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Agenda item 9:

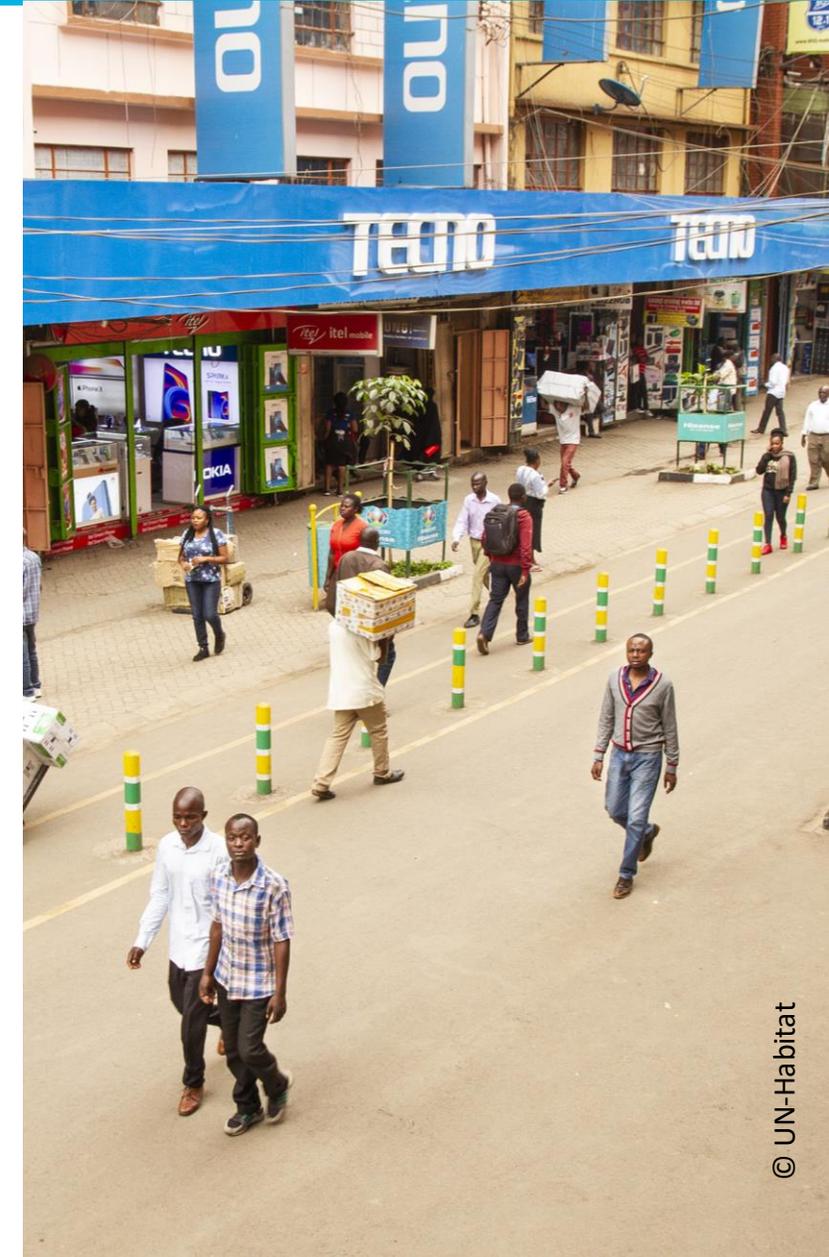
Update on the implementation of all the resolutions adopted by the United Nations Habitat Assembly of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

Executive Board of UN-Habitat: First session for the year 2024
6 to 8 May 2024

- Under implementation.
- **Extended to 2025 by UN-Habitat Assembly Decision 2/1 (2023).**
- **The Strategic Plan mid-term review by OIOS was finalised at the beginning of April 2024.**



- After 28 years of support to cities on the development and implementation of municipal safety plans, **the Safer Cities Programme is phasing out its normative and operational activities.**
- **Country-level activities will continue to be implemented based on XB resources received**
- **Safety is now being mainstreamed** into the various mandate areas of UN-Habitat, including public spaces, smart cities and urban mobility.
- **Capacity-building activities** including through the e-learning introductory module on UN-Habitat Learn; **engagement** with the Global Network on Safer Cities partners; and UN-Habitat's **participation in UN-system wide initiatives** will continue.



