

High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda

Programme of Side Events

21 to 29 April 2022

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I. ECOSOC and GA mandated meetings

Date & Time (EST)	Title and short description of event	Organizer	Location / registration / web link
Thursday 21 April			
10 am-1pm	ECOSOC Special Segment. The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Special Meeting. The meeting will provide a platform for Member States to review select aspects of the New Urban Agenda based on the findings of the 2022 Quadrennial Report of the Secretary-General on the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda. Emphasis will be placed on inequality and UN coordination -- themes ECOSOC is advancing throughout its current session.	ECOSOC, President of ECOSOC, UN-Habitat, UNDESA	In person ECOSOC Chamber Live broadcast on UN Web TV More information can be found here
Thursday 28 April			
10am-6pm	High-Level Meeting on the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda		In person GA-Hall Live broadcast on UN Web TV Part 1 link Part 2 link More information can be found here
10:00 am to 1:00 pm			
3:00pm to 6:00 pm			

II. UN-Habitat core side events

Tuesday 26 April				
1	09:00 am – 12:45 pm	Second UN Roundtable on Sustainable Floating Cities. The Second UN Roundtable on Sustainable Floating Cities builds on the success of the first Roundtable, unveiling progress towards the prototype. Concept note for the event	Oceanix, UN-Habitat	In person Conference Room 8 <i>By invitation only.</i>
2	1:00-3:00pm	UN Luncheon on Financing Climate Adaptation	Oceanix, UN-Habitat	In person Delegates Dining Room <i>By invitation only.</i>
3	3:00-6:00pm	Special Event SIDS Climate Change Adaptation and Sea-Level Rise. This roundtable on building Urban Resilience in Small Island Developing States within the framework of the High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda will bring together governments, innovators, and practitioners to mobilize towards transformative, implementable, scalable, and timely solutions to strengthen the resilience of cities, leaving no one, and no place, behind. Concept note for the event	Maldives, UN-Habitat, UNDP	Hybrid Conference room 8 Live broadcast on UN Web TV <i>By invitation only.</i>

