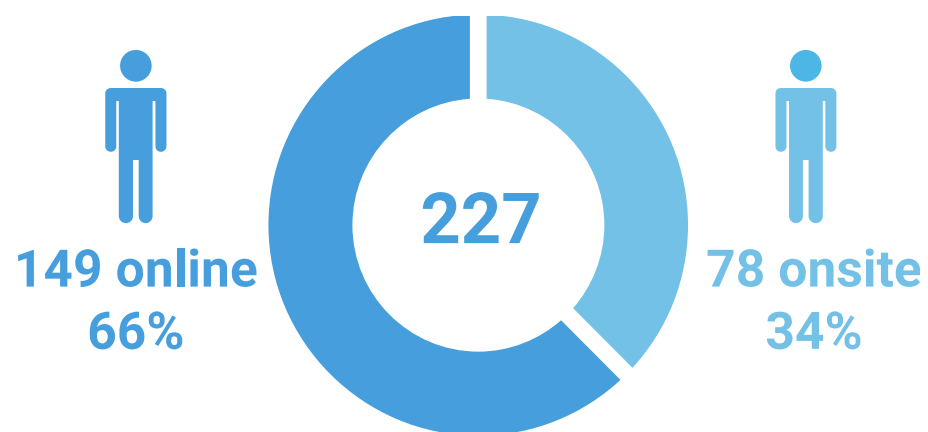
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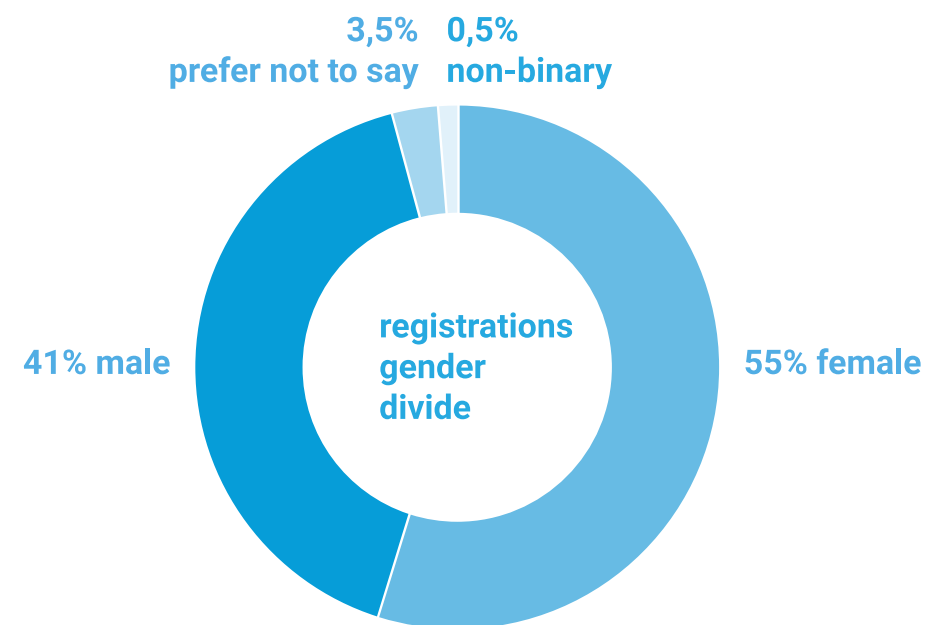


## Conference facts

### Number of participants



### Registrations gender divide





### Nationalities represented

(speakers, panelists, critical friends and contributors)

#### Europe

Germany	●	●	●	
Italian	●			
Netherlands	●			
Sweden	●			
UK	●			

#### Middle East and Africa

Egypt	●			
Kenya	●	●		
Rwanda	●			
South Africa	●	●		

#### Americas

Argentina	●			
Brazil	●	●		
USA	●	●	●	

#### Asia

India	●	●		
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## Question:

How to use Urban Tech for Social Equity?

