

High-Level Meeting Side Events on the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda



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Accelerating the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda in the Decade of Action

A full-day series of side events

Venue: Landmark Room, Millennium Hotel, April 27th, 2022

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It has been six years since the global endorsement of the New Urban Agenda – a blueprint for achieving sustainable cities. During this time the world has continued to rapidly urbanize. The High Level Meeting on the implementation New Urban Agenda on 28 April, provides the opportunity to take stock of progress and highlight areas that need particular focus. A full-day series of side events on the 27 April provides the opportunity to review progress through a series of lenses that relate to local implementation. The day begins by discussing how cities - particularly those in developing economies- can access the finance they need to deliver on SDGs and the New Urban Agenda. Following this, a high-level panel will focus on the need to accelerate the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and SDGs in the 8 years left until 2030. The day will continue with three events that allow a deeper focus on particularly stakeholders - women, migrants and youth - that have a key role to play to ensure cities are safe, inclusive, resilient, sustainable and peaceful. The day's events reaffirm the need for all-of-society action towards a more sustainable, inclusive urban future.

Event: Transformative Urban Finance for the SDGs (Finance for Development Conference)

Venue: Landmark Room, Millennium Hotel (breakfast included)

Date: April 27th, 2022

Time: **8:00 am to 09:30 am**

Host: UNCDF, UN-Habitat, UNDESA

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Event: High Level Panel on Accelerating the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the SDGs

Venue: Landmark Room, Millennium Hotel

Date: April 27th, 2022

Time: **9:30 am to 11:00 am**

Host: Government of Ecuador

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Event: SDG Cities: Women-led businesses supporting Women-led cities

Venue: Landmark Room, Millennium Hotel

Date: April 27th, 2022

Time: **11:00 am to 12:30 pm**

Host: UN-Habitat

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Light Lunch

12:30 pm – 1:00 pm

Number: 75 people

Banquet – 3 entrees

Event: Inclusive Cities, Communities of Solidarity: The role of local governments to leverage human mobility

Venue: Landmark Room, Millennium Hotel

Date: April 27th, 2022

Time: **1:00 pm to 2:30 pm**

Host: UN-Habitat, Andean Countries Hub

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(Housing Event – General Assembly - 1:15 - 2:30pm)

(UCLG Mayors Event – Millennium – 3:00pm – 6pm)

Event: Youth 2030 Cities– Localization of the SDGs and NUA

Venue: Landmark Room, Millennium Hotel

Date: April 27th, 2022

Time: **3:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

Host: Healthy Cities for Adolescents Programme—Fondation Botnar

[Link to Livestream](#)

Event: Cocktail and Exhibition Launch

Venue: Landmark Room, Millennium Hotel

Date: April 27th, 2022

Time: **6:00 pm to 7:30 pm**

Hosts: Youth 2030 Cities, Healthy City for Adolescents Programme

Event: Transformative Urban Finance for the SDGs

Side Event for 2022 ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development and High Level Meeting on the New Urban Agenda

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Date: April 27th, 2022

Time: **8:00 am to 09:30 am**

Host: UNCDF, UN-Habitat

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Abstract

Developing countries are going through urban transition, green transition and productive transition which calls for transformation in the way international development finance is deployed. The twin disruptions of climate crisis and urbanization require us to refocus attention on subnational finance as stressed in paragraph 34 of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda in line with the New Urban Agenda. However, the unmet financing needs of cities to address the challenges of inequality and environmental sustainability and meet the SDGs is in its trillions. Meeting this financing gap requires leveraging a broad range of financial resources towards sustainable outcomes including the response to COVID-19 recovery. UNCDF as the UN's hub for subnational finance and UN-Habitat as the UN agency for cities, have joined forces through the SDG Cities Global Initiative to help cities reach their unmet financing needs for sustainable development by deploying a number of financing instruments including loans, guarantees, grants, technical assistance, municipal bonds, etc. This event will bring together local governments, international financing institutions and other relevant stakeholders to demonstrate various financing vehicles and results from this UNCDF/UN-Habitat fused offering, and to project how such initiatives can move to scale in this Decade of Action. Cities will be invited to participate and have access to advice, resources and technical assistance to strengthen local revenue, improve public financial management, improve creditworthiness and access debt finance and blended capital for SDG impact projects.

