

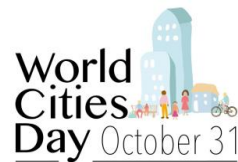


Urban October 2019

31 days of promoting a better urban future



Frontier Technologies as an Innovative
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CHANGING THE WORLD:
Innovations and Better Life
for Future Generations
2019



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Urban October

Each October, UN-Habitat and partners organize a month of activities, events and discussions on urban sustainability.

Starts with World Habitat Day, first Monday in October & ends on World Cities Day on 31 October.

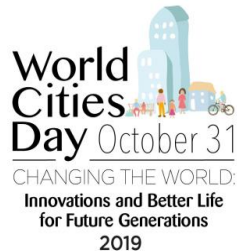
National, regional and local government, NGOs, communities and individuals are encouraged to organize events to promote sustainable urbanization.

In 2018, 320 worldwide events were held in 61 countries.

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World Habitat Day

Since 1985, the United Nations decreed the first Monday of every October as World Habitat Day.

The day focuses on the state of our cities and towns and the basic human right to adequate shelter.

One city hosts the Global Observance, while cities, towns and communities celebrate with parallel activities.

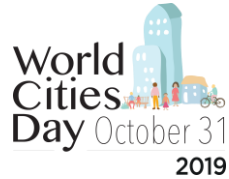
Each year, World Habitat Day has a new theme to promote sustainable urban development policies

In 2018, 80+ cities held events to mark World Habitat Day with the Global Observance in Nairobi.





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World Habitat Day 7 October 2019

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The Global Observance 2019 is in Mexico City

The theme is ***“Technologies as an innovative tool to transform waste to wealth”***

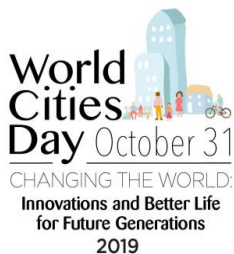
- Integrated waste management in a circular economy;
 - Supporting data collection for Waste Wise Cities;
 - Monitoring of the waste value chain
 - Promoting waste management contribution to SDGs
- Highlighting role of frontier technologies

#WorldHabitatDay #WasteWiseCities





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Previous World Habitat Days

Luanda: Ministry of Spatial Planning & Housing held a tv debate

Dhaka: A Grand Rally was organized by the Ministry of Housing and Public Works with an event attended by 500+ participants.

New York: Chefs and policy makers discussed rethinking food waste.

Bahrain: UN-Habitat & Housing Ministry held housing policy seminar

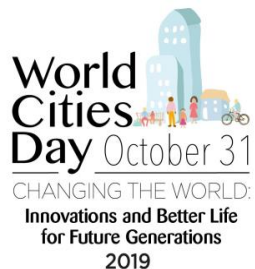
New Delhi: Private sector and UN-Habitat, had an awareness raising for youth on keeping the country clean

Tehran: A housing policies conference was organized by the Ministry of Roads and Urban Development with UN-Habitat.

Kurunegala (Sri Lanka): A model village highlighted municipal solid waste management.



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World Cities Day



Celebrated on the 31 October every year.

Aims to promote international community interest in the New Urban Agenda and enhance cooperation among countries to meet opportunities + challenges of urbanization.

Outcome of Shanghai International Expo. 2010 – UN General Assembly designated World Cities Day (A/RES/68/239).

World Cities Day is an opportunity to discuss how urbanization can achieve global sustainable development.

General theme is *Better City, Better Life* + a yearly sub-theme



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World Cities Day 31 October 2019

The Global Observance 2019 will be held Ekaterinburg, Russian Federation.

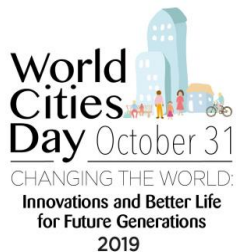
This year's sub-theme is: ***Changing the World: Innovations and a Better Life for Future Generations.***

- Digital innovations use for urban service delivery
- New frontier technologies that can create more inclusive cities;
- Renewable energy generation in cities;
- Youth involvement and innovation
- #Innovate4Change #WorldCitiesDay



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Previous World Cities Days

Bissau: Urban October Cultural contest asking students how to change the city with the winning idea painted on a wall

Maputo: Roundtable by the Brazil-Mozambique Cultural Centre raised awareness about resilient cities.

New York, a “Rethink Food/Waste Lunch” at UN Headquarters promoted eat local and gave leftovers to those in need.

Kuwait: The Public Authority for Applied Education & Training held a seminar on resilient cities

Dhaka: Urban Development Directorate held a resilience event

Hanoi: Ministry of Natural Resources & UN-Habitat had a climate actions workshop

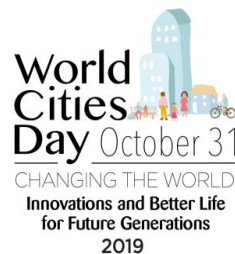


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Urban October Celebrations- Join in



1. Cities, towns and communities can take part in a month of promoting a better urban future.
2. Contact unhabitat-whd@un.org for World Habitat Day & unhabitat-wcd@un.org for World Cities Day.
3. Promote your events on our website
4. #WorldHabitatDay #WasteWiseCities #UrbanOctober #Innovate4Change #WorldCitiesDay #UNHabitat

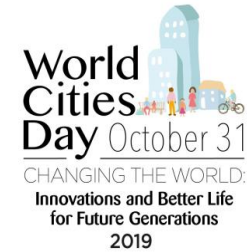
More details on <https://urbanoctober.unhabitat.org/>



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