

Habitat UNI WUF12 Pocket Guide

Key Events for/by Universities &
Research Institutes at WUF12

4–8 November 2024

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About Habitat UNI

UN-Habitat's **Habitat UNI** is a global university initiative launched in 2014 to integrate academic work in urban sustainability with the agency's mission. Through wide-ranging university partnerships, it connects academic institutions across the globe to UN-Habitat's efforts in fostering urban sustainability. These collaborations have resulted in diverse projects, from international initiatives to targeted technical support. Habitat UNI serves as a vital bridge between academia and UN-Habitat, enhancing cross-border research and education while preparing the next generation of professionals to contribute to sustainable urban development.

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The New University and Research Partnerships Framework

The new **UN-Habitat University and Research Partnerships Framework** embodies a transformative vision for collaboration between UN-Habitat, universities, research institutions, think-tanks, and academic networks. This framework seeks to create an ecosystem of collaboration that harness the untapped potential of universities as pivotal partners in sustainable urban development. By clarifying strategic directions and establishing structured channels for engagement, it aims to serve as a guide to foster meaningful partnerships and coalitions, aligned with UN-Habitat's goals.

The **upcoming Habitat UNI Steering Committee election** is a critical process to enhance collaboration between UN-Habitat and academic institutions. This committee will play a crucial role in guiding the strategic direction of Habitat UNI and the framework of partnerships, fostering impactful partnerships that contribute to sustainable urban development, and integrating academic insights into UN-Habitat's initiatives. After incorporating the feedback received at WUF12, UN-Habitat will update the framework, including its governance, and organize new elections for the Steering Committee. **Interested universities should make sure they are registered** as individual and institutional members of Habitat UNI to receive further communication on this and can already express their interest.



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Nov

5:45 pm - 6:45 pm
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NEW PACT BETWEEN UN-HABITAT AND ACADEMIA

As cities grow, **academia's role** in urban development **is crucial**. Universities support the New Urban Agenda and 2030 Agenda with knowledge and solutions for challenges like climate change.

This event will introduce the **UN-Habitat's University and Research Partnerships Framework**, conducting a first open consultation with the academic community as the first step of its pilot phase.



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UN-Habitat Arena, Egypt International Exhibition Center, Cairo

Research & Academia Roundtable

IN THE EYE OF THE STORM: HOW CAN RESEARCH & DATA HELP SOLVING THE URBAN HOUSING-CLIMATE CRISIS?

Urban areas globally face multiple interconnected crises, including the housing crises and climate emergency, that affect both the Global North and South. This roundtable will discuss the strategies and collaborative efforts needed to enhance the body of research and data to tackle these complex and compound challenges.

The session will draw on key insights from major reports and conferences to tackle these urgent global issues:

Key topics to be discussed



Interlinkages Between Housing Crisis and Climate Emergency



Addressing Research and Data Gaps



Successful Academia - Policy - Community Collaborations



Strengthening Global Academic Partnerships

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Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)'s Special Report on Climate Change and Cities

INNOVATE CITIES

The Innovate4Cities Conference (I4C24) 2024



The World Cities Report (WCR) 2024



The International Conference on Collective Housing: Let People Be the Solutions 2024

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

SDG 11 Synthesis Report 2023

Roundtable Schedule

8
Nov

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
OPEN EVENT!

(()) Live streaming on [UN Web TV](#)

Opening Remarks

Prof. Mohamed Ayman Ashour, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Egypt

Panel 1

Research Agenda & Urban Data Gaps in the Context of the Global Housing Crises

Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Bharat Dahiya

Director, Research Center for Sustainable Development and Innovation at the School of Global Studies, Thammasat University

Panelists:

Dr. Adriana Hurtado Tarazona
Associate Professor, Universidad de Los Andes Uniandes

Dr. Cynthia Goytia

Head of the MSc. in Urban Economics, Torcuato di Tella University

Mr. Don Simmonds

CEO, CITIIQ

Ms. Sheila Muganyi

Slum Dwellers International (SDI)

Panel 2

Research Agenda and Urban Data Gaps in the Context of Climate Action

Keynote Speaker:

Dr. David Dodman

General Director, Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam

Panelists:

Mr. Benjamin Jance IV

Head of Research and Innovation, Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM)

Dr. Elisabeth Hamin Infield

Professional of Regional Planning, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Mr. Lewis Dijkstra

Head of Urban and Territorial Analysis, European Commission Joint Research Centre

Dr. Temitope O. Sogbanmu

Environmental Toxicologist, University of Lagos

Panel 3

Pathways for Knowledge Co-production and Partnerships

Keynote Speaker:

Ms. Elayne B. Weis

Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Policy Development, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Panelists:

Ms. Chilando Chitangala

Mayor of Lusaka, Zambia

Prof. Dr. Changsheng Liu

President, Shanghai University

Mr. Bjorn Wallsten

Senior Research Officer, European Driving Urban Transitions Partnership

Mr. Peter Oboro

Immediate Past President, Commonwealth Association of Architects



8 Nov, 10:00am - 1:00pm



Roundtable Room B, Egypt International Exhibition Center, Cairo

UN-Habitat Arena Events

There are plenty of super interesting UN-Habitat Arena events. From urban vulnerability, biodiversity, and housing in Europe and in the Arab States! Check the full Programme [here](#).