„Ensure the equal participation and appreciation of people ...“

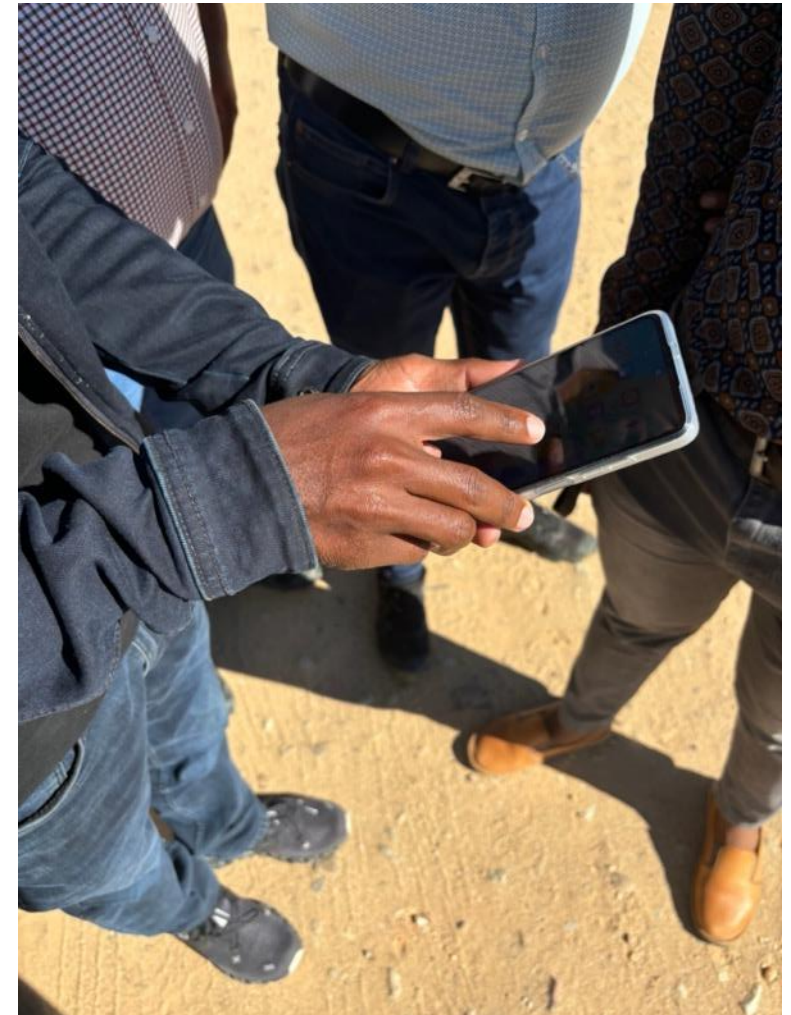
- academic perspective
- best practice
- focus on spatial aspects



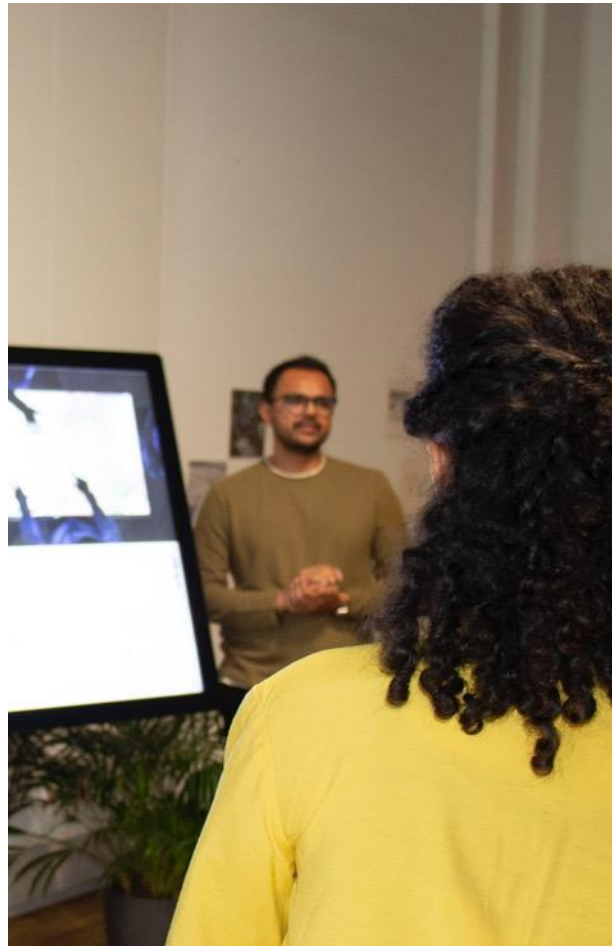


## Main Categories – Structure of the Conference

Collaborating  
Representing  
Implementing  
Maintaining



## Tool presentation



# Keynotes



**Ayona Datta**  
University College London



**Nancy Odendaal**  
University of Cape Town



**David Nemer**  
University of Virginia



## Podium 1: Collaborating



**Panelist**

**Ruth Nelson**

Delft University of Technology



**Panelist**

**Dênis Pacheco**

Gerando Falcões



**Panelist**

**Yael Borofsky**

ETH Zurich



**Moderator**

**Sophie Naue**

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## Podim 1: Key Takeaway

- eye to eye level collaboration instead of participation
- reflecting power balances (listen to people)
- localization (good use cases)
- co-creation



