

Climate Action and New Urban Agenda: SDGs localization and sustainable urban policy for resilience.

Event at the UNFCCC COP27 in Sharm El-Sheikh

Wednesday, 16 November 2022, from 15:00 to 16:30 CET

The meeting will be held in-person at the **Hatshepsut Room** A live stream is available at: Official UNFCC YouTube Channel

Background

The five UN Economic Commissions and UN-Habitat have been working together as ONE to support Member States and their local authorities in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda (NUA) and its three transformative commitments:

- 1. Leave no one behind.
- 2. Ensure sustainable, resilient and inclusive urban economies.
- 3. Ensure environmental sustainability by promoting clean energy and sustainable use of land and resources.

The projects on the "Inter-regional cooperation for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda"_and on "Building Urban Economic Resilience during and after COVID-19" incorporate the strategic frameworks such as urban policies, vertically integrated urban governance mechanisms, urban and territorial planning and design, and effective municipal financing frameworks, as articulated in the NUA as the means of accelerated implementation for the 2030 SDGs. Support has been aimed at strengthening capacities for urban planning and promoting urban recovery, climate resilience and smart sustainable urban development.

This session during the COP27 will allow participating member States and/or cities to provide testimonies of their experiences and share tools, methodologies and experiences available for scaling up of project's results beyond the pilot partner countries and cities.

The projects are plugged-in to a number of multistakeholder initiatives and collaboration, including 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.



DRAFT PROGRAMME

15:00-15:03 (3 min) Welcome and Introduction

• Diego Aulestia, Head, Human Settlements Unit, ECLAC

15:03-15:15 (15 min) Panel 1: UN Conceptual framework and context; main lines of work – Representatives from the UN partners

Moderator: Diego Aulestia ECLAC

- Erfan Ali, UN-Habitat Regional Representative for Arab States
- Dmitry Mariyasin, UNECE Deputy Executive Secretary (pre-recorded video)

15:15-16:15 (60 min) Panel 2: Outcome of projects; voices from national/local actors - Member states and cities.

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SECTION A - 30 minutes: 6 minutes each participant

- Ms. Gabriela Aguilera, Minister of Housing, Ecuador
- Ms. Elizabeth Sackey, Mayor of Accra, Ghana
- Mr. Jamal Laziz, President of Budget, Finance and Program Committee Agadir Municipal Council, Morocco (in-person TBC)
- Ms. Norliza Hashim, CEO, Urbanice Malaysia
- Ms. Sharon Dijksma. Mayor of Utrecht, Netherlands (TBC)

SECTION B – 45 minutes: 6 minutes each participant + questions from public/moderator

Second round of interventions/comments upon reactions to statements of participants and/or questions from the audience (up to 3 questions).

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16:30 Brief conclusion and final remarks Diego Aulestia ECLAC