

Agenda item
4(b) Recent
developments
in other
organizations-
UN-Habitat

1. Information on the 12th session of the World Urban Forum
2. 1st meeting of the Open-Ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All (Nairobi, 9–11 December 2024)



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When?

4 - 8 November 2024

Where?

Egypt International Exhibition Centre

Who?

Over 20,000 participants expected in person and virtually

WORLD URBAN FORUM

TWELFTH SESSION

CAIRO, EGYPT | 4–8 NOVEMBER 2024

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It all starts at home

Local Actions for Sustainable
Cities and Communities

Access the background paper:

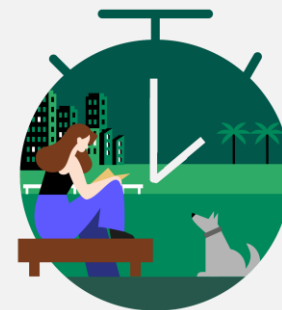


Key messages

It all starts locally. We need to recognize the role of local and regional governments and cities in delivering sustainable development. We call for a whole-of-society and whole-of-government approach.

It all starts together. Local action empowers local stakeholders, encourages citizen participation, and makes sustainable development more responsive to local needs.

It all starts now. The World Urban Forum takes place shortly after the Summit of the Future in September 2024 and roughly five years before the deadline to deliver on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We must act now to deliver our targets.

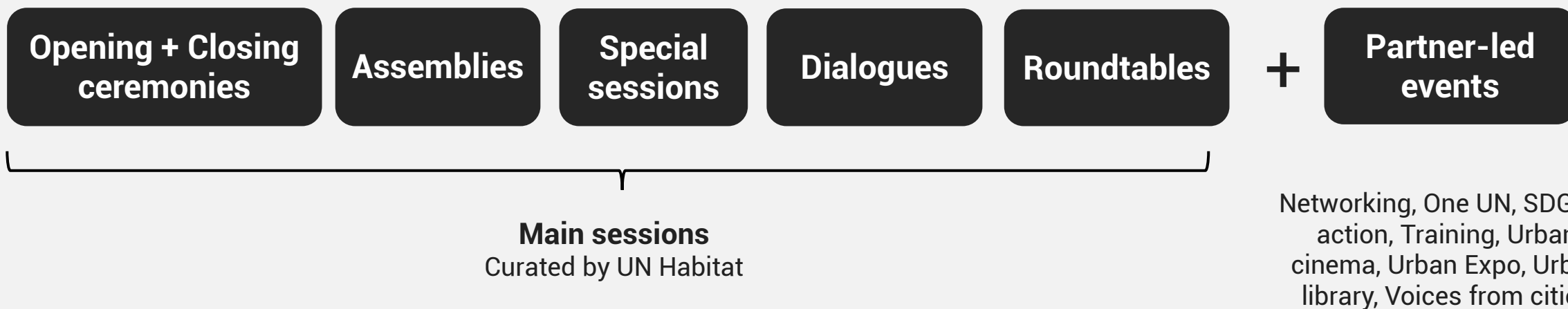


WUF12 programme updates



WUF12 programme

The WUF programme features prominent speakers, engaging discussions, partner-led events and an urban exhibition.