- **Developed UN-Habitat Learn Platform** (30 courses, used by +10,000 users from 193 countries), hosting the NUA Illustrated crash course (available in 5 languages).
- Currently **researching and piloting the use of generative AI in learning to expand portfolio on digital capacity.**
- **Expanding strategic partnerships** (IHS, the Commonwealth Sustainable Cities Initiative, ITC, IUTC, Arcadis).
- **Developing an internal framework** to guide partnerships with Academia and research institutes.
- **Exploring pathways to leverage innovation** to qualify and quantify capacity gaps (of local and national governments); and to scale and mainstream capacity building good practices across the agency (“Brownbag Series” and “Capacity Building Corporate Screening”).



NUA Illustrated crash course available in 5 UN languages

- Increased work with **country offices and regional offices** to improve gender scores and integrate social inclusion issues into projects. (OP1)
- Introduced the **Gender Champion Award** and showcased winning projects from Palestine and Mozambique for International Women’s Day 2024. The Gender Champion Award will be announced annually. (OP1)
- Completed the first draft of the **Human Rights and Social Inclusion Handbook**. (OP2, OP5)
- **UNSWAP improvement plan** shared in-house to improve 2024 scores.
- **Nominations for new “Advisory Group on Gender Issues” members is online**. On course to reconstitution by 2024 first quarter and allow for efficient planning for WUF 12 joint events. (OP4)
- Additional **gender focused parameters** to be included in the revision of the **ESSS**. (OP 1, OP2)



- **Held 3 editions of international forums** (OP3, OP4). The most recent 2023 edition was attended by 180 participants from 18 organizations and 17 countries.
- **Published 6 Newsletters and 3 compendia of case studies.** (OP3)
- **Provided country support** with evidence collection from 5 countries (Cameroun, Kenya, Nigeria, Senegal, Zimbabwe), and with policy enhancement in 12 countries. (OP1)
Established a center at the University of Nairobi. (OP1)
- **Additional funding to be explored** with recent support from SIDA and ongoing discussion with Shanghai University
- **Partnerships expansion with** new MoU (FAO, Shanghai University)



- **31 Global Experts** advising UN-Habitat, representing 25 Countries and meeting monthly (virtual).
- **Two global in-person meetings** of the Global Experts Working Group 2024 were confirmed (Strasbourg; Baku); third is under consideration (2025).
 - **1st EGM concluded (17 – 18 April 2024), Strasbourg**
- **Regional consultations** ongoing review of the hosts.
- **Global assessment of the state of smart city development** (World Smart Cities Outlook) ongoing.
- **Stakeholder consultations** preparation ongoing (civil society, private sector, local and regional governments, academia, other UN agencies and UN-Habitat Advisory Groups).

Drafting Timeline



Resolution 2/2 – Accelerating the transformation of informal settlements and slums by 2030

- Provided **Technical support** upon demand to 10 Member States (OP 6)
- Development of **sub-regional strategy framework for SADC countries** advancing (OP 7)
- Agreement of **partnership strategy with the Organization of the African, Caribbean and Pacific States** and approval of sub-committee to support implementation (OP 7)
- **Consultations on outline for a technical guideline for a multiple partnership approach** to slum transformation (OP 8)
- Reviewing **data needs and methods** and criteria for **policy best practices** to be integrated with Adequate Housing Platform (OP 3(c) and 3(d))
- **Global Publication** on Slum Transformation and develop of a **Transformative Action Matrix** (OP 7) being finalised



- UNGA approved resolution **A/78/L.11** and proclaimed **20 September as World Cleanup Day**. (OP1 and OP5)
- GA resolution invites UN-Habitat to facilitate the observance of World Cleanup Day. (OP6)
- **Note Verbale to Member States is being prepared**, informing of the adoption of the resolution **A/78/L.11**. (OP1)
- The Note Verbale will include a **call for Member States to host the World Cleanup Day 2024**. (OP6)
- Expression of Interest to **host World Cleanup Day 2025** to be launched.
- **World Cleanup Day incorporated on the UN-Habitat website**. (OP2)
- Invitations will be sent with an information package to all Member States, UN agencies and other international organizations to observe World Cleanup Day. (OP2)



