



Regional media briefing (Africa) for the thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum (WUF13) (UPDATED: Time change)

Nairobi, 7 April 2026 – The United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) will host a hybrid regional media briefing for African media as part of 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.”

The briefing will bring together African media to present WUF13 priorities, programme and the continent’s role in shaping global urban and housing discourse. It will highlight the implications of rapid urbanization across Africa, including challenges related to housing, infrastructure, basic services and climate resilience, while outlining opportunities for media engagement and participation in WUF13.

The session will also connect Africa’s preparations for the second Africa Urban Forum (AUF2), to be held in Nairobi from 8 to 10 April 2026, with discussions at WUF13.

Media participants may attend in person in Nairobi or join online.

WHAT: WUF13 regional media briefing for Africa

WHEN: 17:30–18:30 (Nairobi time), 9 April 2026

WHERE: Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC) and online

ACCESS: Media joining online must register through [this link](#). Media attending in person may register at the venue upon presentation of valid credentials and identification (ID or passport). Media attending in person should confirm participation via emmanuel.makaka@un.org and mary.muriithi@un.org.

SPEAKERS:

- **Anacláudia Rossbach**, Executive Director, UN-Habitat
- **Anar Guliyev**, Chairman of the State Committee for Urban Planning and Architecture of the Republic of Azerbaijan and National Coordinator of WUF13 (TBC)
- **Oumar Sylla**, Regional Director, UN-Habitat Regional office for Africa
- Representative of the African Union Commission (TBC)