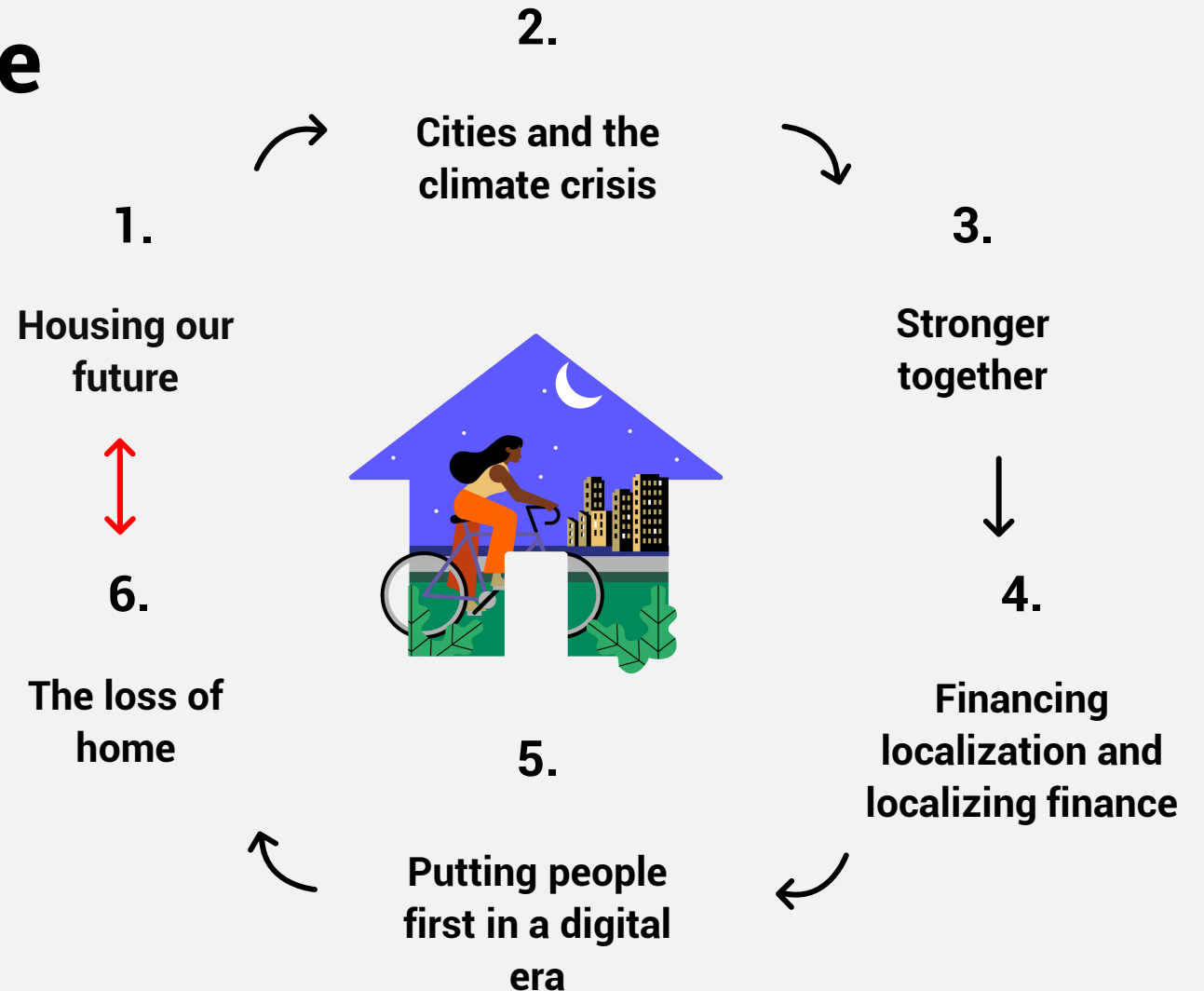


Dialogues that start and finish at home

Dialogues are **high-profile events** that set the agenda for policy and action.

6 Dialogues define the key themes that all WUF events and activities should adhere to.

Dialogues at WUF 12 **start and finish with housing related issues.**



Special Sessions

Special sessions, co-developed by UN-Habitat and diverse stakeholders, and address themes that **may not be prominently featured** in the **Dialogue sessions**, building strategic partnerships with a diverse range of WUF stakeholders.

