



FORUM OF  
MAYORS  
2023



## Agenda

(as of 1 October 2023)

### **Item 1. Opening and welcome**

The Chair of the Forum of Mayors Bureau as well as other relevant UN representatives will open the meeting.

### **Item 2. Keynote speech**

A keynote speech will be delivered by the Advocate of the 2023 Forum of Mayors.

### **Item 3. Adoption of the Agenda**

The Chair of the Forum of Mayors Bureau will present the agenda, prepared in consultation with the Bureau, for adoption. The Forum of Mayors will be invited to adopt the agenda.

### **Item 4. Interregional Segment**

An Interregional segment on Urban Regeneration will be organized in collaboration with Global Cities Hub and other UN Regional Commissions. This session will consist of two roundtables and include mayors from the UNECE region and outside the UNECE region. The Forum of Mayors will be invited to take note of the outcomes of the roundtable discussion.

### **Item 5. Projects for Urban Regeneration**

A segment on Urban Regeneration will be organized and will consist of one roundtable. The Forum of Mayors will be invited to take note of the outcomes of the roundtables' discussions.

### **Item 6. Regeneration towards sustainable and resilient urban environments**

A segment on Urban Regeneration and Resilience will be organized and will consist of two roundtables. The Forum of Mayors will be invited to take note of the outcomes of the roundtables' discussions.

### **Item 7. Localizing the SDGs and Urban Regeneration**

A segment on Voluntary Local Reviews and City Profiles will be organized and will consist of one roundtable. The Forum of Mayors will be invited to take note of the outcomes of the roundtable discussion.

**Item 8. Approval of the Recommendations from the Forum of Mayors**

The Recommendations from the Forum of Mayors to mayors and to the CUDHLM will be presented. The Forum of Mayors will be invited to approve the Recommendations.

**Item 9. Elections of the next session Chairpersons**

The Forum of Mayors is expected to elect Bureau members, including its Chair and two Vice-Chairs, who will hold office until the end of next session.

**Item 10. Closing**

The secretariat will summarize the major decisions taken by the Forum of Mayors. The Chair or his representative will close the meeting.

A detailed programme of the Forum of Mayors is annexed.



## Urban Regeneration Towards 2030

### Detailed Programme

(as of 1 October 2023)

02 - 03 October 2023, 10:00 - 18:00 CEST, Room XVII, Palais des Nations (Geneva)

02 October 2023	
08:00 - 10:00	<b>Accreditation</b> – Pregny Gate
08:45 - 09:45	<b>Breakfast with Lord Norman Foster</b> , Architect and Advocate of the Forum, and <b>Ms. Tatiana Molcean</b> , Executive Secretary of UNECE – Outside Room XVII, Palais des Nations
10:00 - 10:20	<b>Opening and welcome</b>  <b>Opening of the meeting</b> Mr. <b>Sami Kanaan</b> , Chair, 2023 Forum of Mayors Bureau, Deputy Mayor of Geneva, Switzerland, President of Global Cities Hub  <b>Welcome Speeches</b> Ms. <b>Tatiana Valovaya</b> , Director-General of the UNOG Ms. <b>Tatiana Molcean</b> , UNECE Executive Secretary
10:20 - 10:50	<b>Keynote speech</b> by Lord <b>Norman Foster</b> , Advocate of the 2023 Forum of Mayors
10:50 - 11:00	<b>Family Photo</b> <b>Adoption of the agenda</b>
11:00 - 13:00	<b>Segment One: Roundtable One</b> Interregional segment  Moderator:  Dr. <b>Achim Wennmann</b> , Director for Strategic Partnerships, Geneva Graduate Institute

