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UN-Habitat engages Latin American and Caribbean media ahead of the thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum (WUF13) in Baku

Nairobi and Bogotá, 13 April 2026 — Journalists from across Latin America and the Caribbean joined UN-Habitat for an online regional media briefing to receive updates on 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 session, organized by the UN-Habitat Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean (ROLAC), forms part of a global series of media engagements designed to promote early media engagement, strengthen global visibility, and ensure coherent messaging across regions in the lead-up to WUF13.

The briefing provided regional media with an overview of WUF13 priorities and programme, while highlighting the relevance of the Forum to urban challenges in Latin America and the Caribbean, including housing, inequality, climate resilience, and sustainable urban development. It also presented opportunities for regional stakeholders to engage with the Forum and contribute to global urban dialogues.

Speakers from UN-Habitat’s regional and country offices shared updates on preparations for WUF13 and emphasized the importance of strengthening media engagement to amplify regional perspectives.

Latin America and the Caribbean in the global urban conversation

The Latin American and Caribbean region represents one of the most urbanized regions in the world, where cities play a central role in addressing challenges related to housing, inequality, climate resilience, and sustainable urban development.

At the same time, the region continues to contribute important perspectives and innovations that shape international urban policy discussions. The briefing highlighted the role of regional experiences in informing global approaches to sustainable urbanization and reinforcing the region’s engagement in international urban processes.

Connecting regional perspectives to global action

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Taking place at the midpoint of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, WUF13 will serve as a global platform for dialogue on sustainable urbanization. The Forum will bring together governments, local authorities, practitioners, and stakeholders to exchange knowledge, share solutions, and strengthen partnerships.

WUF13 will feature a range of events, including dialogues, assemblies, and partner-led sessions, addressing key issues such as housing, informal settlements, climate resilience, and sustainable urban development.

The Forum will conclude with the Baku Call to Action, an outcome document aimed at advancing global efforts toward adequate housing and sustainable urban development.

About the World Urban Forum

Established in 2001 by the United Nations, the World Urban Forum is the premier global conference on sustainable urbanization, designed to examine the impacts of rapid urbanization on cities, communities, economies, and climate change. Since its inception, WUF has been hosted in cities across the world, with the first session held in Nairobi, Kenya, in 2002.

About UN-Habitat

UN-Habitat is the United Nations entity responsible for sustainable urbanization. It has programmes in over 90 countries supporting policymakers and communities to create socially and environmentally sustainable cities and towns. UN-Habitat promotes transformative change in cities through knowledge, policy advice, technical assistance, and collaborative action. To know more, visit unhabitat.org or follow us on social media @UNHABITAT.

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