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| <p>1.</p> <p>The wisdom of civilizations</p> | <p>2.</p> <p>Empathy in motion</p> | <p>3.</p> <p>The heartbeat of the city</p> | <p>4.</p> <p>Zero waste world</p> |
| <p>5.</p> <p>A space for all</p> | <p>6.</p> <p>G7 economies shaping urban futures</p> | <p>7.</p> <p>The legacy of mega events</p> | <p>8.</p> <p><i>Special Session hosted by GoE</i></p> |



Roundtables

Roundtables are action-oriented events that **bring together peers** to exchange views and opinions in key urban issues.

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| 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | 5. | 6. | |
| Ministerial | Academia | Children + Youth | Parliamentarians | Older Persons | Indigenous Peoples | |
| 7. | 8. | 9. | 10. | 11. | 12. | 13. |
| Persons with disabilities | Women | One UN | Professionals | Civil Society | Local and Regional Government. | Business, Foundations, and Philanthropies |



Assemblies

Assemblies take place before the official opening and **convene key stakeholders** from broader segments of society. These sessions are instrumental in bringing together varied groups and translating their inputs into urban policies.

1.

**Grassroots
Assembly**

2.

**Children and
Youth
Assembly**

3.

**World Assembly
of Local and
Regional
Governments**

4.

**Women's
Assembly**

5.

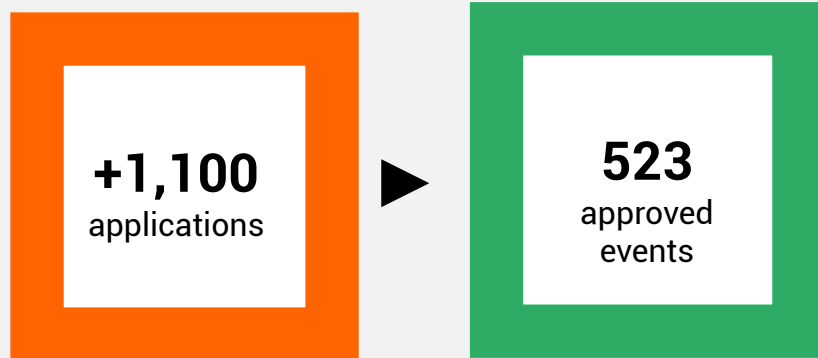
**Business,
Foundations, and
Philanthropies
Assembly**



Partner-led events



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Approved events

The list of selected events is available in an Excel file.

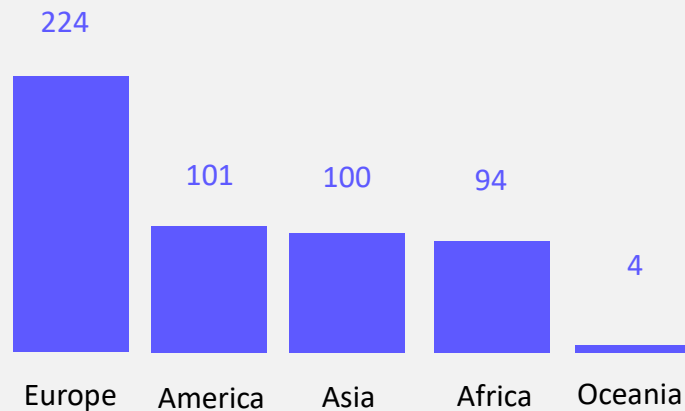
Slot allocation

Partners received an email on **05 September** to select their preferred time slots through GEMS.

