



## Fostering SDGs localization and NUA Implementation through strengthening the capacities of national and local authorities in urban planning to enhance resilience and strengthen recoveries from the COVID-19 pandemic

Event at the World Urban Forum in Katowice

Tuesday, 28 June 2022, from 12:30 to 14:00 CET

The meeting will be held in-person at the ONE UN room, Multifunction Hall of ICC, 1st floor  
A live stream is available at: <https://media.un.org/en/webtv>

### Background

The five UN Economic Commissions, UN-Habitat and the UN Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) have been working together to support member States and local authorities in overcoming the negative social and economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic through two global projects funded by the UN Development Account. The two projects are entitled “*Inter-regional cooperation for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda*” and “*Building Urban Economic Resilience During and After COVID-19*”. Support has been aimed at strengthening capacities for urban planning and promoting urban recovery, resilience and smart sustainable urban development as some of the key means of localizing the 2030 SDGs and implementing the New Urban Agenda.

These projects are “plugged-in” to a number of multistakeholder initiatives, including “Making Cities Resilient 2030” (led by UNDRR); the United for Smart Sustainable Cities (led by ITU, UNECE and UN-Habitat); and other global and regional networks which allow dissemination of the UN’s best practices gained at the city level and scaling up successful experiences.

This *One UN Room* event during the WUF11 aims to showcase the learnings so far and preliminary outcomes of the two joint UN initiatives, while allowing participating member States and cities to provide testimonies of their experiences. Furthermore, the session will shed light on tools, methodologies and documented experiences available for scaling up of project’s results beyond the pilot partner countries and cities.

Regarding urban plans and policies, materials presented will include new methodologies, examples of impact and gap analyses as well as local action plans that have been conducted to overcome economic consequences of the pandemic at the city level.

Regarding the New Urban Agenda implementation capacities and data, the event will present and consult participants on the new online self-learning platforms and on the global monitoring framework on sustainable urban development. These are based on training needs assessments and initiatives that are aimed to the member states, cities and the UN partners alike, and made available on digital learning platforms adapted to the conditions during pandemic as well as to the expanding scope of learning needs on sustainable urbanization.

## DRAFT PROGRAMME

### 12:30-12:40 Opening

**Dmitry Mariyasin**, Deputy Executive Secretary, UNECE

### 12:40-13:00 Panel 1: Showcasing the learning from the projects – Representatives of the UN partners

**Moderator: Edlam Yemeru**, Director, a.i. Gender, Poverty and Social Policy Division, ECA

- **Esteban Leon**, City Resilience Global Programme, UN-Habitat
- **Sukaina Al Nasrawi**, ESCWA, Urban Development Lead at Gender Justice, Population & Inclusive Development
- **Omar Siddique**, ESCAP, Urban Planning and Governance Lead, Sustainable Urban Development Section
- **Dmitry Pozhidaev**, UNCDF, Regional Programme Advisor

### 13:00-13:50 Panel 2: Sharing experiences of leveraging global tools locally - Cities and member states

**Moderator: Erfan Ali**, UN-Habitat, Director of the Regional office for Arab States

- **Anelis Marichal**, General Director, National Institute of Territorial Planning and Urbanism, Cuba
- **Grabmüllerová Daniela**, Deputy Minister at Ministry of Regional Development, Czech Republic
- **Njoud Abdeljawad**, Manager of International Relations and Technical Support Department, Greater Amman Municipality, Jordan
- **Mamphaka Jeanett Mabesa**, Director of Housing, a.i. - Ministry of Local Government and Chieftainship, Lesotho
- **Norliza Hashim**, Chief Executive, Urbanice, Ministry of Housing and Local Government, Malaysia

### Discussion and question & answer session

### 13:50-14:00 Conclusions on lessons learned and proposals for future scale up and next steps

#### Language

The event will be conducted in English and Spanish. Interpretation to Polish, English, French, Spanish is provided.

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