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Nov 10:15 am - 11:15 am
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[OUR COLLECTIVE EFFORTS ON NEW URBAN AGENDA](#)

This session aims to advocate for the New Urban Agenda (NUA) and its 2026 reporting cycle. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of the NUA and the importance of collective efforts.

Keynote Speaker:

Ms. Edlam Abera Yemeru, UN-Habitat

Moderator:

Ms. Bobae Lee, UN-Habitat

Panelists:

Dr. Enrique R. Silva, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

Ms. Nasra Nanda, Kenya Green Building Society

Ms. Hadia Gad Masoud, Ministry of Housing, Utilities & Urban Communities, Egypt

Ms. Mylene Rivera, Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development, Philippines

Ms. Efua Dadze-Arthur, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)

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Nov 12:45 pm - 1:45 pm
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[WORLD CITIES REPORT 2024 - CITIES AND CLIMATE ACTION. MOVING FROM RHETORIC TO IMPLEMENTABLE ACTION](#)

Building on the World Cities Report 2024: Cities and Climate Action, a report emphasizing urban areas' vital role in addressing climate change, this session will engage experts, policymakers, and stakeholders to debate, provide insights into the report, and explore how cities can translate these findings into tangible, on-the-ground actions.

Moderator:

Ms. Edlam Abera Yemeru, UN-Habitat

Panelists:

Ms. Rohey Malick Lowe, The City of Banjul, Gambia

Dr. David Dodman, Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS) of Erasmus University Rotterdam

Professor Carol Archer, University of Technology Kingston

Mr. Hannes Juhlin Lagrelius, World Blind Union

Mr. Ben Arimah, UN Habitat

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Nov 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
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[STATUS OF GLOBAL HOUSING INDICATORS AND PARTNER CONTRIBUTIONS TO ROLL-OUT AT THE LOCAL LEVEL](#)

This session will explore the application of the global minimum core set of housing indicators and strengthen connections between data producers and users. Housing experts from academia, regulators, policymakers, NGOs, the private sector, and UN agencies will collaborate to enhance housing indicator monitoring systems for global impact.

Panelists:

Mr. Thierno Hann, Shelter Afrique Development Bank

Mr. Jean-Philippe Deschamp, Statistics Canada

Ms. Leah Wambugu, Kenya National Bureau of Statistics

Ms. Gunnar Theissen, OHCHR

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Nov 5:45 pm - 6:45 pm
UTC+2

[TOWARDS A SPECIAL REPORT OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON CLIMATE CHANGE & FINDINGS OF THE INNOVATE4CITIES CONFERENCE](#)

Building on I4C24, this session explores how cities can accelerate climate action by addressing data gaps, leveraging innovation, and using foresight. Panelists and audience will help shape strategies aligned with the GRAA and the upcoming IPCC report.

Moderator:

Ms. Lea Ranalder, UN-Habitat

Panelists:

Mr. Benjamin Jance V, Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM) Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM)

Mr. Yvonne Aki-Sawyer, City of Freetown

Mr. Benedict Arimah, UN-Habitat

Ms. Diana Ürge-Vorsatz, IPCC

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Nov 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
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[RESPONDING TO ROOT CAUSES OF DISPLACEMENT AND TO CLIMATE EMERGENCIES IN CITIES AND TERRITORIES THROUGH PREDICTIVE SPATIAL DATA](#)

Cities are frequently and increasingly responding to climate-related shocks and the needs of displaced communities. This session will showcase urban and territorial interventions that mitigate climate risks and impact population movement using predictive spatial data analysis.

Panelists:

Mr. Lewis Dijkstra, European Commission Joint Research Centre

Mr. José Luis Martínez-Almeida Navasquies, City of Madrid

Ms. Montserrat Gibert, UN-Habitat

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Nov 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
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[EXPERIENCES FROM THE APPLICATION OF DEGREE OF URBANISATION FOR PRODUCTION OF COMPARABLE SDGS DATA](#)

Building on I4C24, this session explores how cities can accelerate climate action by addressing data gaps, leveraging innovation, and using foresight. Panelists and audience will help shape strategies aligned with the GRAA and the upcoming IPCC report.

Panelists:

Mr. Lewis Dijkstra, European Commission Joint Research Centre

Ms. Samira Oudday, National Institute of Statistics – INS

Mr. Dhundi Raj Lamichhane, National Statistics Office

Mr. Rodrigo Arriaza, Instituto Nacional de Estadísticas Chile



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UN-Habitat Arena, Egypt International Exhibition Center, Cairo

UNI Booth Schedule at the Urban Expo

This year, the Habitat UNI booth will feature selected universities from all around the world showcasing their work on urban sustainability. Selected universities will present their research and solutions to critical urban challenges. Visitors can connect with experts, attend talks, and explore projects shaping the future of sustainable cities.

**5-7
Nov**

**09:00 am - 5:50 pm
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**Urban Expo Hall,
Egypt International
Exhibition Center, Cairo**

UNIVERSITY LECTURES SERIES

Tuesday, 5 November 2024

Time Lecture

09:00 - 09:20 Urban Resilience Approach: Rapid Risk Diagnostic to Improve Quality of Life (QoL)
Institute of Technology Bandung & Resilience Development Initiative (RDI), Saut Sagala
Exploring global approaches to improve Quality of Life (QoL) by building urban resilience through rapid risk diagnostics and practical recommendations.