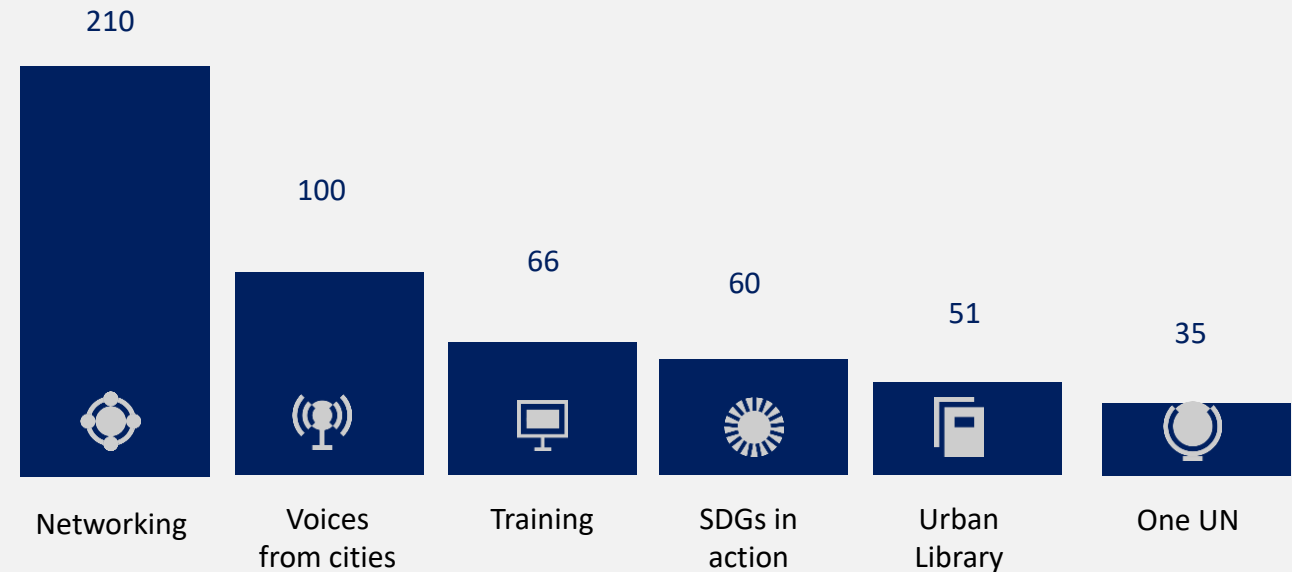
Contacts

From 01 October, all participants contact each other via the WUF app, ensuring secure and protected individual contacts.

