

DIALOGUE ON SPECIAL THEME OF THE ASSEMBLY

“A sustainable urban
future through inclusive
and effective
multilateralism: Achieving
the SDGs in times of
global crises”

Wednesday 7 June 2023

MORNING [3 HOURS OF INTERPRETATION]		
09:30-10:00	Introductory Segment	Welcome remarks by the President of the UN-Habitat Assembly and a brief presentation of the Report on the Special theme, by the Executive Director
10:00 – 10:30	First Keynote: Setting the Scene	Keynote by a high-profile, well-respected speaker who would address the theme of the Assembly in the context of the larger (and shifting) global landscape of critical issues
10:30-11:30	High level panel 1: The big challenges of our time	Three Ministerial-level speakers, addressing three of the key themes addressed in the ED’s report – Housing, Climate and Crisis. 15-minute presentations each followed by a moderated Q&A with the Assembly participants (also 15 minutes).
11:30-11:45	Short Videos: Leaving no one behind	Human impact stories drawn from the work of UN-Habitat and partners (15 min; no interpretation)
11:45-12:45	Panel 2: The key enablers driving the SDGs in times of crisis	A moderated panel discussion between national governments and international institutions on the key enablers such as data, financing, digital transformation, territorial approaches etc. 45-minute panel discussion followed by a moderated Q&A with the Assembly participants (15 minutes).
12:45-14:00	Lunch	
AFTERNOON [3 HOURS OF INTERPRETATION]		
14:00 – 14:30	Second Keynote: Working together for Greater Impact	Keynote by a Mayor who would address the theme of the Assembly with a focus on multi-level governance and its relationship with inclusive and effective multilateralism
14:30-15:45	Panel 3: Multi-level governance and SDG localization	A moderated panel discussion between national and sub-national governments and stakeholders on the topic of multi-level governance and SDG localization. It could potentially also bring in voices from the UN Resident Coordinators. This would include a 60-minute panel discussion followed by a moderated Q&A with the Assembly participants (15 minutes).
15:45-16:00	Short Videos: Transforming our cities and communities	Institutional impact stories drawn from the work of UN-Habitat and partners (15 min; no interpretation)
16:00-17:00	Closing Panel 4: Key takeaways - Directions for Summit of the Future	A moderated panel discussion involving the UN-Habitat Executive Director and key influencers shaping the Summit of the Future (e.g. a member of the High Level Advisory Board on Inclusive Multilateralism; the UN Under-Secretary-General for Policy in the SG’s office; a member of the SD’s Advisory Group on Local and Regional Governments; etc). This would include a 45-minute panel discussion followed by a moderated Q&A with the Assembly participants (15 minutes).

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS

Current state of play

Theme	Proposer(s)	Status
Smart Cities	France	Group of Friends convened, discussions ongoing, focal point assigned, technical inputs from UN-Habitat being provided
BioDiversCities	Colombia, Costa Rica	Concept note ready, discussions ongoing, focal point assigned, technical inputs from UN-Habitat being provided
Global Action Plan for Slum Prevention	South Africa (tbc)	Under discussion with line Ministry
SDG Localization	Brazil (tbc)	Idea
Urban planning and Sustainable Urban Infrastructure	Africa Group	Idea
Early Warning, Rapid Response and Post Conflict and Disaster Reconstruction Framework	Africa Group	Idea
<i>Resolutions' financing and monitoring mechanism</i>	Africa Group	Idea - (<u>"The main idea being to promote equity in the Financing of all Habitat Assembly resolutions and to develop a portal for the tracking of their implementation"</u>) <i>Not clear if this is a Decision, or an element to be included in each resolution).</i>
Climate/resilience	Pakistan	Under discussion with line Ministry

Other ideas in the mix from theme paper or informal conversations... Housing, SDG Cities Certification, Urban crises, Financing sustainable urbanization, etc.