Description

The world is urbanizing rapidly, yet the global financial ecosystem is not working for cities and local governments. Currently people living in urban areas make up 55% of the global population. This will increase to 67% by 2050, as the world's urban population increases by 2.3 billion. Accompanying this urban transition are the green transition and the productive transition, with the former addressing the climate crisis that we live in and the latter on low productive capacity in many developing countries.

Cities and local governments are at the forefront of service delivery, sustainable development and emergency responses (as shown during the COVID-19 pandemic). However, the unmet financing needs of cities to address the challenges of inequality and environmental sustainability and meet the SDGs is in its trillions. The twin disruptions of climate crisis and urbanization require us to refocus attention on subnational finance as stressed in paragraph 34 of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, which commits to building strong subnational government capacity and leveraging the catalytic impact of subnational finance for local transformation. This is in line with one of the critical elements to the achievement of sustainable development in cities in the New Urban Agenda -- effective public financial management and financing.

Without effective policy environment and financing mechanisms, the potential for urbanization to drive sustainable development will be lost. Even worse, the resulting unsustainable built environments will exacerbate global problems. Meeting this financing gap requires leveraging a broad range of financial resources towards sustainable outcomes.

To this end, UNCDF – the UN’s hub for subnational finance and UN-Habitat – the UN agency for cities, have joined forces through the SDG Cities Global Initiative to help cities reach their unmet financing needs for sustainable development. This Fused Offering provides services to cities in two main categories. The first involves supporting cities to strengthen an enabling environment for financing sustainable development, such through the assessment and strengthening of Own Source Revenue; asset management systems; public expenditure and financial management systems; policy impact, and creditworthiness. The second provides instruments to develop and finance pipelines of urban SDG impact projects. through debt (bonds and loans) or equity financing; and blended finance (the Cities Investment Facility).

Examples of early results include US\$2 million revenue increase in the city of Hargeisa (Somaliland), US\$23 million water infrastructure bond in Tanga City (Tanzania) to support Tanga Urban Water Authority and Sanitation (UWASA) to issue a fixed rate bond for the construction of water infrastructure (this will be listed on the Dar es Salaam stock exchange); working with Kampala Capital City Authority (Uganda) for a Green Bond; partnership with FirstRand (South Africa) and the Johannesburg stock exchange to securitize environmentally friendly projects from countries of the regions with listing on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange and cross-listing on the London Stock Exchange, and a pipeline of 55 projects with combined value of US\$1.7 billion being steered towards investment partners in the City Investment Facility powered by the Dual Key approach.

The event will bring together local governments, international financing institutions and other relevant stakeholders to demonstrate various financing technical assistance tools and vehicles, as well as results from this UNCDF/UN-Habitat fused offering. UN Member States and cities will be invited to participate and have access to advice, resources and technical assistance to strengthen local revenue, improve public financial management, improve creditworthiness and access debt finance and blended capital for SDG impact projects.

Agenda

0800	Opening Remarks
0800:	Opening Statement: Preeti Sinha, Executive Secretary UNCDF
0805:	Opening Statement: Maimunah Moh’d Sharif, Executive Director UN-Habitat
0810:	MoU Signing
0812:	Keynote address: Ken Ofori-Atta, Minister of Finance, Ghana
0825	Panel discussion 1: Enabling environment for city and territorial financing
0825:	UN-Habitat/UNCDF: The opportunity to optimize local own source revenue; introducing the Rapid Own Source Revenue Analysis Tool
0830:	Case Study: Uganda (revenue) or Tanzania (Tanga bond)
0837:	discussion

Panel discussion 2: Financing SDG impact in cities

0845: Joan M. Larrea, Chief Executive Officer, Convergence: The State of Blended Finance for Cities

0855: UN-Habitat/UNCDF. The Cities Investment Facility

0900: Case Study: Kumasi Bus Rapid Transit/ REALL affordable housing

0910: Vinicio Stort, IDB-Invest - Head of Investments. Future directions for blended finance at scale: towards subnational SDG impact portfolios

0920: UN-Habitat/ UNCDF: The need to build a Feasibility Fund for urban SDG project preparation

0923: Discussion and Close

0930: Close

Moderator:

David Jackson: Director, Local Development Finance United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF).