## Podium 2: Representing



**Panelist**  
**Ollie Ballinger**  
University College London



**Panelist**  
**Mailén Garcia**  
DataGénero



**Panelist**  
**Laura Mugeha**  
Code for Africa



**Moderator**  
**Livia Schaeffer Nonose**  
UNITAC



## Podium 2: Key Takeaways

- data equity, missing data
- closing digital gender divide
- open as possible close as necessary



## Podium 3: Implementing



**Panelist**  
**Alexis Gatoni Sebarenzi**  
University of Rwanda



**Panelist**  
**Siddarth Hande**  
Kabadiwalla Connect



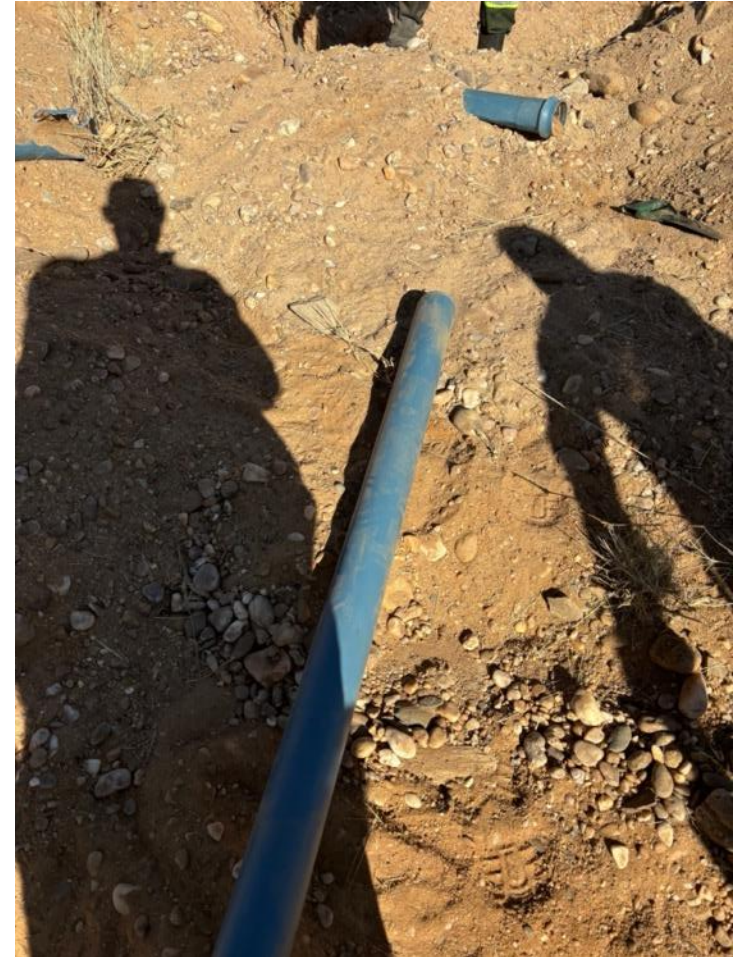
**Panelist**  
**Sage Cammers-Goodwin**  
University of Twente



**Moderator**  
**Michael Hathorn**  
UNITAC

## Podium 3: Key Takeaways

- consider local resources
- gap between aspiration and reality
- context: not everything needs to be digitized
- “smart” not only tech, also policy, social work, education ...



