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31 Days of
promoting a Better
Urban Future



World Habitat Day
first Monday of
October, set up to
promote the state of
human settlements.



World Cities Day 31
October, mandated by
the UN to celebrate
cities and urban
environment.

[World Habitat Day](#) established in 1985 through resolution [A/RES/40/202](#) is observed to reflect on the state of towns and cities, and on the basic right of all to adequate shelter.

[UN-Habitat Scroll of Honour Award](#)

The Award, launched in 1989, recognizes individuals and institutions that have made outstanding contributions to urban development.



On **5 October 2026**, the Global Observance of World Habitat Day with the presentation of the UN-Habitat Scroll of Honour Award, will be held in **Muscat, Sultanate of Oman**, under the theme **Adequate Housing for All**.

[World Cities Day \(WCD\)](#) established in 2013 through resolution [A/RES/68/239](#) invites Member States, the United Nations system and all Stakeholders to observe and raise awareness of the day.

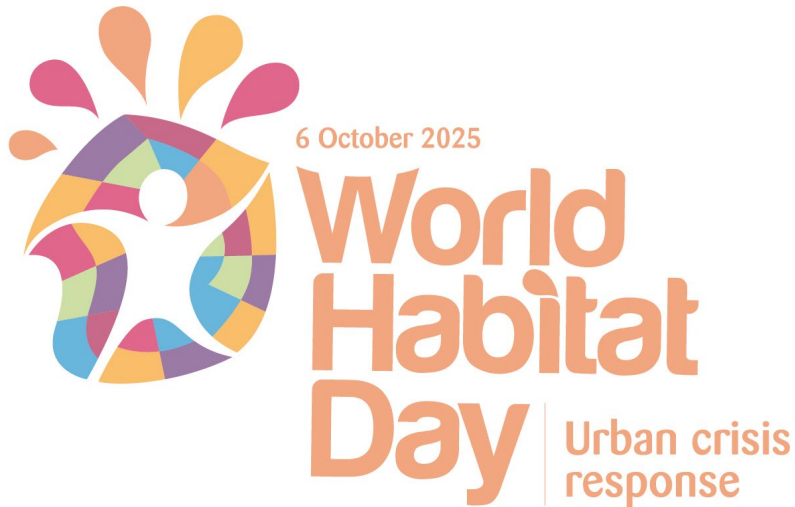
The general theme of World Cities Day is *Better City, Better Life*, while each year a different sub-theme is selected.

On 31 October, the Global Observance of World Cities Day will be held in Fuzhou, China, at the Fuzhou Strait International Conference and Exhibition Center, located in Fuzhou, China with the theme: **Regenerating the City: Adequate Housing for All**





[Register via GEMS](#) and join us either in-person or online via UN Web TV streaming.



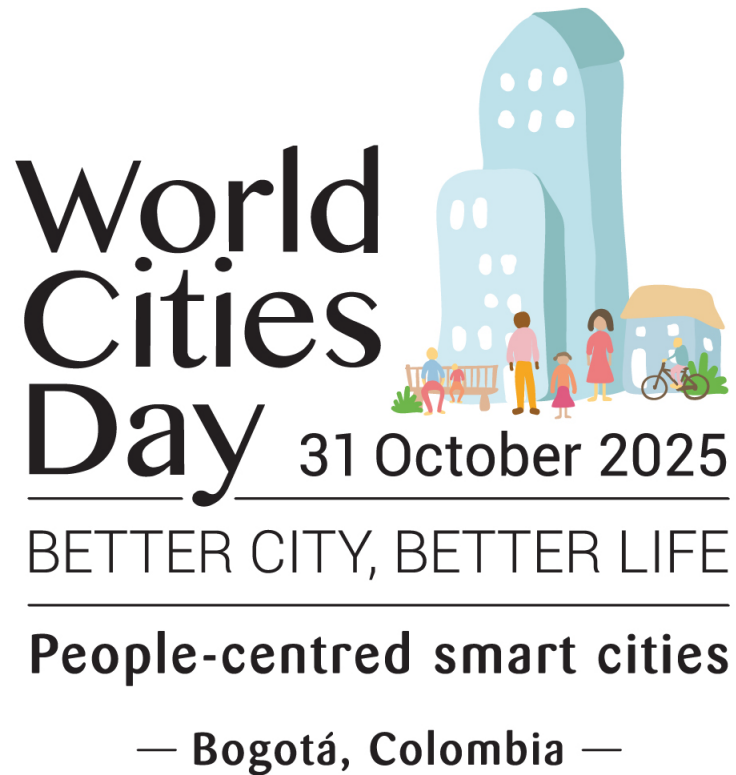
The Global Observance of World Habitat Day 2025 was held at the [UN-Habitat Headquarters](#), United Nations Office at Nairobi (UNON), Kenya.

GLOBAL PARTICIPATION

138 In-person attendees
48 Countries represented

DIGITAL REACH

1,266 UN Web TV views
500,000+ People reached globally using WHD content with more than 2000 social media interactions.



The Global Observance of World Cities Day 2025 was held in **Bogotá, Colombia.**

GLOBAL PARTICIPATION

2800 in-person attendings

82 Countries represented

DIGITAL REACH

UN Web TV Live-Stream **Views +10,000.**

Social Media performance using the hashtags #worldcitiesday, #WCD2025, and #DiaMundialDeLasCiudades reached **37 million people globally**



Every October, individuals and organizations dedicated to sustainable urban development are invited to organize or join events, activities, and dialogues.

During Urban October 2025, **579 events** were held across **242 cities and 58 countries**. Please read more on regional participation in the [October 2025 Report](#).

For more information and how to **submit** your 2026 Urban October event, please visit the [website](#).

These international United Nations Days, convened by UN-Habitat and the host, offer a **unique opportunity** to put urbanization, housing and sustainable development issues on the world agenda.

Countries and Cities are invited to submit their [Expression of Interest](#) to host the Global Observances in 2027 by the deadline of 30 November 2026.

The theme of the World Habitat Day in 2027 will focus on **A billion lives: transforming informal settlements and slums**.

The theme of World Cities Day in 2027 will focus on **Financing Adequate Housing and Informal Settlements: Prospects and Pathways**.

Thank you!

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