



# Valuing our communities and cities

## 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 <b>Mr. Churchill Otieno</b> , 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, <b>Hon. Lee Kinyanjui</b>
10:15 – 10:25	Statement by <b>Ms. Lyazzat Kaltayeva</b> , Chair, Association of Women with Disabilities "Shyrak", Kazakhstan
10:25 – 10:35	Videos of Kenyan Cities: Nakuru, Kisumu and Eldoret
10:35 – 10:45	Statement by 2019 WCD Global Observance Host Mayor of Ekaterinburg, Russian Federation, <b>Hon. Alexander Vysokinsky</b>
10:45 – 11:00	<b>Link up:</b> Moderator: Vice Mayor of Shanghai People's Republic of China, <b>Hon. Tang Zhiping</b> ➤ Statement by Mayor of Shanghai, People's Republic of China, <b>Hon. Gong Zheng</b> ➤ Launch of Shanghai Manual 2020, jointly with UN-Habitat Executive Director, <b>Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif</b> and Party Secretary of Shanghai, <b>Hon. Li Qiang</b>
11:00 – 11:05	Statement by Minister for National Development of Singapore, <b>Hon. Desmond Lee</b> (video)
11:05 – 11:10	Statement by the Director-General United Nations Office at Nairobi (UNON), <b>Ms. Zainab Hawa Bangura</b>
11:10 – 11:15	Introduction by the UN-Habitat Deputy Executive Director, <b>Mr. Victor Kisob</b> Video remarks by the United Nations Secretary-General, <b>Mr. Antonio Guterres</b>
11:15 – 11:20	Invitation video on the <b>Eleventh Session of the World Urban Forum (WUF11)</b> from the <b>City of Katowice</b> , Republic of Poland
11:20 – 11:30	Statement by <b>Hon. FCPA Wycliffe Ambetsa Oparanya</b> , EGH, CGJ, Chairman Council of Governors, Kenya
11:30 – 11:40	Statement by <b>H.E. Minata Samate Cessouma</b> , Commissioner for Political Affairs, African Union (video)
11:40 – 11:55	Statement by UN-Habitat Executive Director, <b>Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif</b>
11:55 – 12:05	Statement by the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure, Housing, Urban Development and Public Works, Republic of Kenya, <b>Mr. James Wainaina Macharia</b> E.G.H.
12:05 – 12:25	Keynote Address by <b>His Excellency Hon. Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta</b> , C.G.H., President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces
12:25 – 12:35	➤ Introduction to the launch of the UN-Habitat World Cities Report by UN-Habitat Executive Director, <b>Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif</b> ➤ Launch of the UN-Habitat World Cities Report by <b>His Excellency Hon. Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta</b> , 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><b>Roundtable 1:</b> 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"> <li>Setting the scene: <b>Mr. Oumar Sylla</b>, Director of Africa Office, UN-Habitat</li> <li>Opening Remarks by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Mr. Charles Hinga</b> C.B.S, Principal Secretary, State Department of Housing and Urban Development, Kenya</li> <li>➤ <b>Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif</b>, UN-Habitat Executive Director</li> </ul> </li> <li>Statements by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Mr. Jean Pierre Elong Mbassi</b>, Secretary General of United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLG Africa)</li> <li>➤ <b>Mr. Andrew Chimphondah</b>, Shelter Afrique Managing Director, Kenya</li> </ul> </li> <li>Panel Discussion <p>Moderator: <b>Mr. William Cobbett</b>, Cities Alliance, Belgium</p> <p>Introduction of the Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Hon. Celestine Ketcha Courtes</b>, Minister of Housing and Urban Development, Cameroon</li> <li>➤ <b>Hon. AlHadji Abubakar Sani Bello</b>, Governor of Niger State, Nigeria</li> <li>➤ <b>Hon. Mohamed Sefiani</b>, Mayor of Chefchaouen, Morocco; Chairperson, Forum of Intermediary Cities</li> <li>➤ <b>Hon. Peter Anyang Nyong'o</b>, Governor of Kisumu County</li> </ul> </li> <li>Road map towards Africities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Mr. Joe Ager</b>, CEO Africities, Kisumu, Kenya</li> <li>➤ <b>Mr. Jean Pierre Elong Mbassi</b>, Secretary General of United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLG Africa)</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
12:45 – 14:45	<p><b>Roundtable 2:</b> Working together to build sustainable cities and communities</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Ms. Dyan Currie</b>, Commonwealth Planners Association, Brisbane, Australia</p> <p>Introductory Remarks: <b>Mr. Raf Tuts</b>, Director, Global Solutions Division, UN-Habitat</p> <p>Introduction of the Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Dr. Medhin Tsehaiu</b>, Country Director of UNAIDS for Kenya</li> <li>➤ <b>Ms. Serida Catalano</b>, Secretary General, World Enabled, California, United States of America</li> <li>➤ <b>Mr. Edgar Pieterse</b>, Director, African Centre for Cities DST/NRF South African Research Chair in Urban Policy University of Cape Town, South Africa</li> <li>➤ <b>Professor Greg Clark</b> CBE FAcSS, Global Head, Future Cities and New Industries, HSBC Bank Plc, London, United Kingdom</li> <li>➤ <b>Ms. Mary Akoth Were</b>, Director, Winam Grassroots, Kenya</li> <li>➤ <b>Mr. Hezues R</b>, Film Director, New York, United States of America</li> <li>➤ <b>Ms. Susana M. Rojas Williams</b>, Specialist in Urban Development, Housing, Land and Infrastructure, Independent, Peru</li> <li>➤ <b>Mr. Thomas Kerr</b>, Publications Coordinator, Asia Coalition for Housing Rights, Bangkok, Thailand</li> </ul>
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 Panelists:

- **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 Panelists:

- **Dr. Remi Jedwab**, George Washington University, United States of America
- **Prof. Vanesa Castán Broto**, The University of Sheffield, United Kingdom
- **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, United Kingdom
- **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