



Concept note

6 October 2020

14:45 - 16:00
(Surabaya time)

World Habitat Day – Roundtable 1

Launch of the Urban Agenda Platform: Reporting Progress and Sharing Knowledge in The Decade of Action

Background

The New Urban Agenda (NUA) was agreed by UN Member States in Quito in 2016, after preparatory consultations and negotiations in New York, Nairobi and Surabaya. The focus needs now to be on realizing the NUA commitments, even more so in the Decade of Action on achieving the SDGs by 2030.

UN-Habitat is launching a multi-stakeholder global platform and forum to capture our collective work to achieve these goals and to encourage dialogue and exchange. This Urban Agenda Platform is being launched at the World Habitat Day Global Commemoration on 5 and 6 October, in Surabaya, Indonesia. The Surabaya programme will be virtually accessible around the world.

Urban Agenda Platform: Tracking and Inspiring Further Action

The Urban Agenda Platform is a UN-Habitat facilitated global online forum for sharing progress, action and knowledge on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda to achieve sustainable urban development.

The Platform brings together the UN system, national, regional and local governments, the private sector, civil society, academia, and other partners to accelerate the implementation of the NUA and SDGs.

The Platform shares and systematizes advancements on the New Urban Agenda and urban-related SDGs and allows the tracking of progress through systematic reporting. It encourages interactions and synergies between multiple stakeholders working on sustainable urban development. It provides global baseline reports for seminal events like the biannual UN-Habitat hosted World Urban Forums.

The Platform includes the following components:

- i. Member State reporting on the Implementation of the NUA and urban SDGs
- ii. NUA Monitoring Framework and related indicators
- iii. Tracking of actions and commitments including those generated at World Urban Forums
- iv. Best practices, case studies, and resources on implementing the NUA and urban-rated SDGs
- v. Learning and capacity development tools to accelerate implementation

The Roundtable

The Urban Agenda Platform will be launched during the official ceremony on 5 October 2020 with the Roundtable the following day. The roundtable will include a virtual tour of the Platform and introduction of co-products on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda: NUA Illustrated and NUA Crash Course.

The roundtable discussion will bring together national and local government representatives and associations, civil society, academia and the UN system representing multi-stakeholder engagement on implementing the New Urban Agenda on reporting progress, and the potential of the Platform to support accelerated action. There will be two panels and opportunities for engagement from the floor.

Panel 1: Evidence based policy making and reporting on progress on the New Urban Agenda

Panel 2: Accelerating actions and multi-stakeholder engagement

Participation

Deadline for registration is Friday, 02 October 2020. To register as a participant please go to <https://whd2020.surabaya.go.id/>. Speakers should have received a separate link.