**PROGRAMME OF THE GLOBAL OBSERVANCE**

**Theme:** Resilient urban economies. Cities as drivers of growth and recovery

Monday, 2 October 2023

Venue: Marriott Hotel Boulevard, Baku, Azerbaijan

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<td>08:00 – 09:30</td>
<td>Arrival and registration of attendees</td>
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<td>09:00 – 16:00</td>
<td>Urban exhibition at World Habitat Day 2023</td>
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**WHD 2023: MORNING SESSION**

**High-level opening**

Location: Grand Hall | Time reflected: UTC+04

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<td>09:40 – 10:20</td>
<td>Opening by Master of Ceremony: Ms. Leyla Aliyev</td>
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<td>• Message from Mr. António Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General read by</td>
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<td>Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive-Director of UN-Habitat</td>
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<td>• Welcome address by Mr. Shahmar Movsumov, Assistant to the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan</td>
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<td>• Welcome address by Mr. Anar Guliyev, Chairman, State Committee on Urban Planning and Architecture of the Republic of Azerbaijan</td>
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<td>10:20 – 10:40</td>
<td>Statements by government representatives:</td>
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<td>• Mr. Román Meyer Falcón, Secretary of Agrarian, Land, and Urban Development (SEDATU) of Mexico and President the UN Habitat Assembly read by a representative of Mexico</td>
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<td>• Mr. Kubanychbek Omuraliev, Ambassador, Secretary-General of the Organization of Turkic States</td>
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<td>• Mr. Enes Eminoğlu, Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports, the Republic of Türkiye</td>
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<td>10:40 – 11:00</td>
<td>Cultural performance</td>
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<td>11:00 – 11:05</td>
<td>Videos about Urban October 2023 and its theme</td>
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<td>11:05 – 11:35</td>
<td>Keynote speeches by international and national experts</td>
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<td>• Ms. Rohey Malick Lowe, Mayor of Banjul, Gambia</td>
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<td>• Mr. Samuel Rajan, UN-Habitat’s Stakeholder Advisory Group Enterprise (SAGE)</td>
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<td>• Ms. Mariana Mazzucato, Professor in the Economics of Innovation and Public Value at UCL (video recording)</td>
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2023 UN-HABITAT SCROLL OF HONOR AWARDS AND SPECIAL CITATIONS

11:35 – 12:20  Introduction by Master of Ceremony: Ms. Leyla Aliyeva
Acknowledgement remarks by recipients of UN-Habitat Scroll of Honor Awards
1. Mr. Francisco Javier Perez Olagaray, Fundación Pro Empleo Productivo, A.C., from Ciudad de Mexico, Mexico
2. Mr. Abdulsalam Khalifa Almehairi, Dubai Municipality, United Arab Emirates
3. Mr. Emil Eskenazy Lewinger, Fundo Imobiliário Comunitário para Aluguel, from São Paulo, Brazil
4. Mr. Carlos Alberto Videira, Assembleia de Moradores from Braga, Portugal
5. Mr. Foday David Kamara, Ecoenvironment, Sierra Leone
Acknowledgement remarks by recipients of special citations
1. Mr. Vugar Suleymanov, Chairman of the Board, Azerbaijan National Agency for Mine Action
2. Mr. Yücel Yılmaz, President of the Union of Municipalities, Türkiye
3. Ms. Rohey Malick Lowe, Mayor of Banjul, Gambia
4. Ms. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi, Secretary-General, United Cities and Local Governments Asia-Pacific

12:20 – 12:30  Closure of the high-level session by Master of Ceremony: Ms. Leyla Aliyeva

12:30 – 13:00  Group photos of high-level representatives, Scroll of Honour winners, special citations recipients and keynote speakers

13:00 – 14:30  Lunch Break / Networking

WHD 2023: AFTERNOON SESSION
World Habitat Day 2023 roundtables
Location: Grand Hall | Time reflected: UTC+04
WHD 2023: ROUNDTABLE 1
Cities as national and regional drivers of socio-economic resilience and growth
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14:30 – 15:20  Panel discussion moderated by: Ms. Eleni Myrivili, UN-Habitat Global Heat Officer, Senior Advisor for resilience and sustainability to the City of Athens
Panelists:
• Ms. Le-Yin Zhang, Professor, Development Planning Unit, University College London
• Mr. Dmitry Pozhidaev, UNCDF Global Advisor, Local Government Finance/Professor at Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda
• Ms. Rohey Malick Lowe, Mayor of Banjul, Gambia
• Mr. Neil Khor, Special Advisor to the Executive Director and Director (a.i), External Relations, Knowledge, Research and Innovation Division, UN-Habitat

15:20 – 15:45  Showcases from two cities:
• Ms. Lai Yen Yi, Senior Assistant Director, Finance Department, Sebarang Perai City Council, Malaysia
• Mr. Francisco Javier Perez Olagaray, Fundación Pro Empleo Productivo, A.C., Mexico
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**WHD 2023: ROUNDTABLE 2**

**Post-crisis urban recovery**

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| 16:00 – 16:40 | Welcoming remarks by moderator: **Mr. Ramil Cahangirov**, Deputy Head of Project Management Department in the Liberated Areas in the State Committee on Urban Planning and Architecture (SCUPA) of Azerbaijan. Panelists:  
  - Mr. Luigi Cipolla, City Planner and Expert on Resilient Infrastructure  
  - Ms. Hillary Murphy, Senior Social Affairs Officer, UNECE  
  - Mr. Haris Piplas, Urban Design and Planning, Department of Architecture, Institute of Urban and Landscape Studies, ETH Zurich  
  - Mr. Emin Huseynov, Special Representative of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan in the liberated territories of the Karabakh Economic Region |
| 16:40 – 17:20 | Showcases from two cities:  
  - Mr Farman Gurbanli, Chief of Staff of State Housing Construction Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan (MIDA)  
  - Mr Hayrettin Güngör, Mayor of Kahramanmaraş Municipality, the Republic of Türkiye |

19:00 – 22:00 Gala dinner at Gulistan Palace, Baku

*Transport will be provided from the venue at 18:30*