Progress on the toolkit on urban development for biodiverse and resilient cities (OP2, OP7):

- Costa Rica is supporting the project on cities and nature in San José Metropolitan Area.
- Piloting a **hotspot spotlight raster** to proactively projects **urban expansion**, predicts **land-use conflict zones**, preserves **peri-urban habitat**, and prevents **replication of mistakes**.
- Results to be reported at WUF12, CDB COP16, and **2nd Session of the Executive Board**.

Regional Expert Group Meeting in LAC (OP2):

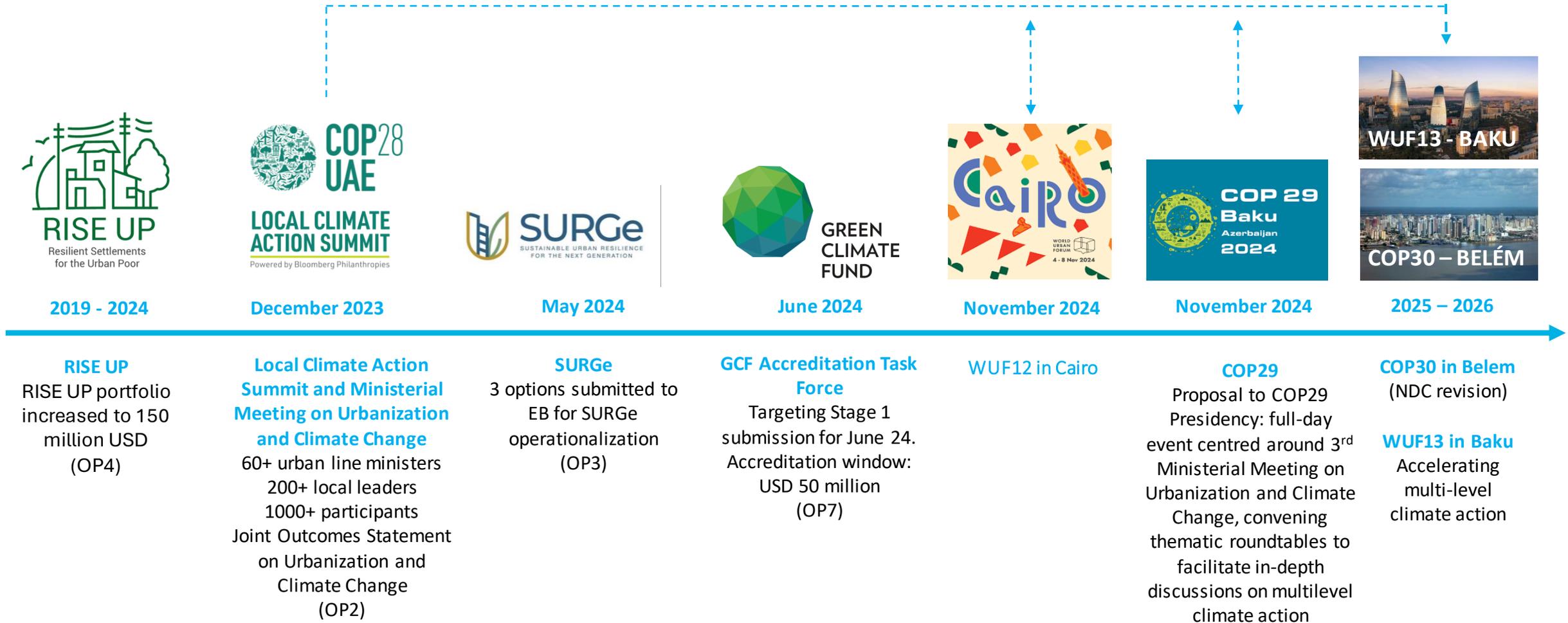
- Planned to take place in **July 2024**.
- Will focus on promoting the **mainstreaming of biodiversity** and ecosystem services in territorial planning and management; aligning **multilevel urban policies** in biodiversity hotspots; sharing practices that **contribute to more biodiverse and resilient cities**.