09:30 - 09:50 For a Research of Impact
Tecnológico de Monterrey, Emanuele Giorgi
The ecosystem "City Initiative" reshapes research with projects like "Design for Vulnerables" that empower communities and promote regenerative futures.

10:00 - 10:20 Advancing Urban Climate Resilience through Interdisciplinary Education and Research
University of Miami, Sarbeswar Praharaj
Discussing interdisciplinary curricular and research innovations through the University of Miami's Urban Sustainability & Resilience Program directed by Dept. of Geography and School of Architecture.

10:30 - 10:50 Closing the Knowledge-Policy Gap to Advance SDG Localization
Local2030 Knowledge and Scientific Network, Marco Zupi
Highlight the need for evidence-based policymaking and interdisciplinary skills, and the role of academia in driving local SDG action.

11:00 - 11:20 Urban Migration for Good: From forced displacement to a good city - Lessons from Cabo Delgado, Mozambique
London South Bank University, Edmundo Werna
A research which explores the concept of "what is a good city" in an extreme context: in a least-developed country, in a settlement which faced triple humanitarian crises.

11:30 - 11:50 Connecting Planning Education Globally
GPEAN, Paulo Silva
Presenting and discussing GPEAN's project for a global planning education survey: previous knowledge, roadmap, opportunities and gaps.

13:00 - 13:20 Geoversity.io: an Open Platform for (Continuing) Education on Geo-information and Earth Observation for Urban and Spatial Development
University of Twente, Luc Boerboom
Geo-spatial urban practices change ever faster. The new Geoversity.io offers continuing education and news from partners for every professional.

13:30 - 13:50 Urban Recovery & Sustainable Development
Kyiv School of Economics, Pavlo Bilyk & Tetiana Vodotyka
The talk will showcase KSE's research linking the SDGs to postwar recovery and the development of Urban Studies in Ukraine (MA since 2023).

14:00 - 14:20 Innovating Sustainable Architecture: TU Delft's Role in the Energy Transition
Delft University of Technology, Ragy Elgendy
Highlighting TU Delft's sustainable architecture, energy transition initiatives, and collaborative efforts for a more sustainable built environment.

14:30 - 14:50	Landuse Transformation and Quality of Life in Peri-Urban Areas Osun State University, Nigeria, Samson Olanrewaju The objectives of the lecture are to provide a deeper understanding of both QoL and land uses; and give an insight into the linkage of both QoL and landuses using the peri-urban areas of Osogbo metropolis.
15:00 - 15:20	WADI URBANISM: From Threat to Resource, Arid Landscape Regeneration & Adaptive reuse of urban void spaces heritage-sensitive Urban Block Design German University in Cairo (GUC), Yosra Malek & Shaimaa Fayed Wadis as a tool for urban flood management, local food production, and sustainable urban development through arid landscape regeneration.
15:30 - 15:50	Rethinking Urban Heritage German International University, Lina Fayed Urban spaces are an integral part of any World Heritage City's fabric, as it contributes to social, cultural and economic vibrancy of a city, which should be robust to meet present and future needs.
16:00 - 16:20	Urban Sustainability Approach in Minufiya University Menoufia University, Noran Hassan Minufiya University's Urban Sustainability Approach fosters innovative green solutions and sustainable practices for resilient urban development.
16:30 - 16:50	Inclusive Crisis Recovery The Bartlett School of Planning, University College London, Lucy Natarajan How academics support the NUA, via students' engagement with research on participatory place-making, and the wider planning education community.
17:00 - 17:20	Redefining Urban Sustainability: AUC's Innovative Initiatives American University in Cairo, Architecture Department, Momen M. El-Husseiny & Mariam Bechir AUC's architecture department promotes sustainability through initiatives like Cairobike, local material experiments, and the Go Green campaign.
17:30 - 17:50	SPURS: A Fellowship Opportunity for Mid-career Professionals in Planning, Policy-making, and Problem-solving Skills Special Program for Urban and Regional Studies (SPURS)/DUSP/Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Bish Sanyal SPURS, a unique one-year non-degree program at MIT, founded in 1967, for mid-career individuals who shape urban and regional policy in developing countries.

Wednesday, 6 November 2024

Time Lecture

09:00 - 09:20	Integrating SDGs in Education: Insights from HAUD and SFCL Ain Shams University, Samah Elkhateeb and Samy Afifi Exploring global approaches to improve Quality of Life (QoL) by building urban resilience through rapid risk diagnostics and practical recommendations.
09:30 - 09:50	Implementing SDG's as a university policy Aveiro University, Paulo Silva Multi-level implementation of SDG's: academia building bridges between policy-making, public management and spatial planning
10:00 - 10:20	Inclusive Cities: Cities for Children Cities4Children, Sarah Sabry Most children today are growing up in urban contexts. This lecture asks who are cities planned and designed for, provides a short overview of range of issues faced by children in cities and offers some practical ideas towards better cities for children
10:30 - 10:50	Designing Environments for Urban Resilience University of Pavia - Architecture and Urban Design Lab, Tiziano Cattaneo Introducing UNIPV-AUDe Lab.'s research projects focusing on architectural design as a process to create a sustainable life/space ecosystem by site-specific projects.