Events by region



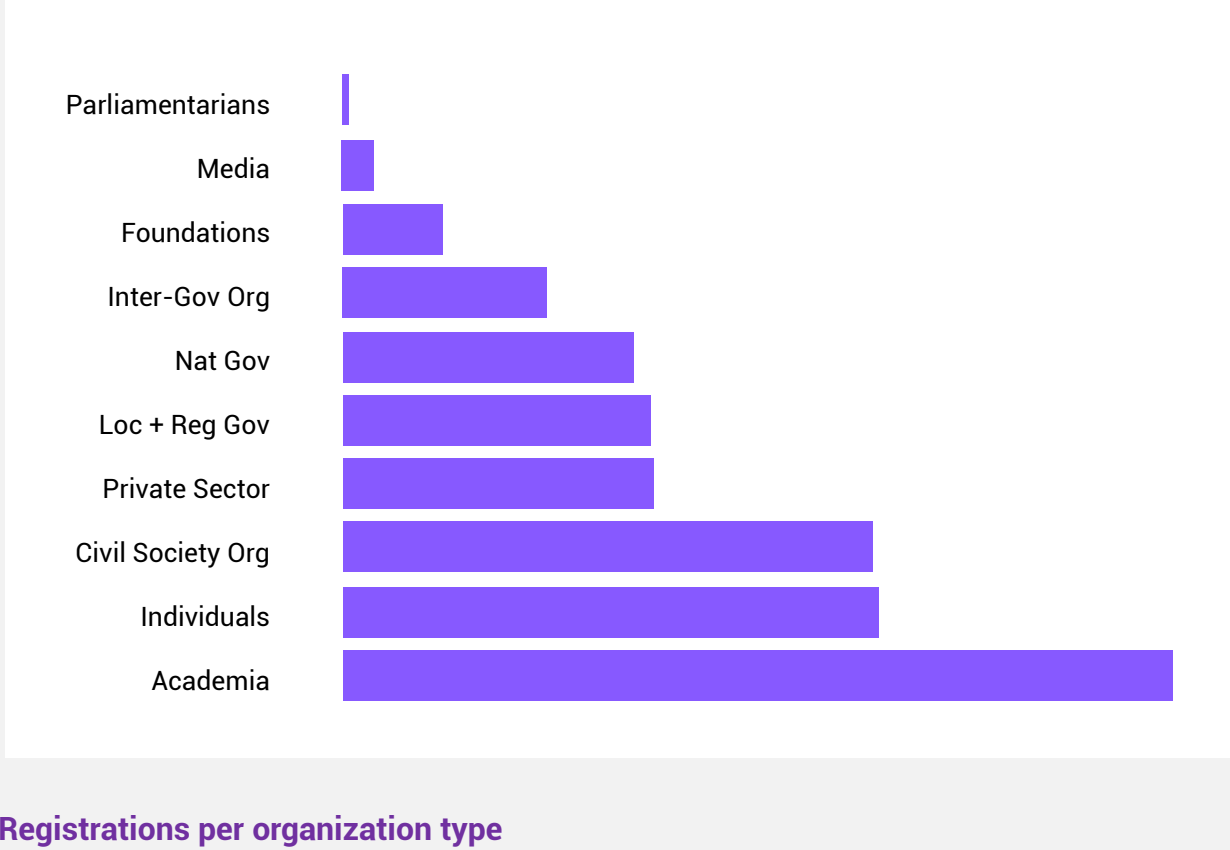
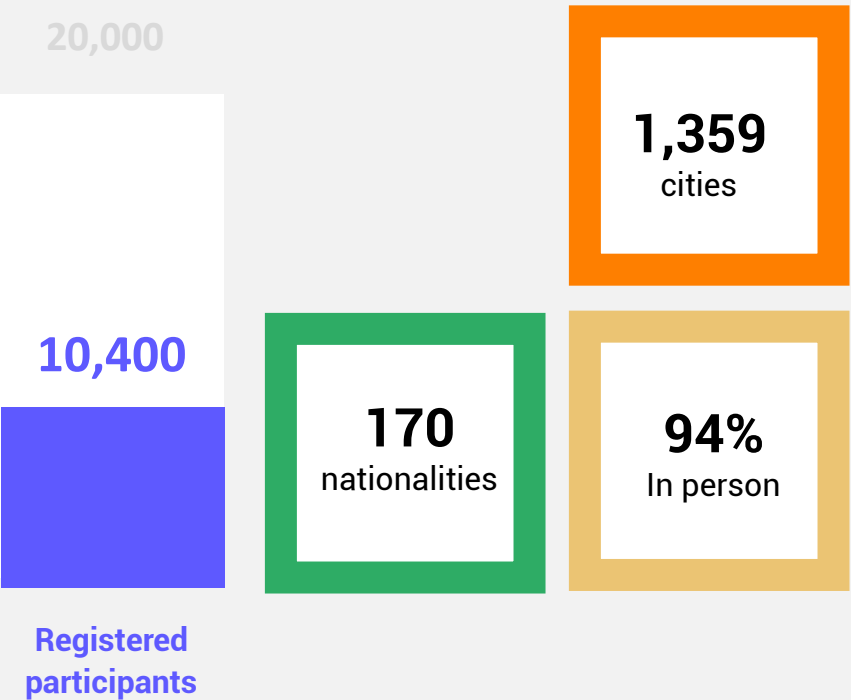
Events by Categories