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Wednesday 27 April			
4 13:15–14:45 pm	Special event on Affordable Housing and Ending Homelessness. The event will create a global movement of national and local governments to support a renewed social contract underpinned by housing for all as key for the concrete realization of human rights, social inclusion and protection; strengthen awareness of the centrality of housing and ending homelessness to deliver on the New Urban Agenda and the Agenda2030; and present the latest developments on ending and preventing homelessness and ensuring access to housing for all.	Republic of Madagascar, UN-Habitat	Hybrid Conference Room 11 Live broadcast on UN Web TV
Concept note for the event			
5 3:00-6:00 pm	World Assembly of Local and Regional Governments. The convening of the World Assembly of Local and Regional Governments will focus on demonstrating the need to deepen the debate on the recognition of local and regional governments as formal actors and contribute to build a long-lasting partnership to localize the universal development agendas.	UCLG, Ecuador, UN-Habitat	In person Conference room 3 Live broadcast on UN Web TV
Concept note for the event			
Friday 29 April			
6 10:00 - 11:30am	Road to Katowice. Follow-up event and agreement on action points for WUF consultations by NUA constituencies on the means of implementation for the Quito+5 declaration.	Republic of Poland, UN-Habitat	Hybrid Due to space restrictions, in-person participation is limited. Interested participants are invited to join the meeting online (Event Password: HABURK22!). Conference room 9 Live broadcast on UN Web TV By invitation only.
Concept note for the event			
III. Other side events			
Monday 25 April			
1 11am-1pm	The role of Innovation and Technology in accelerating Sustainable Urbanization. Side event to showcase the potential of developing sustainable cities within the wider digital transformation context, hereby highlighting the impending nexus of technology, data and innovation for achieving sustainable urbanization.	UN-Habitat, Government of Germany	Fully online Registration link Webcast link will be shared with registered users
Concept note for the event			
Tuesday 26 April			
2 8:00-9:00 am	Call to Action on Sustainable Urbanisation across the Commonwealth. The focus of the event is to bring a greater focus to bear on sustainable urbanization in Commonwealth policy making and mobilize the power of the Commonwealth to work in a more integrated manner across its various networks toward multi-level governance and sustainable urbanization.	Commonwealth Sustainable Cities Initiative in collaboration with the Government of Rwanda and The Prince's Foundation.	Fully online Webcast link
Concept note for the event			
3 09:00-10:30 am	Water and Cities: the role of public utilities and how to strengthen them in a rapidly urbanizing world. This event will focus on global action on water and deal with preparations for the UN 2023 Water Conference. Discussions will occur on utility and stakeholder perspectives to address key water issues and the impacts of WOPs at the local level that play a critical role in sustainable urban development.	Organizers: GWOPA/UN-Habitat Partner: BMZ, GIZ and Engagement Global	Fully online Registration link Webcast link
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4 09:00-10:30 am	<p>Interfaith Dialogue in line with the High-Level Meeting on the New Urban Agenda: Multi-religious and Multi-stakeholder Collaboration for the Advancement of New Urban Agenda: How Far Have We Come? Where to Next? This event aims to provide a brief overview of faith actors' perspectives and contributions to the implementation of the NUA from Habitat III to the present.</p> <p>Concept note for the event</p>	<p>Organizer: World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) and Religions for Peace (RFP)</p> <p>Partner: UN-Habitat</p>	<p>Hybrid</p> <p>Location: Church Center for the United Nations, 777 UN Plaza – 8th Floor (corner of 44th Street and 1st Avenue), New York, NY 10017. Due to limited space, in-person participation is limited and therefore participants need to register.</p> <p>Registration and webcast link</p>
Wednesday 27 April			
5 8:00-9:30 am	<p>Transformative Urban Finance for the SDGs (Finance for Development Conference). UNCDF and UN-Habitat have joined forces through the SDG Cities Global Initiative to help cities reach their unmet financing needs for sustainable development. The event will bring together local governments, international financing institutions and other relevant stakeholders to demonstrate various financing technical assistance tools and vehicles, as well as results from this UNCDF/ UN-Habitat fused offering. UN Member States and cities will be invited to participate and have access to advice, resources and technical assistance to strengthen local revenue, improve public financial management, improve creditworthiness and access debt finance and blended capital for SDG impact projects.</p> <p>Concept note for the event</p>	<p>UNCDF, UN-Habitat, UNDESA</p>	<p>Hybrid</p> <p>Location: Landmark Room, Millennium Hilton New York One UN Plaza (breakfast included)</p> <p>Registration link</p> <p>Link to Livestream</p> <p><i>Please note that registration is required for in-person attendance. Webcast link will be shared upon registration.</i></p>
6 8:00-9:30 am	<p>Urban Innovation and the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda. This side event showcases how local governments are demonstrating just how impactful urban innovation can be and how important it is to engage cities as partners in efforts to implement the NUA and to accelerate the implementation of the SDGs. Three living case studies of urban innovation from Africa, Asia and Latin America will present their efforts in addressing the commitments of the New Urban Agenda and a panel of experts will be involved to discuss lessons learned.</p> <p>Concept note for the event</p>	<p>Organizers: United Cities and Local Government, World Association of the Major Metropolises, Guangzhou Institute for Urban Innovation, Secretariat of Guangzhou International Award for Urban Innovation</p> <p>Partners: Lincoln Institute for Land Policy, UCLG Community on Urban Innovation, Metropolis Regional Secretariat for Asia and the Pacific</p>	<p>Fully online</p> <p>Registration link</p> <p>Webcast link</p>
7 8:30-10:00 am	<p>High Level Bicycle Ride. The High-level Meeting of the General Assembly to assess progress on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda is an opportune moment to showcase progress and create greater awareness of the efforts of local authorities towards sustainable urban mobility. Building on the momentum of COVID-19, various cities expanded their walkways and cycle lanes. The high-level bike ride will raise awareness on the need for road safety and green recovery among high level participants and inspire them to act.</p> <p>Concept note for the event</p>	<p>Organizers: UN-Habitat, Urban Pathways, ITDP Cycling Cities, Department of Transport New York, UN Road Safety Fund, UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Road Safety, Citi Bike NYC, Transportation Alternatives</p>	<p>In person</p> <p>Route:</p> <p>8:30am: Meeting point 2nd Avenue & East 47th Street</p> <p>8.45am: Statements by High Level Participants (public event)</p> <p>9.00am: Official Flag off of the Bike Ride in Manhattan & Media Statements (the actual bike ride is an invitation-only event)</p> <p>10:00am: End of the Bike Ride outside of UN Headquarters</p> <p><i>For more information, please contact: Cecilia.Andersson@un.org; Stefanie.Holzwarth@un.org</i></p>

