

#WUF13

Thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum

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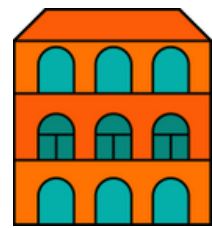


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About the World Urban Forum

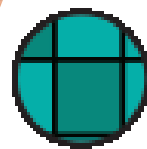
- Established by the UN General Assembly in 2001 as a non-legislative technical platform (A/RES/56/206).
- An advocacy platform for all stakeholders in the fields of human settlements and sustainable urbanization (A/RES/72/226).
- A platforms to support the reporting on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda (A/RES/71/256*).



Premier conference on sustainable urbanization

- The twelfth session of the World Urban Forum (WUF12) has gathered **more than 25,000 participants from 182 countries** and culminated in the Cairo Call to Action.
- Participants include national, regional and local government representatives, civil society organizations, grass-roots communities, the private sector, international organizations and academia.
- A key platform for dialogue and partnerships with stakeholders around the priorities of the UN-Habitat's Strategic Plan 2026-2029.





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When?

17 - 22 May 2026

Where?

Baku Olympic Stadium

Azerbaijan

What?

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

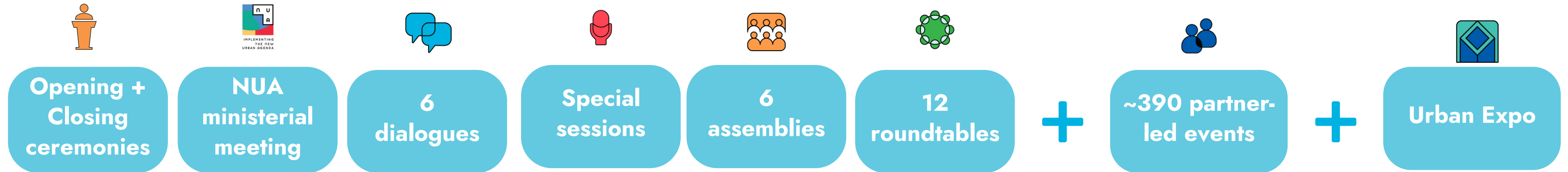
WUF13 preparations

- Over **21,000 participants from 175 countries** have already registered. 48% - international participants
- The call for **Partner-Led Events** closed with almost 1,500 applications from stakeholders around the world. 390 applications were approved and confirmed.
- 144 applications for **WUF13 urban expo** from 63 countries.
- **230 speakers** confirmed