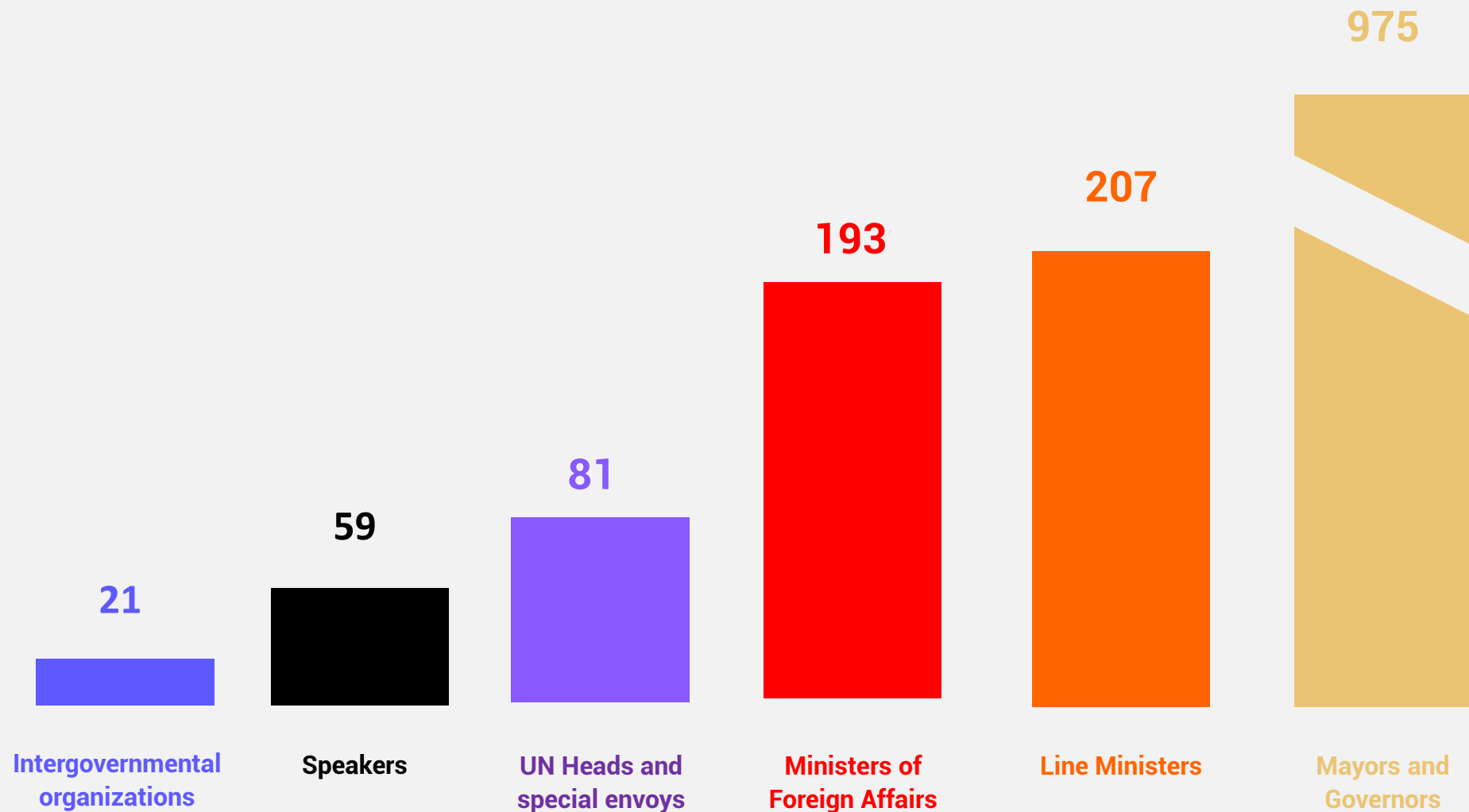
General registration updates



Registrations



Status of Invitations



A stylized illustration of a cityscape at night. The background is a deep blue sky with a white crescent moon and several small white stars. In the foreground, there is a green lawn with a grey sidewalk. Behind the sidewalk, there are several green bushes and trees. In the middle ground, there are several streetlights with three white globes each. In the background, there are several buildings of different heights and colors, including yellow, black, and orange. The overall style is flat and modern.