11:00 - 11:20	The Future of Public Housing University of Oregon, Mark L. Gillem & Hesham Issa Focusing on how the UDL integrates education and research to support UN-Habitat's housing goals, sustainable design, inclusive policies, and innovative solutions for future public housing.
11:30- 11:50	Research-Action to implement the New Urban Agenda and the 2030 Agenda at the University Universidad de Guadalajara, Juan Demerutis-Arenas Innovation in collaboration with the public, private, and social sectors to develop regional projects and public policies within the framework of SDGs and the New Urban Agenda.
13:00 - 13:20	Inclusive Teaching and Community-Driven Research for Sustainable Communities Cairo University, Ingy ElBarmelgy, Heba Khalil & Nihal AbdelGawwad An outline of ArchCairo's efforts and commitment to being an integral part of WUF12, through urban and environmental design courses direction to innovative solutions for Egypt's urban challenges.
13:30 - 13:50	Place-based digital innovation for inclusive and sustainable communities University of Plymouth, Katharine Willis This talk will discuss how cities and regions can support locally-driven digital innovation to promote resilient and inclusive cities and communities, and will include case study examples.
14:00 - 14:20	Accelerating the SDGs in Built Environment Education Center for Sustainable Urban Development, Columbia University and Royal Danish Academy, Anna Rubbo & Natalie Mossin Share past efforts to accelerate SDGs in built environment education; present 2025-30 plans to increase SDGs take-up worldwide through design, interdisciplinary action-research, publication, symposia.
14:30 - 14:50	Habitat University Network Initiative Sahar Attia, Eugenie Birch, Lara Kinneir The Habitat UNI Steering Committee will present the Habitat UNI Initiative and will be available to discuss any questions related to the upcoming election process.
15:00 - 15:20	Latin American Metropolises, Living Heritage, and Quality of Life Catholic University Chile, Umberto Bonomo Metropolises have unique heritage dynamics. The lecture will present cases from Rio de Janeiro, Santiago, Cuenca, and Gran La Plata, focusing on improving urban quality of life.
15:30 - 15:50	Communities and Sustainability UH-GAF University of Hertfordshire, Indiy Shawket, Eng. Ahmed G. Ashmawy, Eng. Samer Elokdah & Eng. Engy A. Fathy Promoting sustainability through innovative architecture, community engagement, and biophilic design emphasizing our university engagement in newly urbanized zone.
16:00 - 16:20	Supporting Community Development through Urban Citizenship in Design University of Pretoria, Unit for Urban Citizenship, Jason Oberholster Exploring transdisciplinary engaged research in informal settlements, fostering sustainable community development through academic and community collaboration.
16:30 - 16:50	Interdisciplinary thinkers for complex problem solving London Interdisciplinary School, Christopher Usher LIS is the world's first completely interdisciplinary university. We'll share our vision for shaping a new generation of agile and skilled leaders to tackle problems that matter.
17:00 - 17:20	Place Making in Heritage areas in Cairo: Revitalizing Qurqumas and Inal Complex Future University in Egypt, Yehya Serag Focusing on 2 Heritage sites in Cairo (700+ years) the aim was to investigate a placemaking strategy to engage the sites with the surrounding community and to put them on the map of Heritage sites.
17:30 - 17:50	Young Game Changers Initiative: Improving young people's urban health and wellbeing through active digital engagement in urban governance and inclusive public spaces design Young Game Changers Initiative, Universidad del Quindío, Sebastian Lopez and Johanna Burbano Working with the youth to analyze 140 public spaces, prioritizing two that will be designed and implemented using placemaking approaches.

Thursday, 7 November 2024

Time Lecture

09:00 - 09:20 Habitat University Network Initiative

Bruce Stiffler

The Habitat UNI Steering Committee will present the Habitat UNI Initiative and will be available to discuss any questions related to the upcoming election process.

09:30 - 09:50 University-City Partnerships for SDG Localisation

The University of Melbourne — Centre for Cities, Alexei Trundle

This session highlights collaborations between the University of Melbourne's Centre for Cities and municipalities in Asia-Pacific, including SDG localization efforts in Melbourne, Suva, and an SDG e-Module demo.

10:00 - 10:20 Shaping the Future of Cities: Global Insights on Urban Health, Land Use, and Geospatial Innovation

Urban Expansion Observatory, Pillai College, Priam Pillai

Pillai College will showcase its work on urban health, land use, and digital tools in collaboration with UN Habitat, WRI, NYU, focusing on global and Indian projects.

10:30 - 10:50 Sustainable Industrialization and Urbanization Driven by Industrial Parks in the Global South

Southeast University, Prof. Dr. Wang Xingping

This event aims to deepen understanding of industrial parks' role in promoting sustainable industrialization, urbanization in the global south through releasing three research reports.

11:00 - 11:20 Deciphering and Improving Commuting in Our Cities

The University of Hong Kong, Tianren Yang

Urban commuting affects life quality. Research uses big data, models and telework trends to balance jobs-housing, cut travel times and boost city liveability.

11:30 - 11:50 Derna Disaster and Future Planning: Understanding the Past, Shaping the Future

Berenice University of Architecture and Urbanism, Tarek El Bourfi

Highlighting research on Derna's history, urban development, the tragedy of Storm Daniel, and ways to rebuild the city via sustainable urbanization.

