



Katowice Declared Actions

Transforming Our Cities for a Better Urban Future

1. We, the participants of the Eleventh Session of the World Urban Forum, convened by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) hosted by the Government of the Republic of Poland in the City of Katowice and co-organized by UN-Habitat, Poland's Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy and the Municipal Office of Katowice, representing national, subnational and local governments, international and regional organizations, parliamentarians, civil society, older persons, children and youth, women, persons with disabilities, grassroots groups, business leaders, indigenous peoples and local communities, professionals, the private sector, foundations and philanthropies, academia, professionals and other relevant stakeholders.
2. Together, we gathered here in Katowice, Poland, to dialogue on the theme "*Transforming our Cities for a Better Urban Future.*" Now, at the conclusion of this World Urban Forum we declare our voluntary actions and commitments for the next two years and beyond. We call for more international, multi-stakeholder and inter-generational cooperation and collective actions in support of the speedy implementation of the New Urban Agenda and to reposition the New Urban Agenda strategically as a road map for accelerating sustainable development, climate action, and building peace.
3. We welcome the increased use of Declared Actions from Member States and other relevant stakeholders as set out in the Annex of Declared Actions, committed to by Member States at the [United Nations High-Level Meeting](#) (April 2022) on the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda, convened by the President of the General Assembly, and in the Global Stakeholder Declaration (Nairobi, April 2022) and other global fora.
4. We are concerned by the lack of progress towards the SDGs and the Paris Agreement and call for urgent transformative action. We need to focus on pathways to transformative change and investigate examples of cities that have reached a tipping point and turned the corner by instituting innovative and progressive policies and planning regimes. Urban leaders must move from incrementalism and work to achieve fundamental shifts in urban environments, systems of governance and forms of habitation, in line with human rights treaties. COVID-19 has shown that substantial change is possible in the short term, but the challenge is in delivering long-term and sustainable change.
5. We need to focus on increasingly imminent urban crises. The climate and biodiversity emergencies, pandemics, violence and conflicts, and other natural and man-made disasters, all



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converge in cities and surrounding territories. Being prepared for and overcoming these crises becomes a pre-condition to transform towards a better urban future.

6. We welcome the use of an Urban Crises Track during WUF 11 to galvanize the exchange of knowledge and practices between stakeholders in all countries dealing with or affected by conflict and disaster, including from countries newly affected by conflict and disaster¹, such as Ukraine.

7. We, the participants of WUF 11, reconfirm that culture, as a core component of local identity including heritage, creativity and diversity, is an integral part of the solution to the challenges of urbanization, including urban crises, and to achieving the New Urban Agenda.

8. We recognise that WUF 11 set a new standard of accessibility, and reconfirm that accessibility and universal design are an integral part of the solution to the challenges of urbanisation, including urban crisis, and constitutes the agent of transformative action for a more equitable urban future.

9. We encourage all development actors gathered in Katowice to mobilize their respective capacities in this Decade of Action. We will continue to call for actions and mobilisation and track progress through a monitoring and reporting mechanism. We make an urgent appeal to all governments to better fund UN-Habitat to ensure that its elevated mandate is met by enhanced resources and capacity of UN-Habitat.

10. We call upon all stakeholders to continue submitting their Declared Actions for the next 30 days (till 31 July 2022) as part of the World Urban Forum 11 through the Urban Agenda Platform, highlighting the transformative nature of their commitments. The current list is as such only tentative and the Urban Agenda Platform should contain all detailed Declared Actions, aligned with the thematic areas that emerged from the High-Level Meeting on the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda in New York. We encourage participants to further develop their Declared Actions to make them measurable.

11. We thank the Government of Poland and the City of Katowice, and UN-Habitat for convening the Forum. And we commit to providing continuous cooperation to the next hosts, the Government of Egypt and the City of Cairo.

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Annex
Countries, territories and areas affected by conflict and disaster

¹ See Annex.



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1. Afghanistan
2. Bangladesh
3. Cambodia
4. Democratic Republic of the Congo
5. Fiji
6. Haiti
7. Honduras
8. Iran (Islamic Republic of)
9. Iraq
10. Lao People's Democratic Republic
11. Lebanon
12. Libya
13. Mozambique
14. Myanmar
15. Nepal
16. Nigeria
17. Pakistan
18. Philippines
19. Somalia
20. South Sudan
21. Sri Lanka
22. Sudan
23. Syrian Arab Republic
24. Yemen
25. State of Palestine
26. Kosovo²

² All references to Kosovo in the present document should be understood to be in compliance with Security Council resolution 1244 (1999).