What is in WUF12 for Member states?

Showcasing innovation

- Urban Expo -

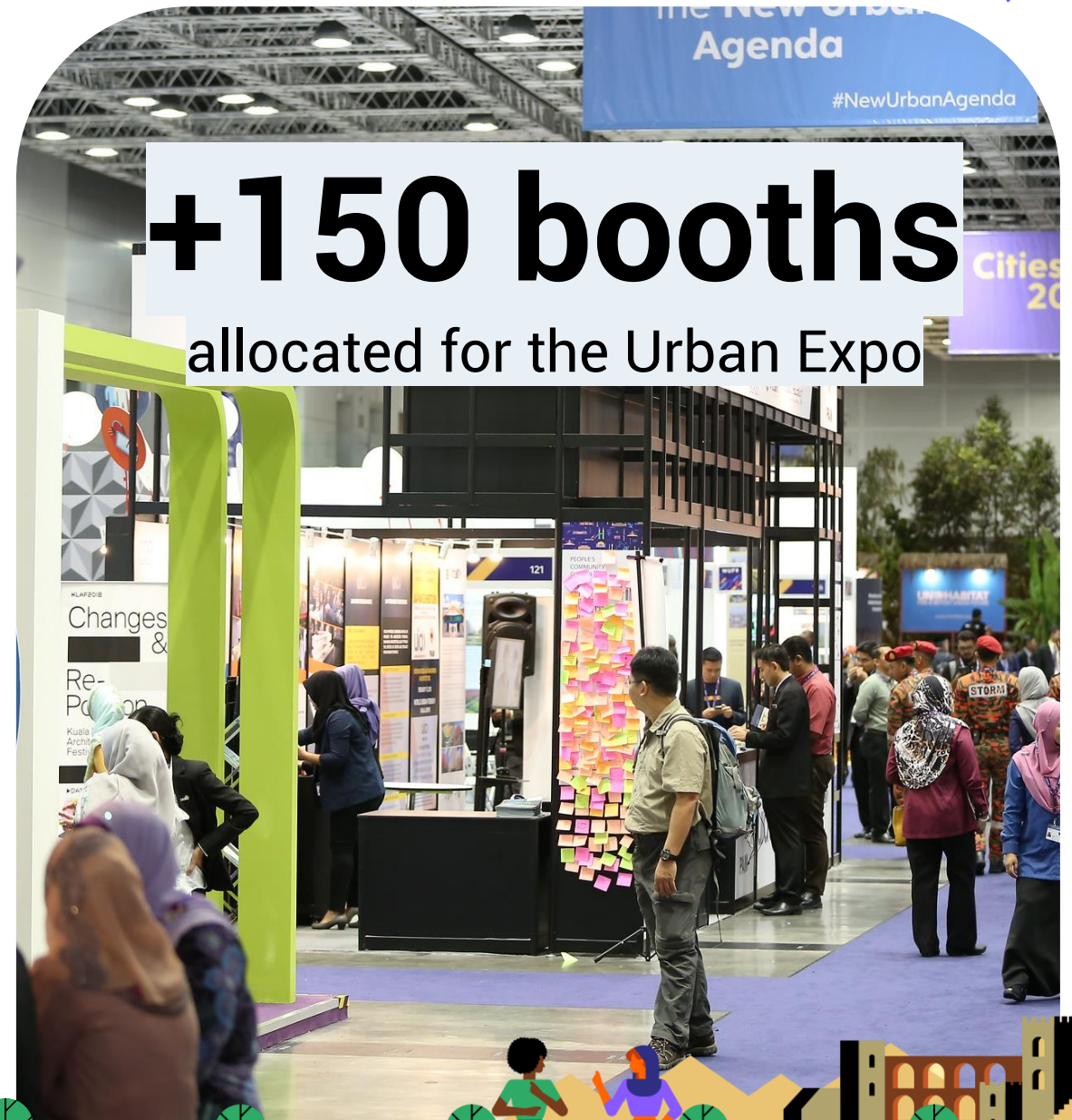
Explore innovations: Discover cutting-edge technologies and solutions for sustainable urban development.