13:00 - 13:20 Redefining Urban Sustainability: AUC's Innovative Initiatives

Centre for Housing and Sustainable Development, Dr. Peter Elias

Africa-wide scoping studies for 3 years on Urban livability, resilience, and transportation. Pro-poor projects in informal settlements, slum mappings, books and journals that are published by the centre.

13:30 - 13:50 Innovation and the SDGs

The University of Pennsylvania, Amanda Lloyd

Explores the intersection of cutting-edge solutions and the Sustainable Development Goals, emphasizing their role in fostering global sustainability.

14:00 - 14:20 Presentation of the PIONEER Alliance of European Universities

Université Gustave Eiffel, Virginie Etienne

The PIONEER Alliance (Erasmus+) brings together 10 universities. It aims to shape the future of inclusive, safe, resilient & sustainable cities providing dedicated skills with an emphasis on the SDG11.

14:30 - 14:50 Action Oriented Research on the Road to SDGs

Action Oriented Research, CEDEUS, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Margarita Greene

The challenge of identifying, designing and implementing sustainable improvements in our built environment with a special focus on the urban poor.

15:00 - 15:20 Sustainable Urban Transformation of Post-Industrial Areas in View of SDG11 and SDG12 - Experiences from Silesian University of Technology

Silesian University Of Technology, Michal Stangel

Experiences from the coal region Silesia - sustainable urbanism, energy efficiency, green infrastructure, circular economy, fostering entrepreneurship and human capital

UNIVERSITY LECTURES SERIES

Time	Lecture
15:30 - 15:50	Low Carbon and Resilient Cities in the Global South Metropolitan Centre, ITB, Sri Maryati Explain the impact of climate change, best practises of low carbon and resilient infrastructure in Indonesia, and the role of university (ITB) to form low carbon and resilient cities.
16:00 - 16:20	Campaigning for a better future through higher education: Contributions to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Eastern Mediterranean University, Sebnem Hoskara & Ercan Hoskara Exploring the role of higher education institutions in localising SDGs, introducing Eastern Mediterranean University and its Academic Trade Union (DAUSEN) efforts and highlighting the capacity building for SDGs at EMU.
16:30 - 16:50	International Practices of Place Management through Multi Sectoral Partnerships Georgetown Global Cities Initiative, Sooin Choi Through a variety of global case studies, the presentation will demonstrate how local approaches can empower practitioners to become more responsive to local needs.
17:00 - 17:20	Collaborative Pathways to Sustainable Mobility Transitions Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Luis Martinez Ramirez An exploration of approaches and tools to support participatory research and foster community engagement in the transition towards sustainable urban mobility.
17:30 - 17:50	From research to action: What 2,000 leaders and experts shared at the 2024 Innovate4Cities Conference UN-Habitat and Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy



Quality of Life Initiative

Global Urban Lectures Live at UNI Booth

Global Urban Lectures (GUL) is a 15-minute lecture series on critical urban topics featuring global experts in sustainable urbanization.

In collaboration with the **Quality of Life Initiative**, GUL Season 7 takes a closer look at what truly defines the quality of life in cities.

Learn more about GUL lecture topics at the UNI Booth.

Live at WUP!

Urban Resilience Approach: Rapid Risk Diagnostic to Improve Quality of Life
Saut Sagala
Institute of Technology Bandung

5 Nov 09:00 - 09:20 UTC +2

This lecture shows how rapid diagnostics and risk-sensitive planning enhance resilience and livability in Makassar, Indonesia.

Live at WUP!

Inclusive Cities: Cities for Children & Youth
Sarah Sabry
Save the Children, The Global Alliance

5 Nov 10:00 - 10:20 UTC +2

This lecture highlights challenges for urban children, including slum living and exclusion from governance, based on work by the Global Alliance - Cities4Children.

Live at WUP!

Landuse Transformation and Quality of Life in Peri-Urban Areas

Samson Olanrewaju
Osun State University, Nigeria

5 Nov 14:30 - 14:50 UTC +2

This lecture offers insights into both Quality of Life (QoL) and land use, and the connection between the two using the peri-urban areas of Osogbo metropolis as a case study.

Live at WUP!

Sense and the City
Katharine Willis
University of Plymouth

6 Nov 13:30 - 13:50 UTC +2

This lecture explores how emotional data from sensors can enhance urban planning by measuring citizens' emotional responses to city spaces.

Live at WUP!

Latin American Metropolises, Living Heritage, and Quality of Life
Umberto Bonomo
Catholic University Chile

6 Nov 15:00 - 15:20 UTC +2

Metropolises have unique heritage dynamics. The lecture will present cases from Rio de Janeiro, Santiago, Cuenca, and Gran La Plata, focusing on improving urban quality of life.

Live at WUP!

Deciphering and Improving Communities in Our Cities
Tianren Yang
The University of Hongkong

7 Nov 11:00 - 11:20 UTC +2

This lecture examines how commuting affects quality of life and presents strategies for improving urban work trips.

Partner Led Events - Universities & Research Institutes

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Number of events

- Dialogue 1: Housing our future
- Dialogue 2: Cities and the climate crisis
- Dialogue 3: Stronger together
- Dialogue 4: Financing localization and localizing finance
- Dialogue 5: Putting people first in a digital era
- Dialogue 6: The loss of home

Tuesday, 5 November 2024 (28 Events)

Click the event title to see full details!

