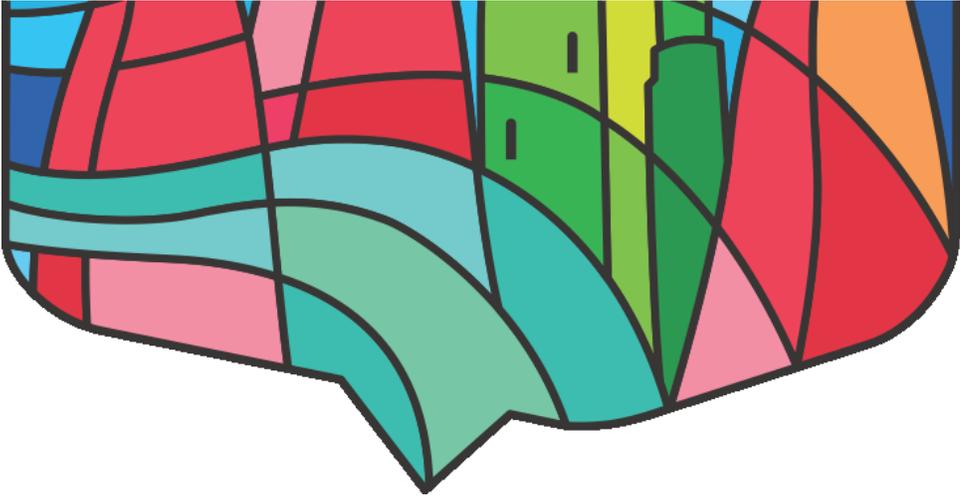


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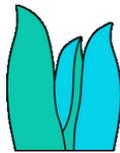
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# Status of preparations for WUF13



**1.**

Preparations



**2.**

NUA at WUF13



**3.**

Programming



**4.**

Engagements



**5.**

Outcomes



# Thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum (WUF13)

When?

**17 - 22 May 2026**

Where?

**Baku Olympic Stadium**

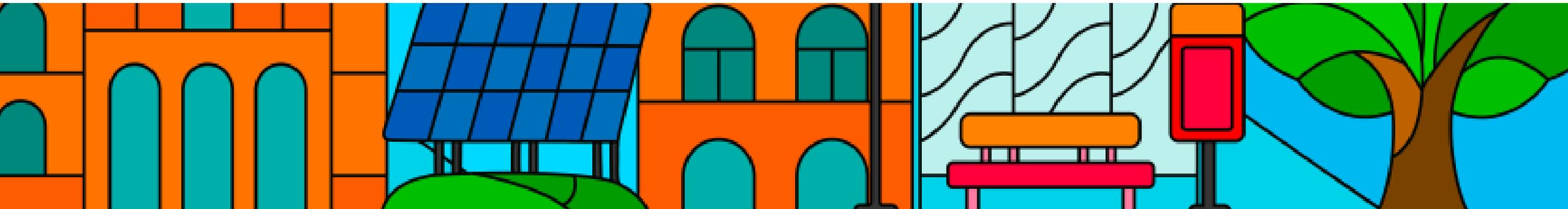
**Azerbaijan**

What?

**Housing the world: Safe and resilient cities  
and communities**

# WUF13 preparations

- Regular **coordination meetings** continue with the Host Country through the WUF13 Task Force and Operational Technical Team.
- **Operational preparations** advancing including venue planning and coordination with the WUF13 Operating Company.
- Over **14,000 participants from 169 countries** have already registered.
- **Programme development** ongoing with the curation of dialogue sessions, special sessions, roundtables, stakeholder assemblies and the Ministerial Meeting on the New Urban Agenda.
- **A high-level Programme at a Glance** has been published outlining the schedule of WUF13 sessions.
- The call for **Partner-Led Events** closed with over 1,400 applications from stakeholders around the world.
- 89 applications for **WUF13 urban expo** from 41 countries.
- Global **advocacy and stakeholder engagement** activities ongoing, including diplomatic briefings, regional mobilization events and stakeholder consultations.



# New Urban Agenda at WUF13

WUF13 is being positioned as a pivotal platform for advancing the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, as it coincides with the midterm point of the Agenda's implementation period.