Inspiration: Gain inspiration from innovative projects that can be adapted to your city or community.

Future trends: Learn about emerging trends that are shaping the future of urban living.

EXTENDED

16 September 2024



Networking

Connect with global leaders: Meet and network with urban leaders, policymakers, and innovators from around the world.

Build partnerships: Establish connections that can lead to collaborations and partnerships in urban development projects.

Expand your network: Engage with a diverse group of professionals, including city planners, architects, and community organizers.



Knowledge sharing

Expert insights: Learn from leading experts through informative sessions, workshops, and panel discussions.

Best practices: Discover best practices and successful case studies from cities worldwide.

Stay informed: Keep up-to-date with the latest trends and research in urban development and sustainability.



+500 events
led by partners



WUF12 impact



Scaling WUF's impact

What does WUF achieve and enable for...

- ...Partners?
- ...The host country and city?
- ...Global agendas?
- ...UN-Habitat?
- ...The New Urban Agenda?

Key tools to leverage these aspects

1. WUF outcome documents
2. Legacy programmes
3. Digital tools and surveys



Revising outcome documents

Highlight main messages and trends linked to the theme

Enhance analytical perspectives from all events



WUF12 outcome documents

1

Report

WUF data, facts, and proceedings.

2

Key Takeaways

Replacing Declared Actions, key messages on WUF theme and dialogues

3

WUF12 Perspectives

Detailed substantive overview of all WUF events (including partner-led events)



Impact Areas

- Strategic Plan (2026-2029)
- New Urban Agenda (2026)
- Partnerships (Interest Registry)
- Legacy initiatives
- Knowledge & insights



Open-Ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All



Open-Ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All (Nairobi, 9–11 December 2024)

The relevance for UN-Habitat's work was elevated by Member States during the UN-Habitat Assembly in June 2023, when the following resolutions were endorsed:

1. Resolution HSP/HA.2/RES.7 (2023) Adequate Housing for All and;
2. Resolution (HSP/HA.2/Res.2) Accelerating the Transformation of Informal Settlements and Slums by 2030

Both resolutions are rooted in the drive towards the reduction of poverty and inequalities and have complementary actions.



Open-Ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All (Nairobi, 9–11 December 2024) Process

1. The open-ended working group will be open to Universal membership
2. ECOSOC accredited observers welcome to join
3. Background papers will be released in late October
4. Reports of the Executive Director will be 2-3,000 words each and in UN languages.
5. Information papers will be 8-9,000 words in English only.
6. The working group has a 6- year mandate (reporting in 2029) with the invitation to consider proposing guidelines on achieving adequate housing for all.
7. Specific invitation to UN regional commissions to participate.



Open-Ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All (Nairobi, 9–11 December 2024) Working Group Agenda

5. *Decides* that the provisional agenda for the first session will be as follows:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the agenda for the first session;
 - (b) Election of officers;
 - (c) Terms of reference of the open-ended intergovernmental expert working group.
3. State of efforts to progressively realize adequate housing for all.
4. Development of a framework for measuring and reporting on the adequacy of housing across diverse national and local contexts.
5. Progress made in implementing the UN-Habitat programme of work related to adequate housing, including addressing homelessness and slum upgrading.
6. Existing multilateral and bilateral support for the development and implementation of effective housing policies, programmes and projects.
7. Establishment of a publicly accessible, complementary platform that includes summaries of the most recently available data on the provision of adequate housing.
8. Other matters.
9. Closure of the session.





Thank you for your attention!

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