Time	Title	Organization	Venue
09:00 - 10:30	Housing Our Future Bridging Divides, Challenges, and Innovations Across Cultures	University Gustave Eiffel	Voices from Cities room D
	Rejuvenation of Slums and Local Economic Interventions for Nigerian Cities	Institute for Environment Research and Development Nigeria	Voices from Cities room D
09:00 - 12:00	Leveraging Land Value Capture for Affordable Housing Provision and Infrastructure Financing	Lincoln Institute of Land Policy	Multipurpose room 13
	Tackling Urban Climate Risks. Practical Guidance on Managing Heat Risk and Nature-based Solutions	Sciences Po - Urban School	Multipurpose room 08
	Participatory Public Space Site-Specific Assessment and Design-Tools & methodologies for inclusive social cohesion	An-Najah National University	Multipurpose room 08
	The Power of Health Equity & Biophilia - A Better Urban Future Together	International Society for Urban Health	Multipurpose room 13
	Empowering Communities Participatory Approaches for Inclusive and Climate-Resilient Urban Transportation	Stockholm Environment Institute - University of York	Multipurpose room 10
	Jointly building capacity for postwar recovery in Ukraine. Digital Tools for informed decision-making under crisis conditions	Kyiv School of Economics	Multipurpose room 17
11:00 - 12:30	Scaling access to climate-resilient housing and urban services in informal settlements	World Resources Institute Ross Center for Sustainable Cities	SDGs in Action room B
11:30 - 12:15	The Green Crisis of Cairo	Ain Shams University	Urban Cinema
12:45 - 13:30	.(Un)homely City: Navigating houseless in a pandemic	University College London	Urban Cinema
13:00 - 14:30	Arid cities, climate change, sustainability and resilience challenges and needs	Royal Holloway University of London	Multipurpose room 15
	Digital technology for local and inclusive development - potentials and challenges	Chalmers University Gothenburg	Multipurpose room 18
	Global Partnerships for Climate Resiliency Addressing Urban Water and Sanitation	Georgia Institute of Technology	SDGs in Action room C

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13:00 - 14:30	<u>Journal launch Urban Regeneration - Producing Knowledge of Sustainable Urban and Rural Transformation</u>	Shanghai Institute of Urban Regeneration and Sustainability at Shanghai University	SDGs in Action room B
	<u>Empowering Communities for Sustainable Urban Transformation Integrating Local Action with Urban Acupuncture</u>	Alexandria University	Voices from Cities room B
15:00 - 16:30	<u>Inclusive data and digital tools for informal settlements</u>	University of Glasgow	Multipurpose room 09
	<u>Time to Walk the Talk - Forefronting Local Action towards Urban Equality</u>	The Bartlett Development Planning Unit DPU University College London UCL	Multipurpose room 14
	<u>Citizen-Centric Ai in Smart Cities for Participatory Urban Governance Local Actions from Egypt, Germany and the Republic of Korea</u>	Karlsruhe Institute of Technology	Multipurpose room 19
15:00 - 16:30	<u>Gender And Social Inclusion In African Cities - Gamechangers for Urban Sustainability</u>	World Resources Institute	Voices from Cities room D
16:30 - 17:15	<u>Introducing the Cities Spatial Model</u>	Cities That Work International Growth Centre University of Oxford	Urban Cinema
16:30 - 17:30	<u>Beyond & between - launching the global compendium of Peri-Urban-Rural Linkages</u>	University of Manchester	Urban Library room B
17:00 - 18:30	<u>Observatorios de Ciudades</u>	Tec de Monterrey	Multipurpose room 21
	<u>Network Building to Address Future Challenges for Urban Observatories</u>	University College London	Multipurpose room 01
	<u>A Call to Action: the SDGs Local Learning Studio</u>	Center for Sustainable Urban Development The Climate School Columbia University	SDGs in Action room C
	<u>Technology and digitalization as tools to accelerate a just transition to a sustainable future for cities</u>	Wuppertal Institut Fr Klima Umwelt Energie Gmbh	SDGs in Action room D
	<u>Making Room for Urban Growth - Urban Expansion Planning in Ethiopia, Uganda and Somalia</u>	New York University Marron Institute of Urban Management	Voices from Cities room C
18:00 - 19:00	<u>Everyday urban practices in Africa: Disrupting global norms - Universities linking local realities and global policies</u>	Technical University Berlin	Urban Library room A

