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GLOBAL OBSERVANCE OF WORLD CITIES DAY - 31 October 2020 (East Africa Time zone)

09:45 – 10:00	Videos
10:00 – 10:05	Opening and introduction by Moderator Mr. Churchill Otieno , President of the Kenya Editors' Guild
10:05 – 10:15	Welcome remarks by the Host, Governor of Nakuru County, Republic of Kenya and Chair of Urban Development, Planning, Housing, Infrastructure, and Energy Committee of Kenya's Council of Governors, Hon. Lee Kinyanjui
10:15 – 10:20	Statement by the Director-General United Nations Office at Nairobi (UNON), Ms. Zainab Hawa Bangura
10:20 – 10:25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Introduction by the UN-Habitat Deputy Executive Director, Mr. Victor Kisob ➤ Video remarks by the United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Antonio Guterres
10:25 – 10:35	Statement by Ms. Lyazzat Kaltayeva , Chair, Association of Women with Disabilities "Shyrak", Kazakhstan
10:35 – 10:45	Link up: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Statement by 2019 WCD Global Observance Host Mayor of Ekaterinburg, Russian Federation, Hon. Alexander Vysokinsky
10:45 – 11:05	Link up: <p>Moderator: Vice Mayor of Shanghai People's Republic of China, Hon. Tang Zhiping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Statement by Mayor of Shanghai, People's Republic of China, Hon. Gong Zheng ➤ Launch of Shanghai Manual 2020, jointly with UN-Habitat Executive Director, Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif and Party Secretary of Shanghai, Hon. Li Qiang ➤ Statement by Minister for National Development of Singapore, Hon. Desmond Lee (video)
11:05 – 11:10	Invitation video on the Eleventh Session of the World Urban Forum (WUF11) from the City of Katowice, Republic of Poland
11:10 – 11:20	Videos from Kenyan Cities
11:20 – 11:30	Statement by H.E. Hon. FCPA Wycliffe Ambetsa Oparanya , EGH, CGJ, Chairman Council of Governors, Kenya
11:30 – 11:40	Statement by H.E. Minata Samate Cessouma , Commissioner for Political Affairs, African Union
11:40 – 11:45	Statement on World Cities Report by Executive Secretary of United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), Ms. Vera Songwe
11:45 – 11:55	Statement by UN-Habitat Executive Director, Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif
11:55 – 12:05	Statement by the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure, Housing, Urban Development and Public Works, Republic of Kenya, Hon. James Wainaina Macharia
12:05 – 12:25	Keynote Address by His Excellency Hon. Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta , C.G.H., President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces
12:25 – 12:35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Introduction to the launch of the UN-Habitat World Cities Report by UN-Habitat Executive Director, Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif ➤ Launch of the UN-Habitat World Cities Report by His Excellency Hon. Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta, C.G.H., President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces
12:35 – 12:40	Closure of Official Opening Ceremony

