

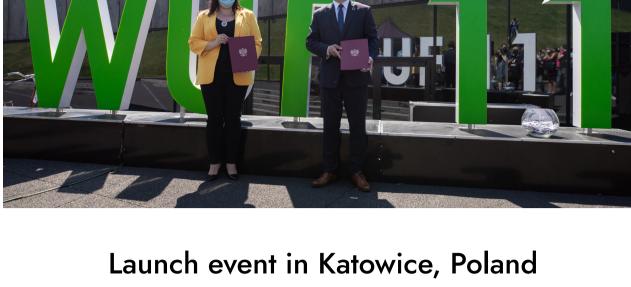
World Urban Forum opens in Katowice The countdown to the opening of the eleventh World Urban Forum (WUF11), the premier global meeting on urban issues, has begun. WUF11 will open in the City

One year to go until the eleventh

of Katowice, Poland on 26 June 2022. The Forum will run to 30 June under the theme "Transforming Our Cities for a Better Urban Future." Over the next twelve months we will open the registration for the huge number of events and meetings taking place during WUF11 including dialogues, special

sessions, side events, exhibitions and much more. This will be followed by registration for thousands of delegates including policy makers, mayors, academics, business people, community leaders, urban planners and many others. For more information see the Press Release.





of Development Funds and Regional Policy and the Municipal Office of Katowice.

Katowice hosted a special launch event on 12 May 2021 to mark the calendar for the dates and theme of WUF11. WUF11 is being co-organized by Poland's Ministry

During the launch they signed an agreement on the preparation of WUF11 in June 2022. The UN-Habitat Executive Director, Maimunah Mohd Sharif, the Minister of Development Funds and Regional Policy, Małgorzata Jarosińska-Jedynak, and the Mayor of Katowice, Marcin Krupa, made a joint video to mark the occasion. The Executive Director also sent her best wishes in a video speech. What do you know



in southern Poland, on the Kłodnica and Rawa rivers. In recent years Katowice has undergone a huge

Katowice is a city in Upper Silesia

about Katowice?

transformation. Until recently, the city was often seen as representative of Silesia: the place of heavy industry, coal and steel. The road that Katowice has travelled, becoming the modern capital of a metropolitan area with 2 million inhabitants, is an example of the transformation that has taken place throughout Poland. Katowice hosted the UN Climate Change Conference (COP24) in 2018 and will host the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) in December 2021. The city boasts a state-of-the-art congress centre, well-developed hotel facilities and transport network. Katowice is seen as a leading example

of urban regeneration.

Marcin Krupa, the Mayor of Katowice.

"Katowice is looking forward to hosting the international community. We have had many global gatherings. Hosting WUF11 underlines the importance of Katowice as the site of visible and significant socio-economic transformation and as a welcoming

host of all events. We are looking forward to welcoming you all to Katowice at WUF11."

excellence and innovation for monitoring and reporting on sustainable urbanization. The theme of the World Cities Report -Envisaging the Future of Cities - mirrors the theme of WUF11.

UN-Habitat's flagship

launched at WUF11

World Cities Report to be

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World Cities Report 2022, a flagship

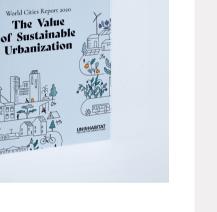
publication and an integral aspect of UN-Habitat's positioning as a centre of

advise on the main scope and key guiding questions. The Meeting discussed how future of cities will be jointly addressed at WF11 and in the World Cities Report 2022 with focus on equitable urban futures, greener urban futures, urban health, innovation and technology, planning the future of cities and building urban resilience. Last year UN-Habitat launched the World Cities Report 2020 on the Value of Sustainable Urbanization which is available here.

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Transforming our Cities for a Better



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A joint Expert Group Meeting on the theme of World Cities Report 2022 and

WUF11 took place on 8-10 June 2021 with urban experts worldwide to review and



We are thrilled to announce that we have launched a new website at

www.worldurbanforum.org. This will be a platform featuring all the details on

preparations for WUF11, the inspiring speakers, themes for dialogues and roundtables, how to register an event, how to participate, branding, information on previous WUFs and much more. Check it out now and let us know what you think.

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For more information about the #WUF11. contact us on unhabitat-wuf@un.org or go to www.unhabitat.org, www.worldurbanforum.org or wuf11.katowice.eu









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