Speakers:

Preeti Sinha	Under Secretary General and Executive Secretary, UNCDF
Maimunah Moh'd Sharif	Under Secretary General and Executive Director UN-Habitat
Ken Ofori-Atta	Minister of Finance, Ghana
Joan M. Larrea	Chief Executive Officer, Convergence
Vinicio Stort	Head of Investments, IDB Invest
	Uganda/ Tanga
	Kumasi/REALL

Event: High-Level Panel: Accelerating the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the SDGs

Venue: Landmark Room, Millennium Hotel

Date: April 27, 2022

Time: **9:30 am to 11:00 am**

Host: Government of Ecuador

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Background

UN-Habitat is the UN agency charged with promoting socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities. In 2016, the UN system convened Habitat III in Quito, Ecuador, the third conference in 40 years addressing the issues of sustainable urbanization and adopted the New Urban Agenda. The NUA is an action-oriented document that sets global standards of achievement in sustainable urban development, rethinking the way we build, manage, and live, in cities. It offers countries a road map to achieve the SDGs, and specifically SDG 11, by 2030, assuring that no one and no space is left behind.

On April 28th, 2022 the President of the General Assembly will convene a High Level Meeting on Sustainable Urbanization, held as a review of the NUA, six years after it was adopted. The goal of the meeting is to further highlight the need for sustainable cities, the work cities and member states are undertaking, and strategies that can accelerate action towards the achievement of the 2030 Agenda.

Description of the Event

The High-Level Panel on Accelerating the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the SDGs aims to create a space for dialogue and exchange between local and national governments and civil society. Six years after Habitat III took place in Quito, Ecuador, this panel aims to reflect on the advances that countries around the world and their governments have made towards the implementation of the SDGs and NUA, including highlighting the different projects that Ecuador itself has undertaken as an example of sustainable urban development.

Hosted by the Ecuadorian Minister of Urban Development and Housing, Darío Herrera, this High-Level panel, will recount the path forward from Habitat III, highlighting what countries and cities have accomplished since 2016 to assure the acceleration of the SDGs and the local implementation of the New Urban Agenda, as well as what their goals and ambitions are as we look forward to 2030. This panel seeks to celebrate the accomplishments and unique solutions that cities and countries have implemented as well as to share ideas and methodologies to continue creating positive change and capacity building around the world.

As it is emphasized by the 2030 Agenda and the New Urban Agenda, adequate and equitable sustainable development cannot be achieved without creating holistic synergies between government, civil society, academia, and the public sector. Each sector must work conjointly towards the achievement of the SDGs and the NUA, their actions being reflective of the needs of local citizens and the individual spatial realities. Thus, this panel will include members of civil society organizations working to create safer and more inclusive urban environments through the implementation of the SDGs. The panelists from civil society organizations will present the most pressing issues facing their communities, what

their organizations do to confront these problems, and the essential steps they see towards finding lasting solutions. The panel will not only celebrate what these organizations are doing locally but create a space for dialogue between civil society and government to learn from each other in order to create a more lasting impact.

The format is a hybrid “Davos-style” with each speaker making a 5-minute introduction followed by a discussion in the panel and with the audience. The idea is to foster an open debate and lively interaction.

Objectives for the Event

- Create a space for dialogue and exchange on the New Urban Agenda and the SDGs
- Celebrate projects and programs achieving the NUA and the SDGs
- Highlight the need for multi-actor collaboration
- Provide a platform for civil society, local and national governments to talk about problems and possible solutions
- Advance inclusive and sustainable solutions

Speakers

Chair: Darío Herrera, Minister of Urban Development and Housing for Ecuador

1. Santiago Guarderas Izquierdo, Mayor of Quito
2. Claudia López Hernández, Mayor of Bogotá
3. Rohey Malick Lowe, Mayor of Banjul, Gambia (TBC)
4. Datuk Seri Mahadi Che Ngah, Mayor of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (TBC)
5. Jonathan Cacuango- Indigenous Youth representative of Museo Viviente Otavalango from Otavalo, Ecuador
6. Michel Zuluaga- Youth Civil Society Representative of Despacio and the Vivo Mi Calle urban project from Cali, Colombia