## Podium 4: Maintaining



**Panelist**  
**Anindita Sarkar**  
University of Bonn,  
University of Delhi



**Panelist**  
**Omar Nagati**  
CLUSTER



**Panelist**  
**Dennis Mwaniki**  
UN-Habitat



**Moderator**  
**Lisa Reudenbach**  
UNITAC



## Podium 4: Key Takeaways

- capacity
- less is more: simple tools
- governance (long term applications)
- local partnerships, local structures

## Critical friends and contributors



**Milou Jansen**  
UN-Habitat



**Alexander Jachnow**  
Namibia University of  
Science and Technology



**Pontus Westerberg**  
Teaching Public Service  
in the Digital Age



**Luca Mora**  
Edinburgh Napier  
University



**Hilke Berger**  
HafenCity  
University



## Key Takeaways for the Guidelines

- **empower** people
- building **trust**
- local **ownership**
- foster community **creativity**
- make tech **simple**
- encourage **collective** urban experiences
- data **privacy** protection
- redefine success: **micro** success
- connect **local and national** processes
- **balancing** power: tech for good or for bad (no surveillance)



**Shared responsibility and ownership based on good collaboration that creates trust.**

# LRG Consultation: GDC & IG PCSC



- The guidelines are an important **implementation tool** and can guide LRGs in the GDC's implementation strategies and plans as well as strengthen their position.
- **Digital divide** as main priority, ensuring that all residents, regardless of their socioeconomic status, have equal access to digital tools and services.
- Acknowledging **differences in resources** and capabilities among cities by equitable, technical and financial resource distribution and collaboration
- Across regions, speakers highlighted the need for **inclusive, trustworthy technologies**, that address societal issues.

## Joint Global Communique

# UN-Habitat, UN & IO Consultations



## UN-Habitat

- New principle: Territorial development under Shared Prosperity.
- Add outcomes across principles from smart city development to UN Habitat's Strategic Plan.
- This definition of "people-centred smart city" will be referenced a lot in the future, what is people-centred across all areas?

## International Organisations

### General comments

1. Differentiate between Smart city and digital transformation strategies
2. Align with the Global Digital Compact and international standards

### Stress people centred focus:

1. make sure each thematic areas clearly states "components" to make it people-centred
2. Include gender digital divide

# UN-Habitat, UN & IO Consultations



## Actors:

1. Prioritize local and regional governments
2. Suggested to ensure a network of cities is created

## Tailored actions/duties:

1. Prioritize across duties based on specific contextual challenges

## Thematic aspects

1. Need to include trade components and e-waste
2. Need to provide guidance on comprehensive index
3. Differentiate between the environmental sustainability and the climate change
4. Detail how cities can respond to climate related challenges
5. Add shocks due to conflicts
6. emphasize the concept of data spaces
7. Shared prosperity is a bit general
8. defining the role of SMEs in the implementation of the guidelines and the development of smart cities

## Implementation:

1. an implementation tool shall be developed and operationalized
2. handing over the guidelines to cities may be overwhelming
3. Proposed a layering approach that would suggest the basic minimums and what each actor can do to contribute

# Upcoming Consultations



## Online Consultation

- Open Consultation Online: 7 October 2024 to 8 November 2024

## Regional Consultations

- 5 Regional Consultations 18 to 28 November (online)
- 2 additional in-person meetings: 15 & 16 January and 11-12 February

## Stakeholder Consultations:

- Private Sector Consultation: 1 & 2 October



# Break-out Rooms



<b>Room 1: Digital infrastructure, city- services &amp; Governance</b>	<b>Room 2: Community Engagement, Participation and Capacity</b>	<b>Room 3: Digital Inclusion, Equity &amp; digital human rights</b>	<b>Room 4: Environmental Sustainability &amp; Economic Development</b>
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BREAK**

**Break-out Rooms: switch topic?**

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- **How will the current duties work for the different actors? How can they be prioritized?**
- **Which challenges do you foresee in the implementation of the duties associated with the principle?**
- **How will duties be translated into “actions”? Do we need a separate document for this?**



# Break-out Rooms

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## Room 1

### Digital Governance, Infrastructure & City Services

Moderator: Florencia Serale

## Room 2

### Community Participation & Digital Literacy

Moderator: Hazel Kuria

## Room 3

### Inclusion, Equity and Human Rights

Speaker: Samantha Evans, G3ict Director of IAAP Certifications

## Room 4

### Environmental Sustainability & Shared Prosperity

Speaker: Brigitte Bariol, General Delegate French network of urban planning



# **Plenary Summary of break-out room discussions**

**Key Recommendations on implementation**



# What's next?



## Consultation process:

- **Concluding Consultations:** regional consultations, private sector consultation, online consultation
- **Finalizing the WSCO** and integrating the results

## Drafting process:

- Draft for **online consultation** – 7 October to 8 November
- Final version - hard deadline: 20th of February

## EWG Meeting in person:

- **EGM 3: 22-23 January in Baku, Azerbaijan**

## Events:

- **WUF12 and SCEWC**

# Closing Remarks

# Thank you!

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