



Online regional media briefing for the thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum

Nairobi, 29 January 2026 – The United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) will host an online regional media briefing to engage journalists and correspondents from the Arab States and inform them about the thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum (WUF13).

The world’s premier global conference on sustainable urbanization, WUF13, will take place in Baku, Azerbaijan, from 17 to 22 May 2026 at the Baku Olympic Stadium under the theme “Housing the world: Safe and resilient cities and communities.”

This briefing will provide an overview of the Forum’s programme, highlight urban priorities in the Arab region, outline opportunities for media engagement, and feature updates on the Forum’s preparations, along with reflections from Egypt, the host of WUF12.

WHAT: WUF13 online regional media briefing for the Arab region

WHEN: 15:00 – 16:00 Cairo time, 12 February 2026

WHERE: Registration for the Zoom webinar

https://un-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vaxAU8vwRQOzqL4YhovLeg

SPEAKERS:

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- Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan to Egypt/Representative from the Government of Azerbaijan (TBC)
- Representative from the Government of Egypt (TBC)
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