



Official Closing Press Conference for the thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum (WUF13)

Baku, 21 May 2026 – The official closing press conference of the thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum (WUF13) will reflect on the Forum’s main outcomes, messages and commitments following a week of global dialogue on housing and sustainable urbanization.

Convened by UN-Habitat and co-organized with the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan under the theme “Housing the world: Safe and resilient cities and communities,” WUF13 has brought together over 43,500 participants from over 176 countries from governments, local authorities, international organizations, businesses, academia and civil society.

The press conference is expected to highlight key discussions and initiatives emerging from the Forum, including housing, climate resilience, urban finance, local governance and implementation of the New Urban Agenda, as well as the adoption of the Baku Call to Action.

WHAT: Official Closing Press Conference of the thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum (WUF13)

WHEN: Friday, 22 May 2026, 13:00–14:00 (GMT+4)

WHERE: Press conference room, Media Hub, Baku Olympic Stadium, Baku, Azerbaijan, and online on UN Web TV

WHO: UN-Habitat and the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Moderator:

- **Katerina Bezgachina**, Chief of Communications, UN-Habitat

Speakers:

- **Anar Guliyev**, Chairman of the State Committee for Urban Planning and Architecture of the Republic of Azerbaijan and WUF13 National Coordinator
- **Amina J. Mohammed**, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations (TBC)
- **Anacláudia Rossbach**, Executive Director, UN-Habitat
- **Maria Victoria Romero Caballero**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mexico in Azerbaijan

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