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New Ideas

On 6 October 2020 Geneva will be bustling with mayors from Vancouver to Vladivostok, eager to share their ideas and innovations on sustainable city practices during podium discussions and an exhibition. Dialogues will revolve around the following areas:
- Built environment with a focus on housing
- Urban planning
- Urban transport
- Nature-based solutions in cities

Networking

Cities and organizations will have the chance to share promotional material at a dedicated exhibition. Attendees will also have time to connect and exchange ideas in a more informal setting during a lunch reception. A special reception for mayors will take place in the evening.

Recommendations and Pledges

The Forum will culminate in the submission of a set of concrete recommendations to the 81st session of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management and city pledges.