Event	Presenter	Time
Welcome	UN-Habitat Official	5 minutes (09:30- 09:35)
Introduction: Lessons learned from Habitat III Quito +5, Ecuador’s efforts towards the localization of the SDGs, project highlights.	Darío Herrera , Minister of Urban Development and Housing for Ecuador.	10 minutes (09:35- 09:45)
Cities Spotlight: Local projects for sustainable urban development, challenges, local innovation, and synergies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quito • Bogotá • Banjul • Kuala Lumpur 	Santiago Guarderas Izquierdo , Mayor of Quito Claudia López Hernández , Mayor of Bogotá Rohey Malick Lowe , Mayor of Banjul, Gambia (TBC) Datuk Seri Mahadi Che Ngah , Mayor of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	5 minutes per person (09:45-10:05)

Event	Presenter	Time
Question 1: What are the biggest problems facing your cities and towns related to the SDGs?.	All panelists	3 minutes per person (rapid round: 10:05-10:25)
Question 2: Importance of safe urban development for youth and investing in public space renovation.	Michel Zuluaga - Youth Civil Society Representative of Despacio and the Vivo Mi Calle urban project from Cali, Colombia	5 minutes (10:25-10:30)
Question 3: Rethinking urbanization and maintaining cultural diversity and indigenous tradition.	Jonathan Cacuango - Indigenous Youth representative of Museo Viviente Otavalango from Otavalo, Ecuador	5 minutes (10:30- 10:35)
Question 4: What does an SDG City look like to you?	Darío Herrera , Minister of Urban Development and Housing for Ecuador and Santiago Guarderas Izquierdo , Mayor of Quito Claudia López Hernández , Mayor of Bogotá Rohey Malick Lowe , Mayor of Banjul, Gambia (TBC) Datuk Seri Mahadi Che Ngah , Mayor of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	3 minutes per person (rapid round: 10:35-10:50)
Closing Remarks	Darío Herrera , Minister of Urban Development and Housing for Ecuador	10 minutes (10:50- 11:00)

Event: SDG Cities: Women-led businesses for Women-led cities

Venue: Landmark Room, Millennium Hotel

Date: April 27th, 2022

Time: **11:00 am to 12:30 pm**

Host: UN-Habitat

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Key words

SDG Cities, Women Empowerment, Women Leadership, Women Mayors

Objectives

- i. To promote women's equal rights in leadership at all levels of decision-making, including subnational and local governments.
- ii. To recognize the importance of women leadership of cities and businesses to drive more equal and prosperous urban society
- iii. To galvanize support for women-led cities by women-led business through the SDG Cities Global Initiative
- iv. To enable women's economic empowerment and access to equal opportunities and finance

Summary – abstract

Women and girls represent half of the world's population and also half of its potential. Women's equal participation, decision-making and leadership in political and public life is essential to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) by 2030. Encouraging women to take on leadership roles has the potential to enable financial independence, economic empowerment, confidence, self-esteem, and to become role models for upcoming young women. Women in leadership enables the perspectives and lived experience of women and girls to be better reflected in decision making and is therefore key to ensuring an equal, inclusive and fair future society.

However, women are significantly underrepresented at all levels of leadership and decision-making worldwide and achieving gender-parity is far off. Currently only 22.5% of the 193 UN Member States are led by women, around 5% of mayors worldwide are women, and 8.1% of the CEOs of the top 500 companies are women. The global Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) pledge to end poverty, protect the planet, end gender discrimination and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity by 2030. As long as women continue to be excluded in leadership roles, and while they continue to face multiple obstacles as they progress into such roles, major gaps in achieving the SDGs will prevail.

Cities, which accommodate 55% of world's population and are key to the local, "end-mile" achievement of the SDGs. Providing women with the right platform to share their ideas can enrich an organization's overall outlook and strategy and achieve tangible benefits. Mayors and especially women mayors, with the support of city networks, can provide a platform where other women and girls can express their ideas, demonstrate positive ideas and contribute to the local, national and global discourse that



shapes cities. As we seek to encourage and promote women leadership of cities, it is key that their positive impact is acknowledged, demonstrated and highlighted.