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8 9:00-10:30 am	<p>Enhancing cooperation at the global, regional, national and local levels to end plastic and marine pollution. This session will explore synergies between the NUA and the intergovernmental negotiating committee process on plastic pollution, highlight good and successful practices of cooperation at the global, regional, national and local levels in the area of solid waste management, especially plastic waste, and look ahead how these can inform the ongoing negotiations to ensure that no one and no place is left behind.</p> <p>Concept note for the event</p>	<p>Organizer: The Government of the Kingdom of Norway</p> <p>Partners: Group of Friends to Combat Marine Plastic Pollution; UN Environment; UN-Habitat</p>	<p>Fully virtual</p> <p>Registration link</p> <p>Webcast link</p>
9 9:30am to 11:00am	<p>High Level Panel on Accelerating the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the SDGs. The High-Level Panel on Accelerating the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the SDGs aims to create a space for dialogue and exchange between local and national governments and civil society. Six years after Habitat III took place in Quito, Ecuador, this panel aims to reflect on the advances that countries around the world and their governments have made towards the implementation of the SDGs and NUA, including highlighting the different projects that Ecuador itself has undertaken as an example of sustainable urban development.</p> <p>Concept note for the event</p>	<p>Government of Ecuador</p>	<p>In Person</p> <p>Location: Landmark Room, Millennium Hilton New York One UN Plaza (breakfast included)</p> <p>Registration link</p> <p>Link to Livestream</p> <p><i>Please note that registration is required for in-person attendance.</i></p>
10 10:00 am-12:30 pm	<p>Vive Alameda Habitat 3 Urban Village Project Six Years Later. From a Quito Neighborhood to the World, A look at Advances in the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda Through Culture and Heritage. This event will examine the state of progress towards implementation of the culture and heritage-related provisions of the NUA.</p> <p>Concept note for the event</p>	<p>Organizer: Instituto Metropolitano de Patrimonio de Quito (IMP)</p> <p>Partners: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ecuador; Climate Heritage Network; International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS); Municipality of Quito (additional partners forthcoming)</p>	<p>Hybrid</p> <p>Location: Van Alen Institute, located at 303 Bond Street, Brooklyn, NY 11232.</p> <p><i>Registration is required for in-person attendance</i></p> <p>Registration link</p> <p>Webcast Link</p>
11 11:00 am-1:00pm	<p>The right to the city as an accelerator for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda. This event seeks to facilitate a dialogue between key actors involved in the mobilization around the right to the city to discuss how joint strategies can be developed and strengthened.</p>	<p>Global Platform for the Right City, Habitat International Coalition, United Cities and Local Governments</p>	<p>In person</p> <p>Location: Millennium Hilton New York One UN Plaza</p> <p>More information can be found at this website.</p>
12 11:00-12:30 pm	<p>SDG Cities: Women-led businesses supporting Women-led cities. This session will bring together women business leaders, mayors and UN principals in a dialogue on the opportunity for women leaders of businesses and cities to make a difference in accelerating the achievement of SDGs and NUA and overcoming obstacles faced by women leaders.</p> <p>Concept note for the event</p>	<p>UN-Habitat</p>	<p>Hybrid</p> <p>Location: Landmark Room, Millennium Hilton New York One UN Plaza (followed by a light lunch from 12:30-1pm)</p> <p>Registration link</p> <p>Link to Livestream</p> <p><i>Please note that registration is required for in-person attendance. Webcast link will be shared upon registration.</i></p>
13 1:00-2:30 pm	<p>Inclusive Cities, Communities of Solidarity: the role of local governments for leveraging human mobility. UN-Habitat, IOM and UNHCR propose to establish a dialogue with mayors and civil society from different cities in Latin America on the role cities can play in the inclusion of refugees and migrants.</p> <p>Concept note for the event</p>	<p>Organizer: UN-Habitat, Andean countries Hub</p> <p>Partners: UNHCR, IOM, European Union</p>	<p>Hybrid</p> <p>Location: Landmark Room, Millennium Hilton New York One UN Plaza</p> <p>Registration and webcast link</p> <p>Link to Livestream</p>

