

## **2023 UN-Habitat Scroll of Honour Award winners announced**

**Nairobi, 16 August 2023** – The UN-Habitat Scroll of Honour Award winners for 2023 have been selected. The award is one of the most prestigious aimed at recognizing initiatives that have made outstanding contributions in the field sustainable urbanization, and improving the quality of urban life.

This year, UN-Habitat received more than 80 nominations including individuals, organizations and projects originating from Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America.

All the winning candidates were examples of best practice initiatives and achievements that contribute to Sustainable Development Goal 11: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.

The award will be presented during World Habitat Day, which is dedicated to reflect on the state of cities and human settlements. World Habitat Day is celebrated on the first Monday of October, every year. This year, it is taking place on 2 October and the global observance is being hosted by the City of Baku, in the Republic of Azerbaijan. This is the first time the global observance will be held in the Central Asia region.

“We have five impressive winners this year. I want to congratulate them and thank them for their contribution to address familiar urban challenges,” said UN-Habitat’s Executive Director, Maimunah Mohd Sharif. “So long as we keep our feet rooted to the ground, invest in innovative solutions that are cost-effective and scale them up, our future is not only urban but sustainable.”

The Executive Director recently presented the second synthesis report on the implementation of SDG11 at the High-level Political Forum at the United Nations headquarters in New York in June. Only half of the targets were performing moderately well.

“We need more innovation and investments in solutions like the winning entries of the UN-Habitat Scroll of Honour Award. Almost 65 percent of all the SDGs are related directly or indirectly to how we manage urbanization. Let me thank all those who nominated proposals. We need to turbo-charge our efforts to make cities more resilient in a world of crises and shocks,” Maimunah said.

## **The 2023 UN-Habitat Scroll of Honour Award winners:**

### **1. ProEmployment Foundation (Fundación ProEmpleo Productivo, A.C), Mexico**

For the employment creation model which has improved economic productivity of Mexican cities through micro-enterprises and positively impacted the lives of more than 110,000 people over the last 30 years.

### **2. To Dubai Municipality, United Arab Emirates,**

For establishing and implementing the fat, oil and grease waste recycling programme to deal with waste material from the hospitality industry. The programme transforms waste into valuable resources, promoting circular economy and environmental sustainability in a water scarce context.

### **3. Community Real Estate Fund for Rent (FICA - Fundo Imobiliário Comunitário para Aluguel), Brazil**

For its action to fight housing speculation and gentrification in three major cities in Brazil and help cities to achieve housing for all. FICA's work is based on 3 main principles of action: developing models for acquiring and managing non-profit properties; learning through practice, and disseminating the models with other groups.

### **4. Assembleia de Moradores, Braga, Portugal**

For achieving city-wide social, economic, and environmental development solutions by facilitating interactions between the city of Braga, the municipal housing company and the social housing beneficiaries in the city.

### **5. EcoVironment, Sierra Leone**

For achieving green economy targets through the creation of employment opportunities for the most marginalized groups in a resource-poor environment faced with on-going and future climate change-related disasters.

## **UN-Habitat**

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