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 – 10:25  Statement by Ms. Lyazzat Kaltayeva, 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, Hon. Alexander Vysokinsky

10:45 – 11:00  Link up:
Moderator: Vice Mayor of Shanghai People’s Republic of China, Hon. Tang Zhiping
- 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

11:00 – 11:05  Statement by Minister for National Development of Singapore, Hon. Desmond Lee (video)

11:05 – 11:10  Statement by the Director-General United Nations Office at Nairobi (UNON), Ms. Zainab Hawa Bangura

11:10 – 11:15  Introduction by the UN-Habitat Deputy Executive Director, Mr. Victor Kisob
Video remarks by the United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Antonio Guterres

11:15 – 11:20  Invitation video on the Eleventh Session of the World Urban Forum (WUF11) from the City of Katowice, Republic of Poland

11:20 – 11:30  Statement by 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 (video)

11:40 – 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, Mr. James Wainaina Macharia E.G.H.


12:25 – 12:35  ➢ 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  **Roundtable 1: Towards Africities: Achieving the SDGs through Resilient Intermediate Cities in Africa** co-organized with UCLG-A and Council of Governors of Kenya

1. Setting the scene: **Mr. Oumar Sylla**, Director of Africa Office, UN-Habitat
2. Opening Remarks by:
   - Mr. Charles Hinga, C.B.S, Principal Secretary, State Department of Housing and Urban Development, Kenya
   - Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, UN-Habitat Executive Director
3. Statements by:
   - 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
4. Panel Discussion
   - Moderator: **Mr. William Cobbett**, Cities Alliance, Belgium
   - Introduction of the Panelists:
     - 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
5. Road map towards Africities
   - 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  **Roundtable 2: Working together to build sustainable cities and communities**

Moderator: **Ms. Dyan Currie**, Commonwealth Planners Association, Brisbane, Australia

Introductory Remarks: **Mr. Raf Tuts**, Director, Global Solutions Division, UN-Habitat

Introduction of the Panelists:
- 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, Unites 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
### 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

### 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. Vanessa 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