WUF13 programme

The WUF13 programme published online

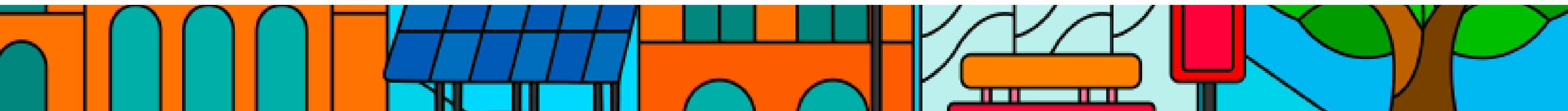


Main sessions

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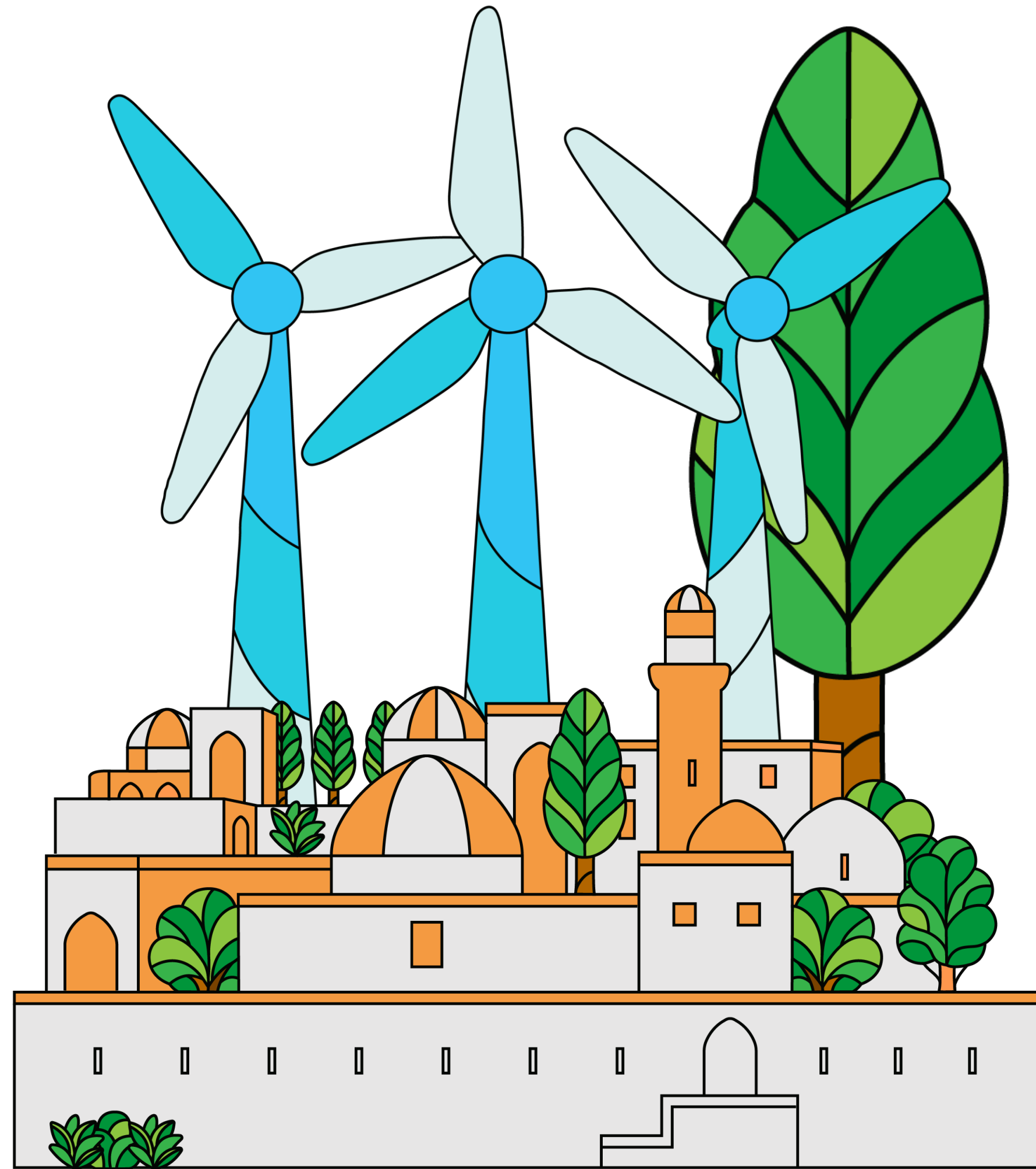
- Networking
- One UN
- SDGs in action
- Urban cinema
- Urban library
- Voices from cities

- WUF Practices Hub
- WUF Academy Campus
- Business Innovation Hub



High-level political engagement

- First-ever segment for **Leaders' Statements** will bring together Heads of State and world leaders to reflect on housing.
- Presentation of perspectives on **opportunities and challenges**.
- Amplified **political commitment** and momentum around addressing the global housing crisis.



