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Urban October 2026

Urban OCTOBER

31 Days of promoting a Better Urban Future

World Habitat Day

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

World Cities Day

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

World Habitat Day & UN-Habitat Scroll of Honour Award

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.

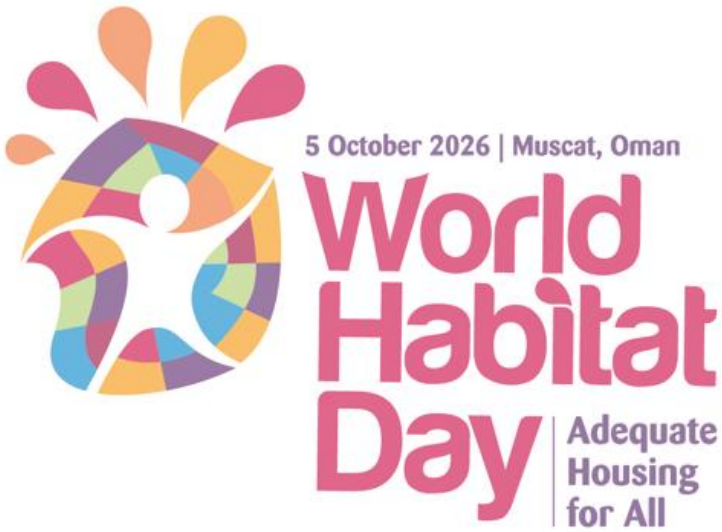


UN-Habitat Scroll of Honour Award

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, was held in **Muscat, Sultanate of Oman**, under the theme **Adequate Housing for All.**

World Habitat Day 2026 | Global Attendance



OUR REACH ON 5 OCTOBER 2026

800
In-person attendees

2,200+
Online attendees

72
Countries represented

TOTAL DIGITAL REACH ON STREAMING AND SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENTS

8,000+
UN Web TV & YouTube views

7M+
People reached through international media

35,000+
Social media interactions

UN-Habitat Scroll of Honour Award



SCROLL OF HONOUR RECEIPEINTS

1. Housing NOW (Bago, Myanmar)
2. Abdelmalek Ghannem (Bizerte, Tunisia)
3. Mayor Sadiq Khan (London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
4. Aldeia do Espraiado – Tekoa Ara Hovy (Maricá, Brazil)
5. Punjab Housing and Town Planning Agency (Lahore, Pakistan)

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 2026**, the Global Observance of World Cities Day was held in Fuzhou, China, at the Fuzhou Strait International Conference and Exhibition Center, with the theme **Regenerating the City: Adequate Housing for All.**

World Cities Day 2026 | Global Attendance



OUR REACH ON 31 OCTOBER 2026

1,800+
In-person attendees

1,700+
Online attendees

106
Countries represented

TOTAL DIGITAL REACH ON STREAMING AND SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENTS

8,000+
Views on UN Web TV

18,000+
Social media interactions

Urban October Global Events

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

303 Urban October Events	177 Cities	54 Countries

Expression of Interest for 2027

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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