

WUF11: Transforming our Cities for a Better Urban Future

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Registration for WUF is OPEN!

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Click [HERE](#) to register.

Participants wishing to attend WUF11 either virtually or in person at the International Conference Centre in Katowice, Poland, must register individually to create your own profile. Online registration for both types of attendance is free.

The Road to WUF11

The transformation of urban futures is at the heart of sustainable development for this and future generations. Young people represent the largest proportion of the world's population currently residing in cities and urban human settlements; without looking toward the future and ways to make cities more liveable, more accessible and more equitable we cannot make the right progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

From 26-30 June 2022, stakeholders from government, civil society, academia and the private sector will join UN-Habitat and its fellow UN agencies, non-government organizations and the Polish government in the city of Katowice. They will participate in Eleventh Session of the World Urban Forum, convened by UN-Habitat and co-organized with Poland's Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy and the city of Katowice. WUF11 will be held in the International Conference Centre: an established and dynamic smart conference venue.

Our WUF11 theme **Transforming our Cities for a Better Urban Future** will be explored in six Dialogues, emphasizing innovation and sharing the best ideas and practices from across the world. A series of declared actions will emerge along the following lines:



1

Equitable urban futures

How cities can respond to the underlying challenges of inequality and poverty to as a basis for achieving more equitable and prosperous urban futures



2

Greener urban futures

The role of cities in securing greener urban futures that entail the transition to net zero emissions, improved natural resource efficiency and safeguarding critical ecosystems and biodiversity



3

Innovation and technology

The pervasive role of innovation and technology in the transition to more sustainable urban futures



4

Future urban economy and finance

How can cities create inclusive economies that are resilient to shocks and how sustainable urban futures can be adequately financed



5

Urban planning and governance

The role of urban planning and governance in achieving a resilient future across the urban-rural continuum



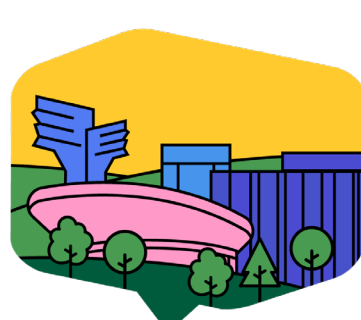
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Building urban resilience

Building urban resilience across various dimensions— economic, social and environmental, including appropriate governance and institutional structures

WORLD URBAN FORUM

ELEVENTH SESSION



KATOWICE, POLAND | 26-30 JUNE 2022

Presenting: The WUF11 logo

The theme of this year's Eleventh Session of the World Urban Forum, convened by UN-Habitat and co-organized with Poland's Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policies and the city of Katowice, is Transforming our cities for a better urban future. No city better embodies transformation than Katowice, Poland: a former industrial hub for mining that has become a centre of the knowledge economy, friendly to business, tourism and innovation. But while Katowice is stepping firmly towards the future, it remains loyal to its past.

Our logo for WUF11 seeks to pay tribute to Katowice's transformation and evolution. With a touch of whimsy and bold graphic design, featuring bright, optimistic colours depicting a bright future, the logo is emblematic of our aspirations to achieve the cities we need — inclusive, accessible and sustainable human settlements that leave no one behind.

The logo incorporates some of the city's most iconic landmarks, including the Spodek Arena: the flying saucer-shaped arena and conference centre that opened in 1971.

Soaring above the Spodek is one of Katowice's other notable landmarks: the monument to the Silesian Insurgents who led three uprisings after the turn of the 20th century that culminated in the integration of Upper Silesia into the newly independent Polish state.

In the background are two buildings emblematic of the city's patronage of culture and music as a UNESCO Creative City: the Silesian Museum and the National Radio Symphony Orchestra building. Since 2015, Katowice has been part of the global Creative Cities Network, a global community of urban municipalities committed to the promotion of economic, social and cultural development.

Dotted with trees, the logo also depicts the city's commitment to the green economy and sustainability, and investment in open, public space, parks and forests.

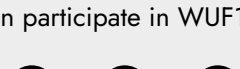
In integrating the global WUF logo's trademark chat boxes, which signify openness to dialogue, new ideas and sharing of lessons learned, we are proudly displaying our commitment to global exchanges of ideas on how to achieve sustainable urbanization, now and for the future.

With more than half of the world's population living in cities, the future of humanity is undeniably urban and undeniably pluralistic. As we set out on the road to WUF, may the bright WUF11 logo be a beacon to illuminate the possibilities of the resilient, sustainable, equitable cities we need.

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