SDG Cities is a global initiative that aims to support 1000 cities accelerate their achievement of SDGs and positively impact on 1 billion lives by offering a systematic way to support cities becoming sustainable and resilient. It does this by connecting data to inclusive, evidence-based strategic planning, to high impact project development and financing. It accompanies this process by strengthening local institutional capacity and systems in key areas of data management, governance, planning, financing, and service delivery - foundations for urban transformation. It is implemented at scale through the provision of digitized tools, technical support hubs and a Cities Investment Facility that channels finance into SDG impact initiatives.

SDG Cities aims to empower and promote women-led and women-centred cities by launching a “Women-led businesses for Women-led cities” window. This brings women CEOs, feminist CEOs and women mayors together to support the success of women-led and women-centred cities. It will provide a platform for women in leadership positions in cities and in business to share experiences and lessons learned, identify opportunities and overcome challenges together. Most importantly, it will mobilize a catalytic fund to support local initiatives that accelerate the achievement of SDGs in Women-led cities and facilitate access to finance for women entrepreneurs.

This session will bring together women business leaders, mayors and UN principals in a dialogue on the opportunity for women leaders of businesses and cities to make a difference in accelerating the achievement of SDGs and NUA, overcoming obstacles faced by women leaders, and empowering the future generation of women leaders.

Guiding Questions for discussions

- i. What actions are needed to increase opportunities and encourage women to take up leadership positions in business and politics?
- ii. What are some of the proven advantages of having women in political or business leadership? How have their actions led to implementations of the SDGs and NUA?
- iii. How can women mayors support women’s entrepreneurship and provide opportunities for economic empowerment of women of all ages and abilities?
- iv. How can women-led businesses globally support women-led and women-centred cities and improve inclusivity of all?

Expected outcomes and impact

Initiate the mobilisation of the SDG Cities implementation window: Women-led business for women-led/centred inclusive cities.

Outline the format of the session

Part 1 Introducing the Initiative

Amina Mohamed	UN Deputy Secretary General	<i>Women leadership and the Sustainable Development Goals</i>
Lynn Martin	CEO, New York Stock Exchange	<i>Changing the face of the corporate sector through women leadership</i>
Maimunah Moh'd Sharif	UN Under Secretary General and Executive Director, UN-Habitat	<i>Why we need more women-led cities</i>
Carole Crist and Liane Freire	Entrepreneur (former first lady, Florida); CEO Blendlab (Brazil)	<i>Vision for a Women-Led Business for Women-Led Cities initiative</i>

Part 2: Reflections on the Initiative

Rohey Malick Lowe	Mayor of Banjul, Gambia	<i>Perspective 1 - Enhancing women leadership in national and local decision making</i>
Patricia Villiela Marino	CEO of H360, founder of CIVI-CO	<i>Perspective 2 – giving to everyone a voice and a reason to listen</i>
Claudia López Hernández	Mayor of Bogotá, Colombia	<i>Perspective 3 - Building a just, green, equal urban society</i>
Rachel Gerrol	Co-Founder and CEO of Nexus Global Summit and Institute	<i>Perspective 4 - Catalyzing SDG impact through impact investment and social entrepreneurship</i>
Yvonne Aki-Sawyers	Mayor of Freetown, Sierra Leone	<i>Perspective 5 - inspiring future female leaders</i>

Part 3: Discussion and Close

Ines Sanchez de Madariaga	Professor, Technical University of Madrid.)	<i>Discussion</i>
Sima Sami Bahous	UN Under Secretary General and Executive Director, UN-Women	<i>Closing Remarks</i>

Light Lunch

12:30 pm – 1:00 pm
Number: 75 people
Banquet – 3 entrees
RSVP required

Event: “Inclusive Cities, Communities of Solidarity: The role of local governments to leverage human mobility”

Venue: Landmark Room, Millennium Hotel

Date: April 27th, 2022

Time: **1:00 pm to 2:30 pm**

Host: UN-Habitat, Andean Countries Hub

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Background information

The 2030 Agenda and the New Urban Agenda identifies as one of their pillars, the purpose of overcome all forms of segregation, marginalization and exclusion of territories and people. Leaving no one or any territory behind has been the urge for every city, to promote the social, economic, cultural, spatial, and political inclusion of their inhabitants, without distinction. This situation is exacerbated when cities face the challenges of human mobility, where forging inclusive territories, advancing in the guiding principles of the right to the city, and recognize diversity as a source of prosperity, is essential for having inclusive, prosperous, and sustainable cities.