Time	Session
Opening segment	
09:00-09:45	High-level opening segment - Government of Azerbaijan; UN-Habitat Executive Director; EOSG Representative
National Statements	
10:00-12:00	Three simultaneous High-Level Roundtables
12:00-13:30	Lunch Break
Substantive segment	
13:30-14:30	Panel 1 - Housing for social inclusion and ending poverty
14:30-15:30	Panel 2 – Housing for urban prosperity and opportunities for all
15:30-16:30	Panel 3 – Housing for environmentally sustainable and resilient urban development
16:30-16:45	Break
Closing Segment	
16:45-17:30	Closing Segment – roundtables overview and summary of key issues raised in national statements

An informal preparatory meeting towards of the UN General Assembly mandated High Level mid-term review of the New Urban Agenda to held in New York ----> Co-chairs summary

# WUF13 Dialogues

Dialogue 1

The Global Housing Crisis:  
What is the Plan?

Dialogue 2

Transforming Informal  
Settlements and Slums

Dialogue 3

Housing at the Centre of Crisis  
Recovery and Reconstruction

Dialogue 4

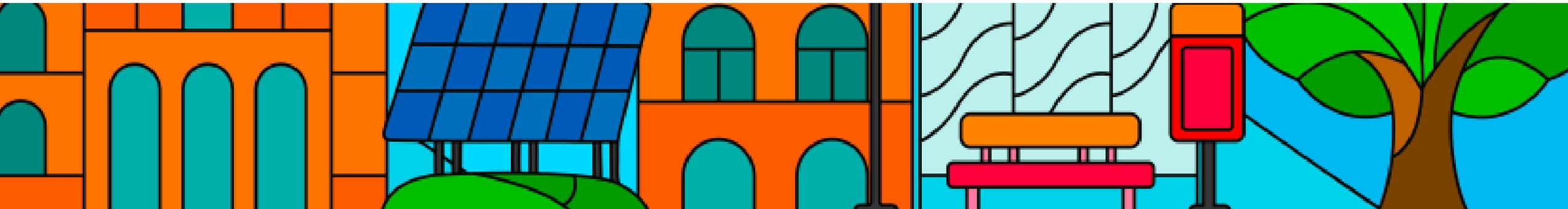
The Climate-Housing Nexus

Dialogue 5

The Social and Economic  
Power of Housing

Dialogue 6

A New Deal for Housing  
Finance



# WUF13 Special Sessions

WUF13 will include a series of Special Sessions that are co-curated by UN-Habitat and a range of stakeholders offering a dynamic platform for exploring pressing urban development themes

**Inclusive urban resilience,  
blue economy and  
sustainable tourism in SIDS**  
*#islandresilience*

**Advancing waste  
management towards  
circular economy**  
*#circulareconomy*

**Africa affordable housing  
compact – deal room  
investor Special Session**  
*#housingcompact*

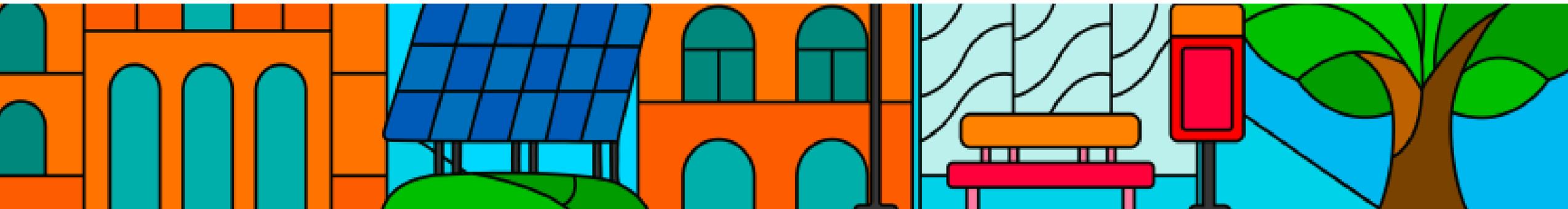
**Stories from the frontline:  
advancing the urban  
climate legacy**  
*#resilientcities*