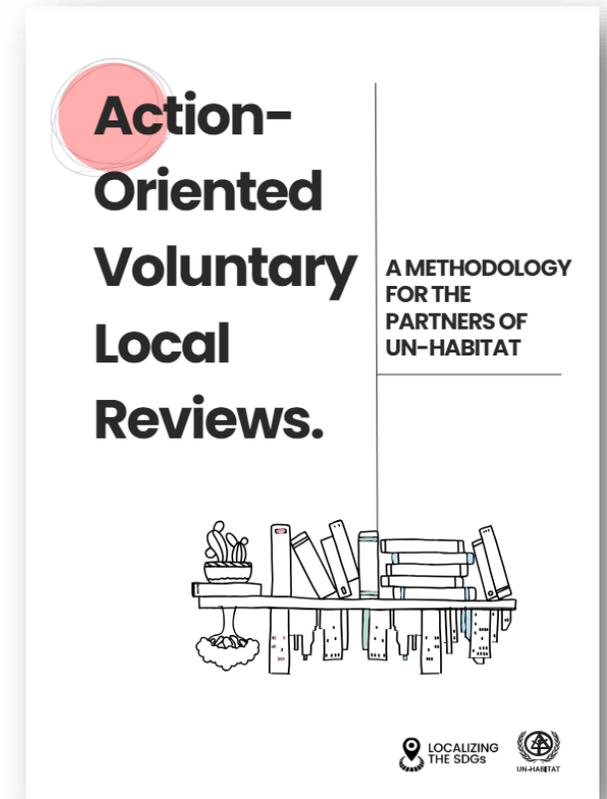
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Resolution 2/5 – Enhancing the Interlinkage between Urbanization and Climate Change Resilience

Strategically link the outcomes of previous COP Ministerial Meetings with future WUFs and COPs



- **Merging SDG Cities Flagship with SDG Localization Team (UPB)** – renewed, strengthened corporate approach.
- **Action-Oriented VLR Methodology** – piloted in 13 countries. (OP2a)
- **Corporate capacity building offer on SDG Localization** – piloted in 5 countries. (OP2b, OP2c, OP2f)
- Active localization support in 18 countries and preparation for **national SDG Localization programmes**. (OP2d, OP2e)
- **UMF applied in 80 new cities, +42** reached out for support. (OP4a)
- **Local 2030 Coalition:** Cooperation with SDG Fund and endorsement of SDG Localization Marker. Launch of Local2030 Knowledge and Scientific Network. (OP2f, OP9)
- **Planned political engagement:** HLPF, Summit of the Future and WUF12. (OP2b, OP2d)
- **Priorities:** secure unearmarked or soft-earmarked funding for the agency; consolidate internal collaborations and partnership with external stakeholders; consolidate tools and methodologies; scale up pilots to national programmes.