Over the last few years, the cities and countries of Latin America and the Caribbean have faced a phenomenon of mixed migratory flows resulting from refugees and migrants fleeing Venezuela. According to data from national migration authorities and other sources an estimated 6.04 million refugees and migrants have moved around the world, of which around 4.9 million are in Latin America and the Caribbean. These refugee and migrant populations reside primarily in Colombia, Peru, and Ecuador and impact cities in significant ways, presenting important challenges for local governments and host communities.

In this context, the European Union has decided to support the strategic alliance between UNHCR, IOM, and UN-Habitat for the project “Inclusive Cities, Communities of Solidarity” (ICCS) that is underway in nine pilot cities and six countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. The ICCS project promotes an innovative urban-territorial approach that addresses existing vulnerabilities while leveraging social and territorial assets in the provision of effective responses to refugees’ and migrants’ integration. This creates the conditions for local governments to forge more prosperous and inclusive cities under the universal principle of the “right to the city”.

To promote strategic actions from local governments, the Inclusive Cities, Communities of solidarity project has created several innovative tools such as urban profiling, data analysis and monitoring instruments, participatory urban planning tools, territorial and socioeconomic strategies, new generation of social integration centers¹, and the consolidation of regional and global community of practice. For more information: <https://en.ciudadesincluyentes.org>

Objective of the event

To position the New Urban Agenda (NUA) principles in policy directions and programmatic initiatives at the global level to highlight its impact in the effective inclusion of refugees and migrants in cities in the long-and-medium-term, as well as to transform migration into a territorial asset in host urban areas.

¹ For more information, visit <https://en.ciudadesincluyentes.org/integration-toolbox/co-creation-of-habitat-and-the-right-to-the-city/integrna-bitat/>



Key objectives of this particular event would be:

- Present the UN-Habitat's, IOM's and UNHCR's approach as an innovative one to tackle the challenges of effective medium-and-long-term integration of vulnerable communities in the cities in line with the principles of the NUA.
- To exchange experiences and solutions from the local government's perspective and gather/mobilize support to the implementation of strategies and plans at the city level.
- Acknowledge opportunities of scaling up or replicating the successful experiences and good practices stemming from the different cities' representatives present.
- Establish a dialogue between different cities and civil society organizations to broaden the scope of the work done by all agencies in other cities and countries where the strategy is not implemented yet.

Expected outcomes

- Community of practice and local governments network of inclusive cities implementing innovative territorial approaches to refugees' and migrant' integration is expanded and consolidated.
- 50 more willing cities are added to receive support from the Inclusive Cities, Communities of Solidarity initiative and tools.

Description of event

UN-Habitat, IOM and UNHCR propose to establish a dialogue with mayors and civil society from different cities in Latin America on the role cities can play in the inclusion of refugees and migrants. The 2030 Agenda and the NUA identify both the need to overcome all forms of segregation, marginalization and exclusion of territories and people. Forging inclusive territories, advancing in the guiding principles of the right to the city, and recognizing diversity and territorial assets as a source of prosperity is essential to achieve prosperous and sustainable cities for all.

Interested mayors are invited to a dialogue and make the case on the need to mobilize international support to implement the territorial approach with all tested tools and methodologies developed by the alliance among UNHCR, IOM, UN-Habitat, and the European Union.

The event will be organized as a roundtable (fishbowl), counting on the active participation of all stakeholders mentioned, and allowing for the audience to interact. It is expected to run for 90 minutes and will be live streamed and facilitated in both English and Spanish, with interpretation available.

