



Global Policy Dialogue

Building Urban Economic Resilience During and After COVID-19

Although the pandemic has had severe impacts on urban areas, cities as engines of growth are still expected to play a leading role in recovery from the crisis. The *Building Urban Economic Resilience during and after COVID-19* project, part of the UNDA rapid response to COVID-19, is a collaboration among the five UN Regional Commissions (UNECA, UNECE, UNECLAC, UNESCAP, UNESCWA), UNCDF and UN-HABITAT, and focuses on strengthening the capacities of local governments globally –starting with 16 partner cities– to design, implement, and monitor sustainable, resilient, and inclusive COVID-19 economic responses, recovery, and rebuilding plans. The body of knowledge generated by the project and the work of the project cities conform the backbone of Regional Policy Briefs, developed for each region.

The Global Policy Dialogue, organized by UN-HABITAT, builds on these regional outputs and aims to provide a platform for sharing among the different regions by exchanging views within a wider global context, and synthesize the generated knowledge into an overarching guiding document endorsed by all the regions.

The dialogue was preceded by a series bilateral meetings between UN-HABITAT and each Regional Commission's group of representatives to review and agree upon the common issues and recommended policies derived from the various Regional Policy Briefs, as preparation for the joint dialogue with all regions present. The outcome of the dialogue is a Global Policy Paper that provides an overview of cities common global urban economic resilience gaps and issues, with a consolidated set of relevant policy recommendations and guiding principles for urban economic recovery and resilience building.

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Date: 29 October 2021

Time: 13:00-15:00 CEST

Please join the dialogue using the following link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82385261797?pwd=dDFiQ3FTMzZhd1Y4dXorSnJMUFZhdz09>

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Agenda of the Global Policy Dialogue:

Time	Topic	Speaker
5 min	Welcome	UN-Habitat
10 min	Opening remarks	UNECE
60-80 min	Dialogue proper Moderated by: UN-Habitat • Key insights from regional meetings • Presentation • Panel discussion • Open forum	UN-Habitat, representatives from each Regional Commission
10 min	Synthesis	UNCDF
5 min	Conclusions and next steps	UN-Habitat
10 min	Closing remarks	UNECA