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	<u>Empowering Cities for the Just Transition, Spatial Justice as a Framework for Policy Design and Evaluation</u>	Delft University of Technology Netherlands	Multipurpose room 05
	<u>Spatial co-visioning and stakeholder engagement in the urban-rural interface. Methods, tools and processes.</u>	Habitat Unit Technische Universitaet Berlin	Multipurpose room 17
09:00 - 12:00	<u>Empowering Multifamily Buildings Global Strategies for Energy-Efficient Housing Solutions</u>	TU Delft	Multipurpose room 04
	<u>Inclusive Data Innovations for Mapping Urban Deprived Areas, Peripheral Territories, and Informal Settlements</u>	University of Glasgow	Multipurpose room 09
	<u>Co-creating collective urban intelligence with the Citiverse Lab platform and Pathways toolkit</u>	University of Manchester	Multipurpose room 12
09:00 - 12:00	<u>Leveraging Land Value Capture for Affordable Housing Provision and Infrastructure Financing</u>	Lincoln Institute of Land Policy	Multipurpose room 13
09:00 - 12:00	<u>Tackling Urban Climate Risks: Practical Guidance on Managing Heat Risk and Nature-based Solutions</u>	Sciences Po - Urban School	Multipurpose room 08
10:30 - 11:30	<u>The how of urban transformations - Unveiling successful models of inclusive climate action and a toolbox for replication</u>	United Nations University - Institute for Environment and Human Security UNU-EHS	Urban Library room A
	<u>Computational urban science and artificial intelligence - Trends, opportunities and challenges</u>	The University of Hong Kong	Voices from Cities room F
11:00 - 12:30	<u>Visions For Rebuilding Sudan - Inclusivity, Resilience, Participatory Placemaking</u>	University of Khartoum Faculty of Architecture and Sudanese Urban and Regional Planning Association	Voices from Cities room C
	<u>Adaptive Public Spaces Key Ingredients for Optimizing Public Space Activation, Safety and Accessibility</u>	Architecture Department Faculty of Engineering Cairo University	Voices from Cities room D
12:45 - 13:30	<u>The Neighbours of Santa Olga</u>	University College London	Urban Cinema
	<u>Bridging Divides - Residential Segregation in Asia and Africa</u>	Shaanxi Normal University	Multipurpose room 12
13:00 - 14:30	<u>Learning from community voices, universities and knowledge processes - Experiences across Africa</u>	IUSD Cairo	Voices from Cities room F
	<u>Sure Solutions (Volume 1&2), Knowledge transfer for Sustainable Development of Urban Regions</u>	Hafencity University Hamburg	Urban Library room B
15:00 - 16:30	<u>Building Sustainable Urban Futures Metropolitan Governance and Antifragility</u>	Politecnico di Milano - Dipartimento di Architettura e Studi Urbani	Multipurpose room 20

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	<u>Monitoring urban fabric for data-driven planning and decision-making</u>	Charles University	Multipurpose room 13
	<u>Leveraging Digital Technologies to Solve the Last-Mile-Problems for Localizing Sdg 11 Indicators on Housing and Informal Settlements</u>	University of Twente	SDGs in Action - room C
	<u>Social media, inequality, and futures. Bridging realities in policy and programming</u>	Urban-A	Multipurpose room 07
	<u>Leveraging Land Value Capture for Affordable Housing Provision and Infrastructure Financing</u>	Lincoln Institute of Land Policy	Multipurpose room 13
	<u>Critical Design Futures - Reimagining Urban Spaces and legacies through Critical Design and transnational practices</u>	American University in Cairo	Voices from Cities room C
17:00 - 18:30	<u>Localising Nature-based Solutions for Climate Resilient Cities Global Dialogue</u>	Ain Shams University	Voices from Cities room F
	<u>Empowering Women in Sustainable Mobility Strategies and Innovations</u>	Wuppertal Institut Fr Klima Umwelt Energie Gmbh	Multipurpose room 02
	<u>From data to evidence for Youth-led localisation of Sustainable Development Goals</u>	University of Melbourne	Multipurpose room 08
	<u>Disruptive Housing Solutions for a Resilient and Sustainable Urban Future in Africa</u>	University of Ottawa	Multipurpose room 15
	<u>Pearls 2. Climate Justice and the Value of People-Led Urban River Regeneration</u>	Norwegian University of Science and Technology NTNU Faculty of Architecture and Design	Multipurpose room 13
	<u>Greenfield Visions - Charter Cities and New Cities for Urban Prosperity in Africa</u>	New York University Marron Institute of Urban Management	Multipurpose room 10
18:00 - 19:00	<u>Promoting Technological Adoption in Vulnerable Communities. A Call to Action</u>	Instituto Tecnolgico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey	Multipurpose room 04
	<u>Tomorrows Cities</u>	Institute for Risk and Disaster Reduction University College London	Urban Library room A

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	Genius Loci - How Community Mapping Puts People at the Heart of Heritage Districts in Asia	Urban Discovery	Multipurpose room 05
	From Street to City and Citizen to Stakeholder - Applying interdisciplinary approaches to address complex challenges and transform how we localise	London Interdisciplinary School	Multipurpose room 15
	Professionalizing Community Data Collection - Building on the Data4HumanRights Curriculum	University of Twente	Multipurpose room 03
	Transforming the Built Environment Implementing Change and Transformation in the Built and Urban Environment to Meet the Unsds	Chalmers University Gothenburg	Multipurpose room 16
11:00 - 12:30	Youth Decision-making for Healthy and Sustainable Cities and Communities Case Studies from Egypt and the United Kingdom	University of East London	SDGs in Action room D
	Planning mega cities in the age of digital technology	Seoul Institute	Voices from Cities room F
	Green and Thriving Neighbourhoods in Latin America and around the World	C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group	Voices from Cities room B
12:00 - 13:00	Facilitating Zero Emission Deliveries for Postal Services	The Energy and Resources Institute TERI	Urban Library room B
13:00 - 14:30	Urban research and education for smart futures	The University of Hong Kong	Multipurpose room 08
	Navigating Chaos: Urban Strategies to mitigate the Sudan war and beyond	University of Khartoum Department of Urban Planning and Design	Multipurpose room 15
	Capturing Voices and Recommendations of Stakeholders in the Design and Implementation of the UN-Habitat Strategic Plan 2026-2029	University of East London	Multipurpose room 11
	How to Bring Solutions to Small Cities A Case Study from Carmo do Cajuru, Brazil	Institute of Planning and Management of Cities - IPGC	Voices from Cities room E
	Policy support for urban climate change adaptation a deep dive assessment of the Knowledge Centre on Earth Observation (KCEO)	University of Twente	Urban Library room B
	Towards Climate-Responsive Urban Planning	The Energy and Resources Institute TERI	Urban Library - room A
15:00 - 16:30	The challenge of housing in Africa - how to unleash the construction sector, build affordable housing units and reduce the environmental footprint	EPFL Swiss Federal Institute for Technology	Multipurpose room 07

