



Regional Consultation Asia-Pacific and Oceania: International Guidelines on People-Centered Smart Cities

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International Guidelines

Following the Resolution [HSP/HA.2/Res.1](#) adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly on 9 June 2023, UN-Habitat has been mandated by 193 Member-States to develop the **International Guidelines on People-Centred Smart Cities**, a framework for developing national and local smart city regulations, plans and strategies to ensure that digital urban infrastructure and data contribute to **making cities and communities sustainable, inclusive, prosperous and respectful of human rights**.

The International Guidelines on People-Centred Smart Cities aim to provide a novel normative foundation and global approach to **support national, regional and local governments in ensuring urban digital transformation focuses on people, fosters community engagement and participation, promotes sustainability, and supports inclusive growth**. Through the Guidelines, the aim is to shift from technology-driven to people-centered smart city development towards promoting cities and human settlements that are inclusive, sustainable, prosperous and respectful of human rights.

To ensure that the International Guidelines are developed through an **inclusive consultative process**, UN-Habitat organizes regional, thematic and stakeholder consultations. Regional consultations provide **Nominated Global and Regional Experts** across all 5 regions the opportunity to directly share experiences, priorities and feedback, to ensure that the Guidelines will match regional needs and contexts and. Experts will read the draft of the guidelines beforehand and engage in an enriching online discussion, focused on how to **practically localize the guidelines**.

Objectives

- Consider regional priorities in the drafting process of the Guidelines.
- Validate figures and data from the world smart cities outlook research.
- Collect recommendations for localization of the Guidelines across readiness levels.

Participants

- Regional Experts in the Asia-Pacific nominated by Member States
- United Nations Economic Commissions in the regions (ESCAP, ESCWA)
- Regional Office and Country Office of UN-Habitat
- Representatives of the Global Expert Working Group in the Asia-Pacific Region
- Hybrid participation by The Mayors Academy, as facilitated by ESCAP

Guiding Questions:

- What do you perceive as the most critical aspects of the guidelines for your region?
- How could the guidelines best facilitate collaboration across actors in your region?
- What are the biggest challenges and opportunities to implement the guidelines in your region?

Draft Agenda

Time	Discussion	Speaker
10:00 -10:05	Welcome	Ms. Aline Matta , Head of UNITAC, Senior Programme Management Officer
10:05 -10:15	<p>Opening remarks from ESCAP and ESCWA</p> <p><i>Economic Commissions highlight regional guidelines, priorities and challenges</i></p>	<p>Mr. Curt Carrigan, Chief, Sustainable Urban Development Section on behalf of ESCAP</p> <p>Ms. Sukaina Abdul Ilah Al-Nasrawi Lead of Sustainable Urban Development Portfolio Gender Justice, Population and Inclusive Development, ESCWA</p>
10:15 -10:25	<p>Introduction and presentation of progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The development process of the International Guidelines on People-Centred Smart Cities • Presentation of the World Smart Cities Outlook • Overview of the International Guidelines on People-Centered Smart Cities 	Ms. Roberta Maio , Digital and Inclusion Officer, UN-Habitat
10:25 - 11:25	<p>Break-Out Rooms: Localizing the Guidelines in Practice</p> <p>Mentimeter Link Offline Room (ESCAP): https://www.menti.com/alspv37irfbg</p> <p>Mentimeter Link Online Room (UN-HABITAT): https://www.menti.com/alisqck2z3yo</p>	<p>- Online Participation moderated by UN-Habitat, Innovation Unit</p> <p>- Hybrid participation by The Mayors Academy, as facilitated by ESCAP</p>
11:25 - 11:55	Summary of outcomes in break-out rooms and final round of recommendations	Plenary discussion
11:55 - 12:00	Closing remarks and Next Steps	Ms. Aline Matta , Head of UNITAC, Senior Programme Management Officer