Parallel sessions

12:45 – 14:45	<p>Roundtable 1: Towards Africities: Achieving the SDGs through Resilient Intermediate Cities in Africa co-organized with UCLG-A and Council of Governors of Kenya</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Setting the scene: Mr. Oumar Sylla, Director of Africa Office, UN-Habitat Opening Remarks by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hon. Charles Hinga, Principal Secretary, State Department of Housing and Urban Development, Kenya ➤ Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, UN-Habitat Executive Director Statements by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Jean Pierre Elong Mbassi, Secretary General of United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLG Africa) ➤ Mr. Andrew Chimphondah, Shelter Afrique Managing Director, Kenya Panel Discussion <p>Moderator: Mr. William Cobbett, Cities Alliance, Belgium</p> <p>Introduction of the Panelist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hon. Celestine Ketcha Courtes, Minister of Housing and Urban Development, Cameroon ➤ Hon. AlHadji Abubakar Sani Bello, Governor of Niger State, Nigeria ➤ Hon. Mohamed Sefiani, Mayor of Chefchaouen, Morocco; Chairperson, Forum of Intermediary Cities ➤ Hon. Peter Anyang Nyong'o, Governor of Kisumu County Road map towards Africities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Joe Ager, CEO Africities, Kisumu, Kenya ➤ Mr. Jean Pierre Elong Mbassi, Secretary General of United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLG Africa)
12:45 – 14:45	<p>Roundtable 2: Working together to build sustainable cities and communities</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Dyan Currie, Commonwealth Planners Association, Brisbane, Australia</p> <p>Introductory Remarks: Mr. Raf Tuts, Director, Global Solutions Division, UN-Habitat</p> <p>Introduction of the Panelist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hon. Marcin Krupa, Mayor of Katowice, Republic of Poland (tbc) ➤ Dr. Medhin Tsehaiu, Country Director of UNAIDS for Kenya ➤ Ms. Serida Catalano, Secretary General, World Enabled, California, United States of America ➤ Mr. Edgar Pieterse, Director, African Centre for Cities DST/NRF South African Research Chair in Urban Policy University of Cape Town, South Africa ➤ Professor Greg Clark CBE FAcSS, Global Head, Future Cities and New Industries, HSBC Bank Plc, London, United Kingdom ➤ Ms. Mary Akoth Were, Director, Winam Grassroots, Kenya ➤ Mr. Hezues R, Film Director, New York, United States of America ➤ Ms. Susana M. Rojas Williams, Specialist in Urban Development, Housing, Land and Infrastructure, Independent, Peru ➤ Mr. Thomas Kerr, Publications Coordinator, Asia Coalition for Housing Rights, Bangkok, Thailand
14:45 – 15:00	Break

15:00 – 16:30

Roundtable 3: Building Back Better Communities through Public Space

Moderator: **Ms. Milena Ivkovic**, Member of the Board of Directors, International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP), Netherlands

Introduction of the Panelist:

- **Ms. Bernadia Tjandradewi**, Secretary General, UCLG Asia Pacific
- **Mr. Charles Konyango**, Director Urban Development - State Department of Housing and Urban Development, Kenya
- **Ms. Mariana Alegre Escorza**, Executive Director, Lima Como Vamos, Peru
- **Arch. Mugure Njendu**, President, The Architectural Association of Kenya
- **Mr. James Delaney**, Chair, Block by Block Foundation, United Kingdom
- **Ms. Ayanda Roji**, Convener, Africa Centre for Public Space, South Africa
- **Dr. Michael Mehaffy**, Director, Centre for the Future of Places Centre KTH Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm/Ax:son Johnson Foundation, Sweden

16:00 – 18:30

Roundtable 4: The World Cities Report 2020: The Value of Sustainable Urbanization

Moderator: **Mr. Eduardo Moreno**, Head - Knowledge and Innovation Branch, UN-Habitat

Opening Statement by:

- **Ms. Christine Knudsen**, Director of External Relations, Strategy, Knowledge and Innovation Division, UN-Habitat

Overview of the World Cities Report 2020 by:

- **Mr. Ben Arimah**, Chief, Global Reports and Trends Unit, UN-Habitat

Introduction of the Panelist:

- **Dr. Remi Jedwab**, George Washington University, United States of America
- **Prof. Vanesa Castán Broto**, The University of Sheffield
- **Dr Taibat Lawanson**, Department of Urban & Regional Planning University of Lagos, Nigeria
- **Dr. Jackie Klopp**, Center for Sustainable Urban Development, Columbia University, United States of America
- **Mr. Edgardo Bilsky**, Director of Research, United Cities and Local Governments, Spain
- **Dr. Godwin Arku**, The University of Western Ontario, Department of Geography, London, Ontario, Canada
- **Prof. David Simon**, Department of Geography Royal Holloway, University of London, United Kingdom

Introduction of Lead Discussants:

- **Dr. Matt Benson**, ThinkCity, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- **Dr. Ryan Centner**, Department of Geography and Environment LSE
- **Ms. Christine Platt**, Independent Consultant and former President of Commonwealth Association of Planners
- **Mr. Pontus Westerberg**, UN-Habitat
- **Prof. Yu Zhu**, Fujian Normal University Fuzhou, China
- **Prof. Bharat Dahiya**, Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand
- **Prof. John Ebohon**, London South Bank University, United Kingdom

Closing remarks by:

- **Ms. Christine Knudsen**, Director of External Relations, Strategy, Knowledge and Innovation Division, UN-Habitat