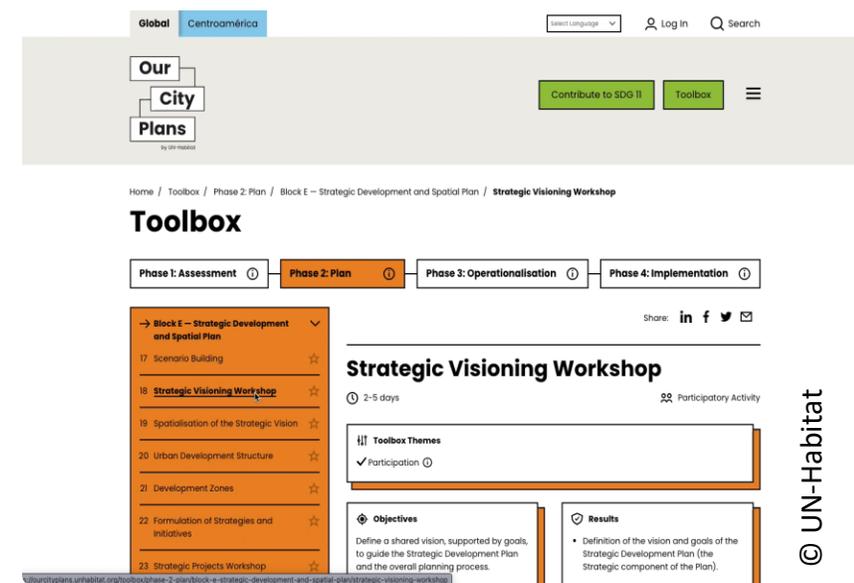


Resolution 2/7 – Adequate Housing for All

- **Platform needs assessment** designed and implementation underway. (OP8)
- Preliminary scoping expert meeting on **housing indicators** held. (OP1c)
- Preparatory **consultations through Ad Hoc Working Group PBA.**
- **Confirmation of draft agenda** for first session of Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All presented (OP2), including decision on **date and duration** (OP7) to be made by EB at its first session of 2024.
- **Next steps:**
 - **Issue note verbale announcing date and venue, and including call for substantive inputs**, of first session of Housing Working Group once confirmed by EB.
 - Confirm budget projections and available resources for first meeting and **update Ad Hoc Working Group PBA.**
 - Complete preparation of **background documents** for first session of Housing Working Group according to available resources and in-kind contributions by July 30th (if Oct '24) or Aug 31st (if Dec '24).
 - Complete the **Adequate Housing Platform** needs assessment and design digital portal.



- **Our City Plans digital platform** being updated with additional tools (infrastructure and finance knowledge and tools, starting with urban mobility). (OP1)
- **Training and capacity development activities** deployed globally and regionally through Our City Plans general structure and technical assistance to national and local governments for integrated infrastructure planning. (OP6)
- **Outreach and connection** with other initiatives in-house, such as the Cities Investment Facility and Capital Investment Planning initiated. (OP1a, OP5)
- New concept for **integrated Urban Labs** providing remote and hybrid technical backstopping and/or decentralised Urban Labs (centres of excellence) while implementing integrated planning processes. (OP6)
- **Outreach to Member States for self-assessment** of needs in the field of planning and infrastructure. (OP1, OP2)
- **Resource mobilisation efforts to be accelerated** with Multilateral Development Banks, Bilateral Cooperation and financial institutions.



Development of a comprehensive operational framework (OP1)

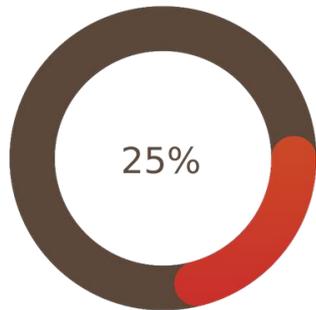
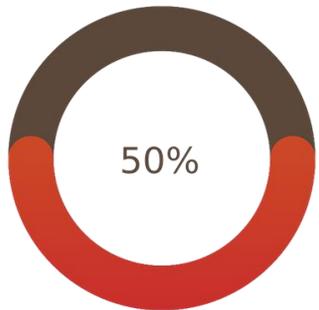
- **Mapping of actors and country-level initiatives** for each part of an urban crisis cycle (i.e. WMO under Earlywarning4ALL initiative, UNDRR for the Making Cities Resilient, IASC for the response, etc.).
- Establishment of **partnerships for AI and technology innovation for data mining and data analytics** on urban resilience systems for informed decisions.
- Development of **urban recovery frameworks after crises** (i.e. Syria, Ukraine).

Efforts towards re-activation of fund (OP2)

- The UN-Habitat emergency response fund (from crises to resilient development) is not yet fully reactivated due to lack of funding.
- UN-OCHA has offered to facilitate access to existing standby partnerships for humanitarian response.



- Done ✓: Set up the urban action funding window in the financial system (OP3)
- Done ✓: Establish its terms of reference (OP4)
- Done ✓: Revise the contribution template to include project balances (OP5)



2024-25: Design and develop the web page on UNHA resolution tracking (OP1, OP2)

2024-25: Establish mechanism to collect and publish information (OP1, OP2)

Thank you!

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