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	Bridging Divides On Peripheral and Border Urbanism in the Middle East	Future University in Egypt	Multipurpose room 11
	Road to Trillions - Actionable Strategies to Close the Urban Climate Finance Gap	Climate Policy Initiative	SDGs in Action room D
	Cost of urban transformation in the Coastal Cities of Southern Albania	Ismail Qemali University of Vlorë (Universiteti "Ismail Qemali" Vlorë)	Voices from Cities room F
	Navigating Womens Land Rights in the Arab Region	Lund University	Voices from Cities room A
16:30 - 17:30	Sustainable Urban Regeneration Atlas - Social value of urban regeneration	Universita Bocconi	Urban Library room A
17:00 - 18:30	Sustaining Local Economic Development in Secondary Cities	Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies of Erasmus University Rotterdam	Multipurpose room 08
	Urban Planning & City Solutions for Climate Mobility	Global Centre for Climate Mobility	Multipurpose room 16
	The Recognition of the Right to the City as an Environmental Right by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights	CJUR International Association of Urbanistic Jurisprudence	Multipurpose room 09
	Empowering Local Communities through Digital transformation for Recovery, Conservation and Promotion A Focus on Cultural and Urban Heritage Sites in the Middle East	Arab International University	Multipurpose room 04
17:45 - 18:30	Lo que queremos es cambiarlo todo / What we want is to change everything	The Bartlett Development Planning Unit, University College London	Urban Cinema

Spotlight Events on 7 Nov

Spotlight on the Urban Crises: Gaza (7 Nov, 8:30-9:30, Plenary Room B).

The event will draw from the "[Preliminary report on the status of the development of the efforts to reconstruct the human settlements in the Gaza Strip](#)" developed by UN-Habitat for its Executive Board (April 2024). This event focuses on exploring the different scenarios for urban recovery by bringing together partners working across the Humanitarian-Development-Peace nexus to discuss the principles that will guide the urban recovery process in the Gaza Strip and other affected areas. The panel discussion aims to bring together different stakeholders and experts to discuss the loss of home in the Gaza Strip and beyond. It will explore possible scenarios for urban recovery in the Gaza Strip, with a focus on neighborhood and housing reconstruction and building urban resilience. The panel will reflect on lessons learned from previous wars.

Spotlight Event on the 100 million plus forcibly internally displaced people (7 Nov, 13:00-14:30, Multi-purpose room 01).

This event will explore the critical connections between internal displacement and inclusive urban planning, emphasizing solutions that address the challenges posed by forced displacement. With over 110 million people displaced due to conflict, violence, and climate change as of 2023, the discussion will highlight the progress made under the UN Secretary-General's Action Agenda on Internal Displacement. It will also introduce UN-Habitat's new framework, "[Towards Inclusive Solutions to Urban Internal Displacement](#)," which aims to provide scalable solutions for housing, land, and services.

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Friday, 8 November 2024 (8 Events)

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09:00 - 12:00	<u>Urban Futures and Scenario Planning Workshop, the National Spatial Data Infrastructure role in transforming cities into smart and sustainable communities</u>	Faculty of Urban and Regional Planning Cairo University	Multipurpose room 16
	<u>Leveraging inclusive partnerships towards sustainable urban development - Scaling up local initiatives for a higher impact</u>	Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies IHS	Multipurpose room 17
	<u>Enhancing Public Participation in Urban Design through Digital Tools and Community Engagement The cases of Vivo mi Calle and Osmosi</u>	Università degli Studi di Palermo	Multipurpose room 11
10:30 - 11:30	<u>Presentation of the Summae Book of Urban Legislation</u>	CJUR International Association of Urbanistic Jurisprudence	Urban Library room A
11:00 - 12:30	<u>Empowering communities through creativity.</u>	IHS, Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies of Erasmus University Rotterdam	SDGs in Action room B
11:30 - 12:15	<u>If not now, when Planning for the urban Water-Energy-Food Nexus</u>	Technical University of Munich TUM	Urban Cinema
13:00 - 14:30	<u>Youth Visions for Sustainable Urban Futures</u>	London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine	Multipurpose room 06
13:30 - 14:30	<u>Advancing Nature-Based Solutions in Cities Lessons from the State of Finance for Nature in Cities Report 2024</u>	Penn Institute for Urban Research	Urban Library room A

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