20 min	Opening remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Guilles Bertrand, EU Ambassador, Colombia - Federico Agusti, UNHCR Representative, Perú - Diego Beltrand, IOM Regional Director for South America - Elkin Velásquez, UN-Habitat Regional Director for Latinamerica and the Caribbean
5 min	Introduction to the Territorial approach of the Inclusive Cities, Communities of Solidarity initiative	Video
25 min	Challenges and opportunities of refugees' and migrants' integration in cities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jairo Yáñez Rodríguez, Mayor of Cucuta, Colombia - Claudia López Hernández, Mayor of Bogota, Colombia - Rosa Irene Urbina Castañeda, Municipal President of Tapachula, Mexico - Peter Grohmann, UN Resident Coordinator of Mexico
20 min	The role of Civil Society in the inclusion of refugees and migrants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Juan Carlos Viloría Doria, Coalición por Venezuela - Jeniffer Villareal de Hoyos, District Government Secretary of Barranquilla as representative of IntegrHa-bitat centers
20 min	Debate, Q&A, and conclusions	Moderator: UN-Habitat

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Host: Healthy Cities for Adolescents Programme
- Fondation Botnar, UN-Habitat

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One of the key tenants of the both the SDGs and the NUA is assuring that no one is left behind. The UN and many cities place a special focus on those most marginalized; children and youth, people of all genders, indigenous peoples and those with mental and physical disabilities, to name a few.

Fondation Botnar, in partnership with UN-Habitat, will host side events to the High-Level meeting at the UN General Assembly in New York. Building on Phase one of its very successful Youth 2030 Cities initiative, youth, civil society, and governmental representatives will discuss the role of youth in achieving the SDGs and provide concrete best practices that can be learned from and advanced. Following the Youth 2030 session, a cocktail and launch of a Youth 2030 Exhibition which will further profile the amazing work of youth globally on achieving the SDGs. Findings from this event will be forwarded on to the High-Level meeting to be held on April 28th in the UN General Assembly.

Objective

Youth 2030 Cities is located in cities in six countries – Colombia, Ecuador, Ghana, India, Senegal and Vietnam. The initiative is implemented through a collaboration between Fondation Botnar's Health City for Adolescent programme, UN-Habitat and youth and local government partners in each of the countries. Through research, training workshops, the collection of promising practices, development of digital tools and Youth 2030 forums, the programme supports and empowers youth to become active in achieving the SDGs and NUA. Youth 2030 DeclarACTIONS developed at the forums will be presented by the youth during the event to promote dialogue and youth-led solutions, leading to them being tabled and adopted at World Urban Forum 11 in Katowice, Poland.

The Youth 2030 Cities event is essential space for an inclusive dialogue and sustainable solutions to global urban challenges. As youth are often overshadowed when it comes to decision-making, it is important to create a space where their voices can be heard and where they might improve their capacities so that they can lead the way towards a future that is more sustainable, safe, inclusive, and prosperous.

Proposed

María Gabriela Aguilera Jaramillo	Vice-minister of Urban Development and Housing for Ecuador
Michel Zuluaga	Vivo Mi Calle, Youth 2030 Representative, Cali, Colombia
Sofía Brito	Dialogo Diverse, Youth 2030 Representative, Quito, Ecuador
Jonathan Cacuango	Otavalango, Indigenous Youth 2030 representative, Otavalo, Ecuador
Ndéye Fatou Ngom	Youth 2030 Representative, Thies, Senegal
Nii Noi Kofi Omaboe	Young Reporters for Environment, Accra, Ghana
Taylor Garner	UN-Habitat
Susanna Hausman	Fondation Botnar, will give closing remarks.

Event: Exhibition of Youth Voices and Promising Practices in the Localization of the NUA and the SDGs

Venue: Landmark Room, Millennium Hotel

Date: April 27th, 2022

Time: **8:30 am to 7:30 pm** – General Showing
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm – Cocktail and Launch
of the Exhibition



One of the focuses of the Youth 2030 programme has been the gathering and profiling of promising practices globally on youth participation and localization in achieving the SDGs. The exhibition will profile promising practices taken from the Youth 2030 Compendium being developed. The Exhibition will tell the story of the youth who develop these practices and the impact of them on the community.

A HCAyouth and Joyati Das, HCA, will open the exhibition.

Event: Cocktail and Exhibition Launch

Venue: Landmark Room, Millennium Hotel

Date: April 27th, 2022

Time: **6:00 pm to 7:30 pm**

Hosts: Youth 2030 Cities, Healthy City for
Adolescents Programme
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