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14 2:00-3:30 pm	<p>Advancing the NUA by building on the global momentum to reclaim streets for pedestrians and cyclists. It has been 6 years since the New Urban Agenda was adopted in Quito, Ecuador, on 20 October 2016 at Habitat III. The document represents a shared vision for a better and more sustainable urban future and emphasizes the need for sustainable urban mobility as a prerequisite to ensure accessibility for all. The side event will discuss the role that governments have played in reducing the imbalances and inequalities in the provision of safe, inclusive and accessible walking and cycling infrastructure as well as access to public transportation. The side event will feature high level speakers who will debate on solutions for creating Cycling Cities.</p>	<p>Organizer: UN-Habitat, Urban Pathways, ITDP Cycling Cities, UN Road Safety Fund, UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Road Safety</p>	<p>Hybrid</p> <p>Webcast link</p> <p>Physical Attendance (invitation-only event): Scandinavia House, New York</p> <p>For more information, please contact: Cecilia.Andersson@un.org; Stefanie.Holzwarth@un.org</p>
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15 3:00-5:00pm	<p>Youth 2030 Cities – Localization of the SDGs and NUA. Youth 2030 Cities is an initiative that builds youth capacity to enable their meaningful participation in creating sustainable cities through the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. Youth 2030 Cities is supported by the Healthy Cities for Adolescents (HCA) programme, which is funded by Fondation Botnar and managed by the International Society for Urban Health.</p>	<p>Healthy City for Adolescents Programme – Fondation Botnar</p>	<p>Hybrid</p> <p>Location: Landmark Room, Millennium Hilton New York One UN Plaza</p> <p>Link to Livestream</p>
Concept note for the event			
16 4:00-5:30pm	<p>National urban policies: Spain and Latin America and the Caribbean. This side event focuses on the first pillar of the New Urban Agenda but with an integrated view with the rest: national urban policies (NUP). Where they exist, this NUP plays a very important role in the global process of implementing the NAU, especially when they bet on the location of the possible solutions to the problems faced.</p>	<p>Organizer: Ministry of Transports, Mobility and Urban Agenda (Spain)</p> <p>Partners: ONU-HABITAT</p>	<p>In person</p> <p>Location: Instituto Cervantes 211 E 49th St. 10017 New York, NY</p> <p>Registration link</p> <p>Due to limited space, in-person attendance is by registration only. The event will be recorded and the video uploaded here.</p>
Concept note for the event			
17 5:30-7:00 pm	<p>The high quality of architecture and built environment in the context of the urban agenda. The Side Event is organized within the framework of the United Nations HLM offers an important opportunity to show the interdisciplinary work of multiple actors to give life to the ideal of sustainability in construction, housing and built environments, as well as the transforming power of architecture in the processes of urban regeneration and dignifying degraded environments, improving the quality of life of its inhabitants.</p>	<p>Organizer: Ministry of Transports, Mobility and Urban Agenda (Spain)</p> <p>Partners: UN-HABITAT</p>	<p>In person</p> <p>Location: Instituto Cervantes 211 E 49th St. 10017 New York, NY</p> <p>Registration link</p> <p>(Due to limited space, in-person attendance is by registration only.)</p> <p>The event will be recorded, and the video uploaded here.</p>
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18 6:00pm to 7:30pm	<p>Cocktail and Exhibition Launch. One of the focuses of the Youth 2030 programme has been the gathering and profiling of promising practices globally on youth participation and localization in achieving the SDGs. The exhibition will profile promising practices taken from the Youth 2030 Compendium being developed. The Exhibition will tell the story of the youth who develop these practices and the impact of them on the community. A HCAyouth and Joyati Das, HCA, will open the exhibition.</p>	<p>Youth 2030 Cities, Healthy City for Adolescents Programme</p>	<p>In Person</p> <p>Location: Millennium Hilton New York One UN Plaza (followed by a light lunch from 12:30-1pm)</p> <p>Registration link</p> <p><i>Please note that registration is required for in-person attendance. Webcast link will be shared upon registration.</i></p>