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WORLD URBAN FORUM ELEVENTH SESSION

Transforming our Cities for a Better Urban Future

SDGs in Action events

The road to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) has been signposted by the World Urban Forum (WUF) since it was first held in Nairobi, Kenya, in 2002. Each successive WUF represents an opportunity to explore urban dimensions in the pursuit of the 168 targets in the Global Goals to achieve well-being, dignity, and resilience for all.

UN-Habitat is the steward of an approach to SDG Localisation that facilitates and encourages collaboration at the city level across five domains: culture, economy, society, environment, and governance. Translating these collaborations into action that is shareable, replicable, and scalable is the objective of the SDGs in Action platform at WUF11.

Our aim, through the series of events hosted and co-hosted by government, civil society, academic or community partners, is to help cities to improve quality of life, promote peace, and encourage a greener and more just future, one that harnesses the power of sustainable urbanization to implement the New Urban Agenda and achieve the SDGs.

Eligible organisations are encouraged to align their applications to the WUF11 theme Transforming our Cities for a Better Urban Future, and to one of the six dialogue sub-themes. For more information about the context and thematic approach of WUF11, click <u>HERE</u>.

To foster collaboration and shared experience, we encourage event organisers to identify cohosts to include in your applications. If two applications are similar, we may suggest a collaboration to ensure a broad spectrum of partnerships among stakeholders for networking and other events.

To apply online, please register first and find the link within your profile dashboard. Application deadline for SDG in Action events is 7 March 2022. No incomplete applications, or applications in any language other than English, will be considered. Successful applicants will be notified from 30 March 2022 onwards.

An independent panel will assess each application based on the following criteria:

- Thematic link and relevance to the WUF11 theme or dialogues
- Relevance to one or more SDGs
- Intended aim and outcomes of the event, applying results-based management approach
- Innovation in outreach/mobilisation strategy to promote attendance
- Past organisational experience at WUF
- Inclusivity and gender balance among organising entities and panelists

All costs associated with SDG in Action events will be borne by event organising entities. Event organisers will be required to self-report on the event to UN-Habitat within a month after the end of WUF11.

For questions or clarifications, please write an email to the WUF11 organisers at <u>unhabitat-wuf@un.org</u>