**Housing at the centre of  
global coalitions**  
*#housingaction*

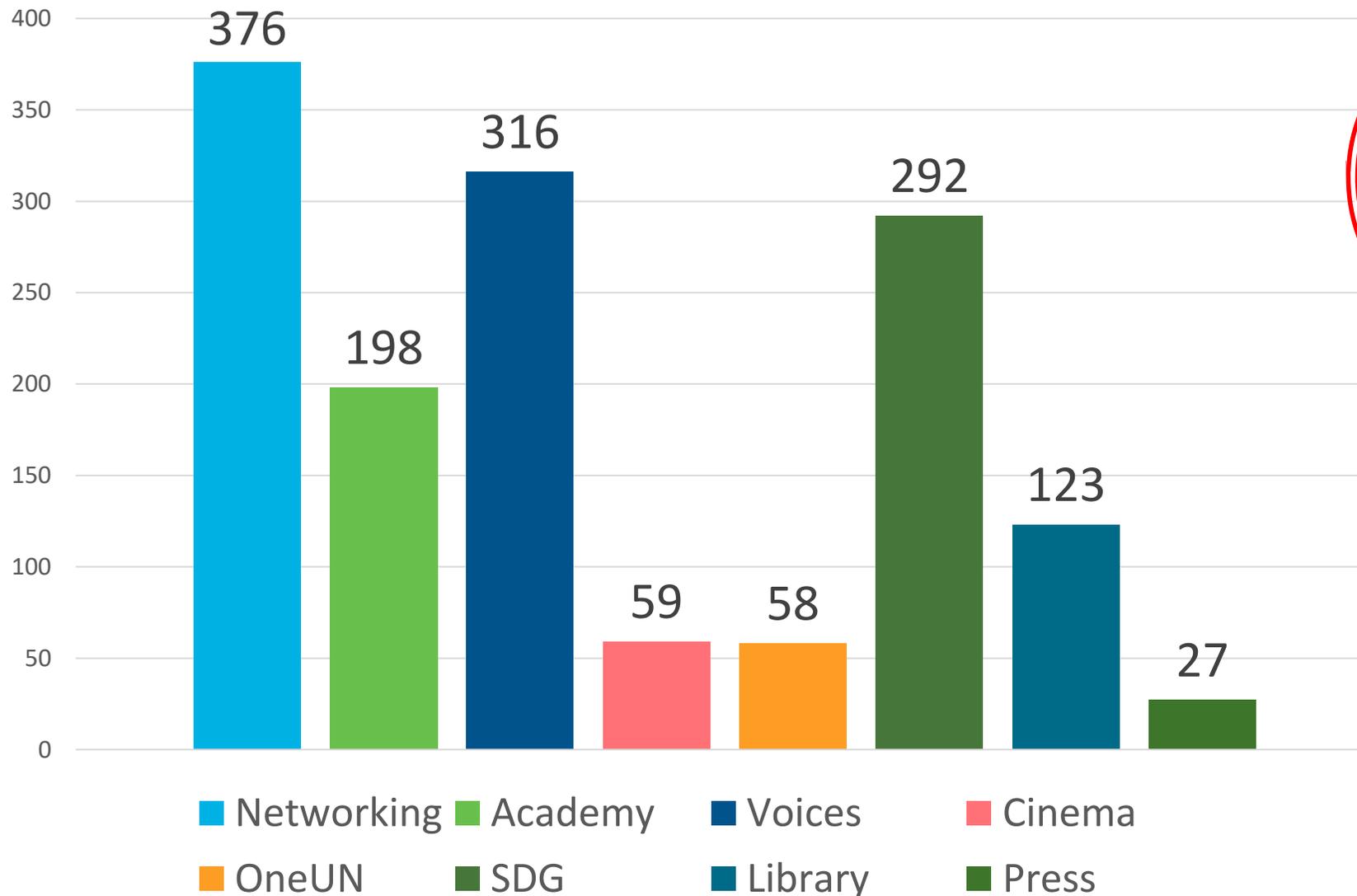
**Pulse of healthy homes**  
*#housingforhealth*

