

World
Cities
Day

31 October 2026

BETTER CITY, BETTER LIFE

Regenerating the City:
Adequate Housing for All

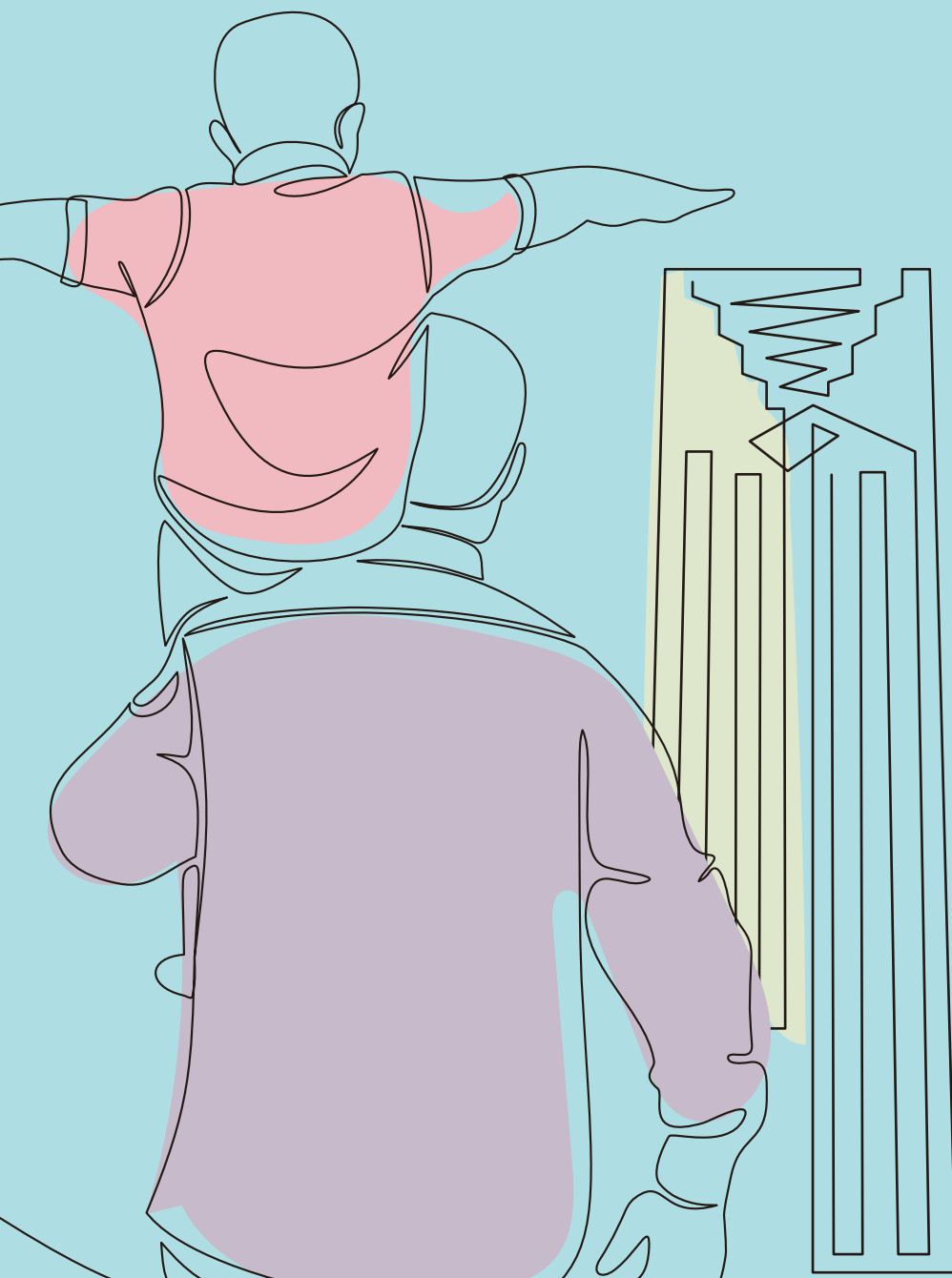
— Fuzhou, China —

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Fuzhou Strait International
Conference and Exhibition Center
Fuzhou, China

PROGRAMME

Global Observance of World Cities Day 2026



GLOBAL OBSERVANCE OF WORLD CITIES DAY 2026

REGENERATING THE CITY: ADEQUATE HOUSING FOR ALL

Award ceremony for the Fourth Cycle of the Global Award
for Sustainable Development in Cities (Shanghai Award)

31 OCTOBER

13:00 – 15:00

ARRIVAL OF ATTENDEES

(All guests to be seated by 15:00)

15:00 – 15:55

HIGH-LEVEL OPENING CEREMONY

Moderated by a high-level representative of the **Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development**, China

- World Cities Day 2026 video
- Fuzhou promotional video
- Welcome address by **Zhao Long**, Secretary of the Provincial Committee of the Communist Party of China, Fujian Province, China
- Statement by **Nga Kor Ming**, President of the United Nations Habitat Assembly and Minister of Housing and Local Government, Malaysia
- Message from **António Guterres**, United Nations Secretary-General, read by **Stephen Jackson**, United Nations Resident Coordinator in China
- Statement by **Anacláudia Rossbach**, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director, UN-Habitat

15:55 – 16:10

SHANGHAI AWARD CEREMONY

- Introduction
- Shanghai Award video
- Award ceremony
- Presentation of awards

16:10 – 16:20

CULTURAL PERFORMANCE

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16:20 – 16:50

MINISTERIAL SEGMENT

- Statements by high-level officials

16:50 – 17:10

LAUNCHES AND SIGNING CEREMONY SEGMENT

- Launch of the Fuzhou World Cities Day Campaign Initiative video
- Launch of the 2026 Shanghai Manual and Shanghai Adapted Index
- Signing ceremony

GROUP PHOTO OF ALL PARTICIPANTS

17:10 – 18:10

REGENERATING THE CITY DIALOGUE

Moderated by **Stephen Jackson**, United Nations Resident Coordinator in China

Panellists:

- **Wu Xiande**, Mayor of Fuzhou, China
- **Vanessa Alexandra Velasco Bernal**, Secretary of Habitat of Bogotá, Colombia
- **Marcin Krupa**, Mayor of Katowice, Poland
- **Emmanuel Serunjoji**, Mayor of Kawempe Division, Kampala Capital City Authority, Uganda
- **Hadianto Rasyid**, Mayor of Palu, Indonesia

18:10 – 18:15

CLOSING CEREMONY

- Introduction
- Closing remarks by **Anacláudia Rossbach**, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director, UN-Habitat

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