	<p>Speakers:</p> <p>Mr. <b>Yousef Al Shawarbeh</b>, Mayor of Amman, Jordan  Mr. <b>Bairammurad Kurbanov</b>, Deputy Mayor of Ashgabat, Turkmenistan  Mr. <b>Davis Mwamfupe</b>, Mayor of Dodoma, Tanzania  Ms. <b>Susan Aitken</b>, City Leader of Glasgow, United Kingdom  Mr. <b>Pudence Rubingisa</b>, Mayor of Kigali, Rwanda  Mr. <b>Nelson Legacion</b>, Mayor of Naga, The Philippines  Mr. <b>Santiago Maggiotti</b>, Mayor of Navarro, Argentina  Mr. <b>Tiit Terik</b>, Deputy Mayor of Tallinn, Estonia</p>
<p>13:15 - 14:45</p>	<p><b>Side Event – Room XVII, Palais des Nations</b>  <b>Woman and Mayor: A Gender Perspective on Challenges and Visions for Cities</b>  (UNECE, Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations in Geneva)</p>
<p>15:00 - 16:30</p>	<p><b>Segment One: Roundtable Two</b>  Interregional Segment</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>H. E. Mr. <b>Vincenzo Grassi</b>, Ambassador of Italy to the United Nations in Geneva</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <p>Mr. <b>Sedami Koomlan Gatien Adjagboni</b>, Deputy Mayor of Cotonou, Benin  Ms. <b>Manal Awad</b>, Governor of Damietta, Egypt  Mr. <b>Kedir Aliye Ahmed</b>, Director of International Relations, Dire Dawa, Ethiopia  Mr. <b>Kanop Ketchart</b>, Mayor of Nakhon Si Thammarat, Thailand  Ms. <b>Anabel Hermosa</b>, Mayor of Otavalo, Ecuador  Mr. <b>Tobia Zevi</b>, Deputy Mayor for Housing, Rome, Italy  Ms. <b>Keti Luarasi</b>, Deputy Mayor of Tirana, Albania</p>

	Mr. <b>Ernst Woller</b> , First President of Vienna Provincial Parliament, Austria
16:30 - 18:00	<p><b>Segment Two:</b>  <b>Projects for Urban Regeneration</b></p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>Ms. <b>Shipra Narang Suri</b>, Chief, Urban Practices Branch, Global Solutions Division, UN-Habitat</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Mr. <b>Tassos Kriekoukis</b>, Representative of the Mayor’s Office in Athens, Greece  Mr. <b>Mirlan Baigonchokov</b>, First Vice Mayor of Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic  Ms. <b>Alison Gilliland</b>, Councillor and Former Lord Mayor of Dublin, Republic of Ireland  Mr. <b>Mathias De Clercq</b>, Mayor of Ghent, Belgium  Ms. <b>Anni Sinnemäki</b>, Deputy Mayor of Helsinki, Finland  Ms. <b>Olivera Injac</b>, Mayor of Podgorica, Montenegro  Mr. <b>Petr Hlaváček</b>, Deputy Mayor of Prague, Czech Republic  Mr. <b>Dagur Bergthoruson Eggertsson</b>, Mayor of Reykjavik, Iceland</p>
18:00 - 20:00	<p><b>Cocktail Reception – Bar Serpent, Palais des Nations</b>  (The City of Geneva, the Canton of Geneva and the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations in Geneva)</p>

03 October 2023	
08:30 - 09:45	<p><b>Side Event – Room H 207/8/9, Palais des Nations &amp; Online</b>  <b>‘Local governments are taking the lead in paving the path toward sustainable global food systems’</b>  (City of Ghent, Permanent Mission of Belgium to the United Nations in Geneva and Global Cities Hub)</p>
10:00 - 10:15	<p><b>Opening of the Second Day by the Vice-Chairs of the 2023 Forum of Mayors</b>  Mr. <b>Ihor Terekhov</b>, Mayor of Kharkiv, Ukraine</p>