**Cities as playing fields**  
*#sportinthecity*

**Rethinking cultural heritage  
and inclusive urban  
regeneration**  
*#inclusiveheritage*



# Partner led events- applications



**1,449**  
Events across  
all categories

# Stakeholder Engagement and Mobilization

**Global stakeholder engagement process for WUF13**



**5 Assemblies & 11 Roundtables for stakeholders and self-organized groups**

**UN System Coordination and Engagement**

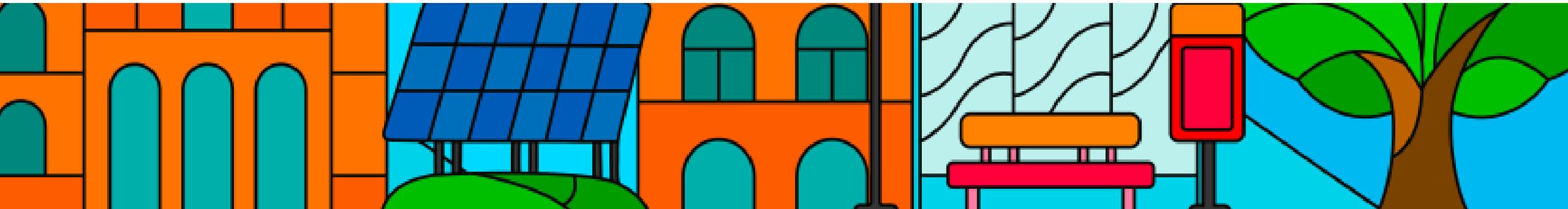


**One UN Roundtable and 'One UN' Track PLE events**

**National mobilization (Azerbaijan Urban Campaign)**



**Baku Urban Week and City events during WUF13**



# Transforming Conversations for Action

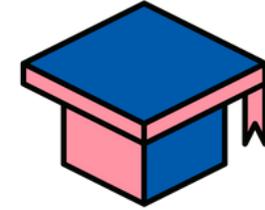
WUF13 places a strong emphasis on strengthening implementation capacities and translating dialogue into action

## WUF Practices Hub

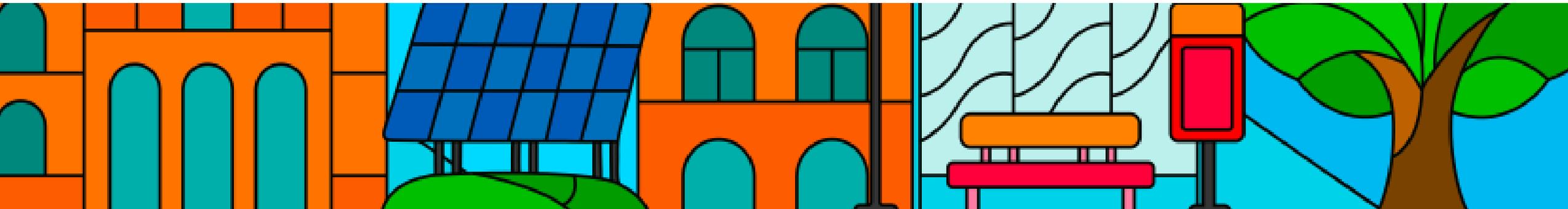


The WUF Practices Hub will be a new, dedicated space to showcase tested and scalable housing solutions from governments, communities and partners worldwide. By spotlighting real-world impact and fostering collaboration, the WUF Practices Hub will position WUF13 as a platform for actionable knowledge, innovation and partnerships to address the global housing crisis.

## WUF Academy



The WUF13 Academy will place transformative capacities at the centre of collective action, offering a structured learning journey through trainings, workshops, the Academy Campus, professional and academic roundtables. It aims to bridge global capacity gaps on housing and urban sustainability, ensuring that lessons from WUF13 extend well beyond the Forum and feed into UN-Habitat's long-term capacity development strategy.

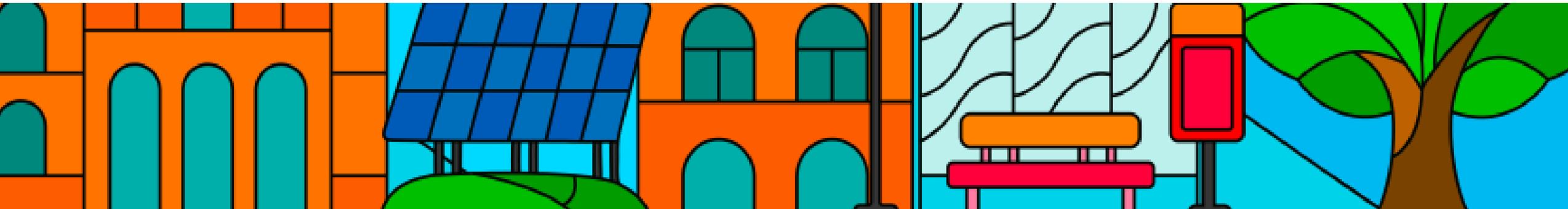


# Capturing the Essence of WUF13 and Sustaining Engagements



## Baku Call to Action

WUF13 will issue the Baku Call to Action, an action-oriented declaration on the urgency of the global housing crisis. Consultations with stakeholders ahead of the Forum will ensure inclusivity, broad ownership and alignment with real needs. The Call will guide actions and policy directions at local, national and global levels.





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