



FORUM OF
MAYORS
2024



Cities Summit of the Future

Agenda

(as of 27 September 2024)

Item 1. Opening and welcome	The Chair of the Forum of Mayors Bureau as well as representatives from the United Nations and other international organizations will open the meeting.
Item 2. Keynote speech	A keynote speech will be delivered by the Advocate of the 2024 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. Sustainable development and financing for development	Mayors and deputy mayors will discuss the first chapter of the Pact and its implications for local authorities.
Item 5. Peace and security	Mayors and deputy mayors will discuss the second chapter of the Pact and its implications for local authorities.
Item 6. Science, technology, and innovation, and digital cooperation	Mayors and deputy mayors will discuss the third chapter of the Pact and its implications for local authorities.
Item 7. Youth and future generations	Mayors and deputy mayors will discuss the fourth chapter of the Pact and its implications for local authorities.
Item 8. Transforming global governance	Mayors and deputy mayors will discuss the fifth chapter of the Pact and its implications for local authorities.
Item 9. Statement from mayors on the Future of Cities	Mayors and deputy mayors will finalize and agree on a Statement from mayors on the Future of Cities representing a unified vision and commitment from municipal leaders towards shaping the future of our cities.
Item 10. 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 the next session.
Item 11. 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 2024 Forum of Mayors is annexed.



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DAY 1 – 30 SEPTEMBER 2024		
08:00-10:00	Accreditation	Pregny Gate
08:00-08:15	Breakfast Reception by Greater Dunkirk Council	H-200
08:15-09:30	Side Event - Urban Peace Dialogues “Cities of Memory” City Diplomacy Lab, Permanent Mission of the United States to the United Nations in Geneva, and the Cities of Memory network	H 200 H-Building
09:30-9:45	Opening of the exhibition <i>UN4UkrainianCities: Rebuilding Futures in Kharkiv and Mykolaiv</i> United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)	In front of the Conference Room XVII E-Building
SESSION ONE		
10:00-10:30	Opening and welcome <i>Opening of the meeting</i> Ms. Danela Arsovska , Chair, 2024 Forum of Mayors Bureau, Mayor of Skopje, North Macedonia <i>Video message</i> Mr. António Guterres , Secretary-General of the United Nations <i>Welcome speech</i> Ms. Tatiana Molcean , Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) <i>Opening speeches</i> Ms. Tatiana Valovaya , Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG) Mr. Michal Mlynár , Deputy Executive Director of UN-Habitat	Conference Room XVII E-Building



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	<p>Mr. Mathieu Mori, Secretary General, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe</p> <p>Ms. Carola Gunnarsson, Vice President, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)</p> <p>Dr. Stewart Maginnis, Deputy Director General of International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)</p> <p>Ms. Anh Thu Duong, Co-director, Policy and Partnerships, Global Cities Hub, Geneva</p>	
10:30-10:50	<p>Keynote speech</p> <p>Lord Norman Foster, Architect, Advocate of the 2024 Forum of Mayors</p>	
10:50-11:00	<p>Group photo</p> <p>Adoption of the agenda</p>	
11:00-13:00	<p>Segment 1. Sustainable development and financing for development</p> <p>Presenter:</p> <p>Mr. Diego Aulestia, Head, Human Settlements Unit, United Nations Economic Commission for Latin American and Caribbean (ECLAC)</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>Ms. Danela Arsovska, Chair of the 2024 Forum of Mayors Bureau, Mayor of Skopje, North Macedonia</p> <p>Mayors take the floor.</p>	
13:15-14:45	<p>Side event – Woman and mayor: empowering urban leadership for sustainable futures</p> <p>UNECE and Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations in Geneva</p>	H 200 H-Building
SESSION TWO		
15:00-16:30	<p>Segment 2. Peace and Security</p> <p>Presenter:</p>	Conference Room XVII



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	<p>Ms. Sukaina Abdul Ilah Al-Nasrawi, Lead of Sustainable Urban Development Portfolio, Gender Justice, Population and Inclusive Development, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Ricardo Rio, Vice-Chair of the 2024 Forum of Mayors' Bureau, Mayor of Braga, Portugal</p> <p>Mayors take the floor.</p>	E-Building
16:30-18:00	<p>Segment 3. Science, technology, and innovation, and digital cooperation</p> <p>Presenter: Ms. Atkeyelsh Persson, Chief, Urbanization and Development Section (UDS), Gender, Poverty and Social Policy Division (GPSPD), United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Ricardo Rio, Vice-Chair of the 2024 Forum of Mayors' Bureau, Mayor of Braga, Portugal</p> <p>Mayors take the floor.</p>	
18:15-19:45	<p>Cocktail Reception (with Quiz on Cities) The City of Geneva, the Canton of Geneva, and Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations in Geneva</p>	Bar Serpentine E-Building



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DAY 2 – 1 OCTOBER 2024		
08:00-08:30	Breakfast Reception International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)	H 200
08:30-09:45	Side event – Solutions to a Triple Planetary Crisis in Cities IUCN, Global Cities Hub and UNECE	H-Building
SESSION THREE		
10:00-11:30	Segment 4. Youth and future generations Presenter: Ms. Mia Alibegovic , Secretary to the Forum of Mayors, Associate Expert in Economic Affairs, Housing and Land Management Unit, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Moderator: Ms. Susan Aitken , Vice-Chair of the 2024 Forum of Mayors' Bureau, Leader of Glasgow City Council, United Kingdom Mayors take the floor.	Conference Room XVII E-Building
11:30-13:00	Segment 5. Transforming global governance Presenter: Mr. Curt Garrigan , Chief, Sustainable Urban Development Section, Environment and Development Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) Moderator: Ms. Susan Aitken , Vice-Chair of the 2024 Forum of Mayors' Bureau, Leader of Glasgow City Council, United Kingdom Mayors take the floor.	
13:15-14:45	Side event – High-level meeting of Mayors and Heads of International Organizations UNECE and Global Cities Hub	Conference Room XXIII E-Building



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SESSION FOUR

15:00-17:00	Final negotiation of the Statement from mayors on the Future of Cities Moderator: Mr. Sami Kanaan , Ex Officio of the 2024 Forum of Mayors Bureau, Deputy Mayor of Geneva, Switzerland, President of Global Cities Hub Mayors discuss the Statement.	Conference Room XVII E-Building
17:00-17:15	Approval and adoption of the Statement	
17:15-17:50	Elections of the next session Chairpersons 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.”	
17:50-18:00	Closing Mr. Sami Kanaan , Ex Officio of the 2024 Forum of Mayors Bureau, Deputy Mayor of Geneva, Switzerland, President of Global Cities Hub Ms. Paola Deda , Director, Forests, Land and Housing Division, UNECE	
18:15-21:00	Side Event – Action-Oriented Plans for implementing Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs) UNECE, Global Cities Hub, and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland	Villa Rigot