	<p>Ms. <b>Katja Dörner</b>, Mayor of Bonn, Germany (video message)</p>
10:10 - 10:20	<p><b>Information from partner organisations</b></p> <p>Mr. <b>Michal Mlynar</b>, Deputy Executive Director, UN-Habitat</p> <p>Mr. <b>Mathieu Mori</b>, Secretary General of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe</p>
10:20 - 11:40	<p><b>Segment Three: Roundtable One</b></p> <p>Regeneration towards sustainable and resilient urban environments</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>H.E. Mr. <b>Boris Richard</b>, Deputy Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the WTO and other international economic organizations</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Ms. <b>Nuray Akpinar-Istiquam</b>, Deputy Mayor of Dijon, France</p> <p>Ms. <b>Fatma Şahin</b>, Mayor of Gaziantep, Türkiye</p> <p>Ms. <b>Katrin Stjernfeldt Jammeh</b>, Mayor of Malmö, Sweden</p> <p>Mr. <b>Oleksandr Sienkevych</b>, Mayor of Mykolaiv, Ukraine</p> <p>Ms. <b>Danela Arsovska</b>, Mayor of Skopje, North Macedonia</p>
11:40 – 13:00	<p><b>Segment Three: Roundtable Two</b></p> <p>Regeneration towards sustainable and resilient urban environments</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. <b>Anh Thu Duong</b>, Co-Director, Policy and Partnerships, Global Cities Hub</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Mr. <b>Vladimir Grujić</b>, Head of Mayor’s Office, Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina</p> <p>Mr. <b>Martin W. W. Horn</b>, Mayor of Freiburg, Germany</p> <p>Ms. <b>Alba Barnusell</b>, Mayor of Granollers, Spain</p>

	<p>Mr. <b>Arthur Chagharyan</b>, Mayor of Ijevan, Armenia  Ms. <b>Isabella Tymviou</b>, Municipal Councilor, Cyprus  Mr. <b>Max Zammit</b>, Mayor of Ta' Xbiex, Malta  Dr. <b>Barbara Hegedűs</b>, Deputy Mayor of Veszprém, Hungary</p>
13:15 - 14:45	<p><b>Side Event – Room H 200, Palais des Nations &amp; Online</b>  <b>Urban Peace Dialogues: When Mayors Become Architects of Peace</b>  (City Diplomacy Lab - Columbia Global Centers   Paris, Permanent Mission of the United States to the United Nations in Geneva)</p>
15:00 - 17:00	<p><b>Segment Four:</b>  Localizing the SDGs and Urban Regeneration</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>Mr. <b>Diego Aulestia</b>, Chief, Human Settlements Unit, UNECLAC</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Mr. <b>Andrey Shovkoplyas</b>, Chairman of the Board, Almaty Development Centre, Almaty, Kazakhstan  Mr. <b>David Astrié Padilla</b>, Mayor of Andorra La Vella, Andorra  Mr. <b>Ricardo Rio</b>, Mayor of Braga, Portugal  Ms. <b>Lenka Antalová Plavúchová</b>, Deputy Mayor of Bratislava, Slovakia  Mr. <b>Adrian Teban</b>, Mayor of Cugir city, Alba County, Romania  Mr. <b>Mindaugas Sinkevičius</b>, Mayor of Jonava, Lithuania  Mr. <b>Tomaso Rossini</b>, Captain of the Castle of San Marino, San Marino (tbc)  Mr. <b>Vakhtang Lomjaria</b>, Head of Municipal Department of Economic Development, Tbilisi, Georgia</p>
17:00 - 17:15	<p><b>Approval of the Recommendations to Mayors and to the CUDHLM by Mayors</b></p>
17:15 - 17:50	<p><b>Elections of the next Chairpersons</b>  As per Terms of Reference of the Forum of Mayors, “the next session Chairpersons will be elected by the Forum of Mayors until the end of the following session.”</p>

<p>17:50 - 18:00</p>	<p><b>Closing</b>  Ms. <b>Paola Deda</b>, Director, Forests, Land and Housing Division, UNECE</p>
<p>18:30 - 21:00</p>	<p><b>Side Event &amp; Drinks Reception – Villa Rigot, Avenue. de la Paix 9</b>  <b>VNR-VLR Studio “Evidence-based approaches to the development of the Voluntary Local Reviews: experiences and best practices”</b>  (UNECE, UN DESA, UN-Habitat, UCLG, Global Cities Hub, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland)</p>