Ministerial Meeting: New Urban Agenda

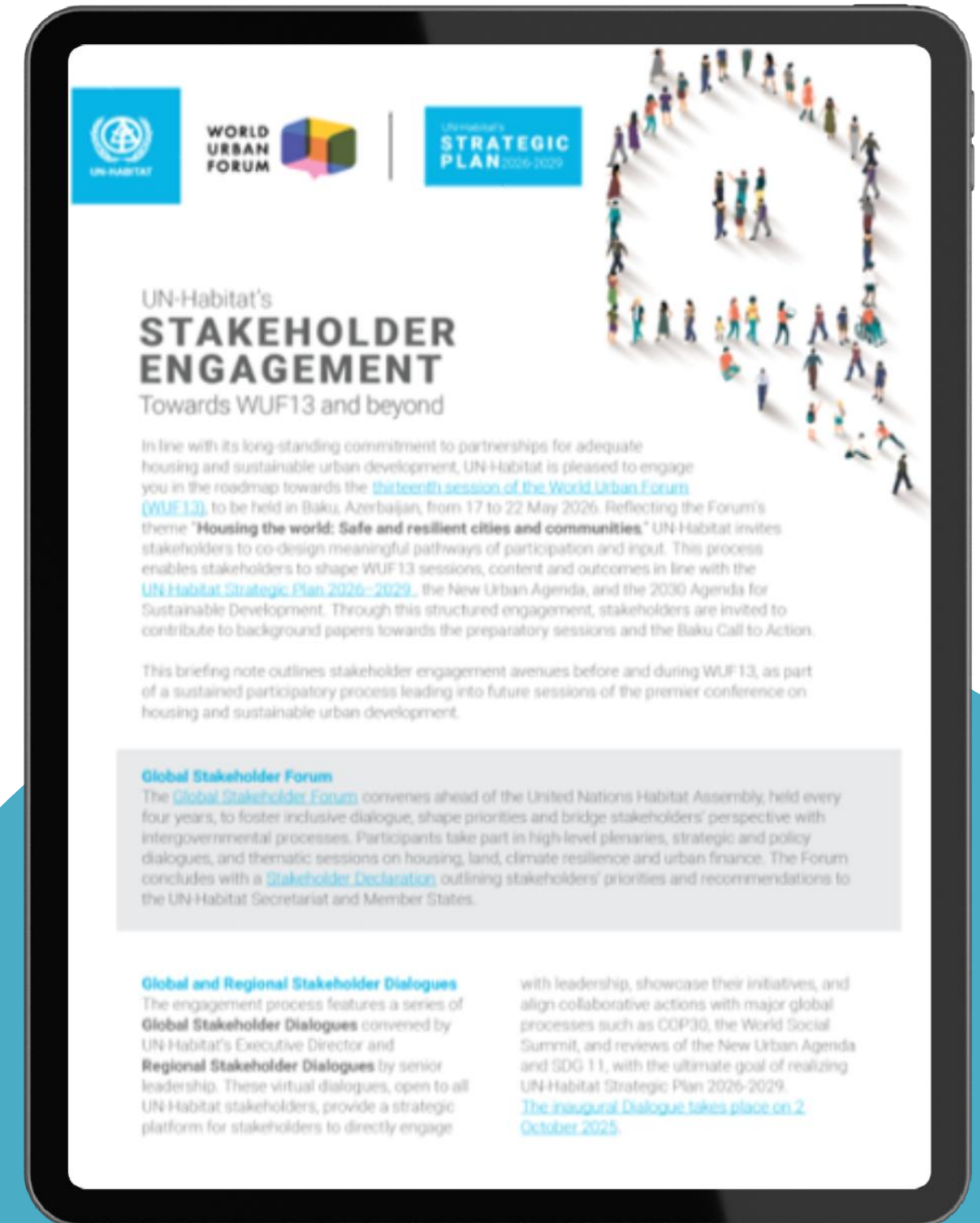
- Positions WUF13 as a **key platform to advance implementation of the New Urban Agenda at its midpoint.**
- Convenes ministers on 17 May to **reflect on progress and define priorities** for the second half of implementation.
- Combines **national statements** (morning) and **thematic high-level discussions** (afternoon) to guide policy directions.
- Outcome: **Chair's Summary**

NEW URBAN AGENDA



Stakeholder engagement and communication

- A **global stakeholder engagement process for WUF13** to ensure inclusive dialogue and mobilization well before the Forum.
- Over **2,500 stakeholders** engaged through targeted consultations and dialogues (25 sessions)
- The **Azerbaijan Urban Campaign (AUC2026)** aims to raise national visibility of WUF13 and engage stakeholders across sectors.



UN System engagement

- Includes a **One UN roundtable** with UN entities, Resident Coordinators, MDBs and governments.
- A dedicated **One UN partner-led events track** enabling joint programming and integrated approaches
- Strengthens UN system-wide coherence in **strategies, policies and programming**, particularly at country level.



Strive for lasting impact

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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