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WORLD URBAN FORUM ELEVENTH SESSION

Transforming our Cities for a Better Urban Future

Urban Library event

Information is power – it's the currency of change and transformation. That's why this year's Eleventh Session of the World Urban Forum (WUF11) is elaborating on sustainable urbanization and offering space for the Urban Library.

Whether it's a new publication, a book, or a research report, the Urban Library seeks to provide a curated experience for WUF11 participants to dive deeper into the latest information produced by a range of partners on how to localise the key elements of the New Urban Agenda.

The Urban Library aims to be a forum for debate among WUF11 participants, authors, and speakers to explore the importance of access to information as a catalyst for innovation and transformation.

Each Urban Library event will last 1.5 hours and can accommodate up to 100 people. Hosts can draw on technical support that includes audio visual equipment, projectors, laptops, and presentation screens. Additional costs are assessed for interpretation.

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. Priority will also be given to applications that identify distinct and clear synergies with either the New Urban Agenda or the Global Goals. For more information about the context and thematic approach of WUF11, click HERE.

To apply online, please register first and find the link within your profile dashboard. Application deadline for Urban Library 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:

- Title of the planned launch of the publication, report, guideline, or book
- Thematic link and relevance to the WUF11 theme or dialogues
- Intended aim and outcomes of the publication
- 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 Urban Library 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>.