



Online regional media briefing (Asia-Pacific) for the thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum

Nairobi and Bangkok, 10 February 2026 – The United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) will host an online regional media briefing to engage journalists and correspondents from Asia-Pacific on the preparations for the thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum (WUF13), to be held in Baku, Azerbaijan, from 17 to 22 May 2026 under the theme “Housing the world: Safe and resilient cities and communities.”

This briefing will provide an overview of the Forum’s programme, highlight its relevance to urban priorities in the Asia-Pacific region, and outline opportunities for media engagement and coverage. Participants will also receive updates on Azerbaijan’s preparations as host country.

WHAT: WUF13 online regional media briefing for the Asia Pacific region

WHEN: 15:00–16:00 (Bangkok time), 19 February 2026

WHERE: Online Zoom webinar

https://un-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_j_xzbHEtRJCGMegz7Q7ziA

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