



31 DAYS OF PROMOTING
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World Habitat Day Global Observance

Monday 1 October 2018 at UNON, Nairobi



The 2018 Global Observance of World Habitat Day 2018 is being co-hosted by UN-Habitat and the Government of the Republic of Kenya, on Monday 1 October at the United Nations Office at Nairobi (UNON) in Gigiri, Nairobi.

The celebrations will be attended by representation from the highest level of the Kenyan Government along with the Executive Director of UN-Habitat and dignitaries and guests from China, Cuba, Indonesia, Japan and the USA.

World Habitat Day, on the first Monday of October each year, focuses on the lives of people in cities and towns. It heralds the start of Urban October with global events on urbanization taking place all month and culminating in World Cities Day on 31 October.

The first World Habitat Day was in 1986, with the main event, known as the Global Observance, in Nairobi. This is the third time the Global Observance is being held in Kenya – where UN-Habitat has its global headquarters.

This year's theme is *municipal solid waste management*, looking at the reduction and proper disposal of the 2 billion tonnes of rubbish and other solid waste produced by individuals, communities, businesses, institutions, markets and factories. Discussions will include how individuals and communities can reduce, reuse and recycle waste and how authorities can dispose of rubbish in a responsible way that does not affect people's health or the environment.

During the high level segment in the morning, awards will be given to the winners of the UN-Habitat Scroll of Honour award, one of the most prestigious human settlements awards and the afternoon will feature lively and varied panel discussions. There will be displays of art and fashion made by Kenyan mixed media artists, out of cans, paper, plastic containers and other waste.

WHAT: World Habitat Day 2018

WHEN: Monday 1 October 2018,

TIME: Registration 7.00 – 9.30 am, Main Event at 10 am and then Press Conference in UN Press Briefing room at 12.15 pm.
Afternoon session 2.00 – 4.00 pm

WHERE: United Nations Office at Nairobi (UNON), UN Avenue, Gigiri, Nairobi

WHO (Press Conference):

James Wainaina Macharia Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development

Ms Maimunah Mohammed Sharif, Executive Director, UN-Habitat

Hon. Kiraitu Murungi, Meru County Governor

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