



THE NINTH SESSION OF
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World Urban Forum Joint UN-Habitat and World Bank Event
‘Partnering for the 2030 Agenda’
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Sunday, 11 February, 10:30-11:30
Room 301, Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre

Event Summary

The adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the global endorsement of the New Urban Agenda (NUA) following Habitat III have set ambitious targets on urban development by the global community and U.N. member states and provides fresh impetus to strengthen the role of cities in driving poverty reduction, stability, and sustainable development. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which aims to ‘leave no one behind’, recognizes the importance of leveraging good urbanization as a solution to the global challenges of poverty, exclusion, peace and security. The NUA, adopted by Member States in October 2016, provides a direct link between urbanization and sustainable development by offering a practical framework for its implementation at the local level. The know-how for assisting countries and cities to achieve inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable cities is in place; pilot projects have been tested.

The task now is **implementation**. A more effective, coordinated and accelerated implementation of urban development solutions is needed to harness urbanization and unleash the potential of cities to provide solutions to poverty, inequality, climate change, and to other barriers to sustainable development.

Achieving these goals will be challenging, especially in countries and cities where rapid urbanization and structural transformation are taking place under the context of climate change and fragility. Sustained support and partnership at the country and global levels can play a critical role in meeting the challenges confronted by countries and cities. Similarly, the mobilization of long-term finance represents another decisive step to implement the NUA.

In response, the World Bank Group and UN Habitat, in collaboration with other UN agencies, development banks, city networks, and other stakeholders, are collaborating to mobilize their partners and resources for a concerted effort to support countries and cities on this ambitious agenda, and to align their platforms and instruments of assistance.

Format

This one-hour ‘Davos style’ event will encourage an interactive discussion between all participants, including business sectors and networks, philanthropic organizations, development banks, local government, and community leaders. The discussion will begin with a brief overview of the progress of this new partnership initiative to date, followed by an open, facilitated discussion.

The proposed general format is as follows:



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- 5 min. Welcome and Introductions of participants
- 5 min. Introduction to the Implementation Facility for Sustainable Urban Development
- 40 min. facilitated discussion
- 10 min. final remarks, wrap-up and next steps

Summary of Agenda

Time	Agenda Item
10:30-10:35	Welcome and Introductions by moderator <i>Christine Musisi, UN-Habitat</i>
10:35-10:40	Introduction to the Implementation Facility for Sustainable Urban Development <i>Sameh Wahba, Global Director, Urban and Territorial Development, World Bank (placeholder)</i>
10:40-11:20	Facilitated discussion Discussants include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stanlake Samkange, Director Policy and Programme Division, WFP - André Veneman, Corporate Director for Sustainability, AkzoNobel - Patricia Cortes, UN-Women - Glenn Dolcemascolo, Huairou Commission - Pablo Vaggione, Head of UN-Habitat's Mexico Country Office
11:20-11:30	Closing remarks, wrap-up and next steps