



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

**Baku, 17 May 2026** – Please note that the time and speaker lineup for the official opening press conference of the thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum (WUF13) have been updated. The press conference will now take place from 09:00 to 09:30 (GMT+4) on Monday, 18 May 2026.

The United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), together with the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan, will host the official opening press conference for WUF13, taking place in Baku, Azerbaijan, from 17 to 22 May 2026 under the theme “Housing the world: Safe and resilient cities and communities.”

The press conference will provide an overview of the Forum’s priorities, programme and expected outcomes. WUF13 is expected to bring together more than 41,000 participants from over 180 countries, including heads of state and government, ministers, mayors, business leaders, academics and civil society representatives.

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

**WHEN:** 09:00–0:30 (GMT+4), Monday, 18 May 2026

**WHERE:** 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:

- **Nadira Tudor** (Euronews)

### 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 WUF13 National Coordinator

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