



#### 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



08:00 – 09:30

Arrival and registration  
of attendees



09:00 – 16:00

Urban exhibition at World  
Habitat Day 2023

#### WHD 2023: MORNING SESSION

## High-level opening

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09:40 – 10:20	Opening by Master of Ceremony: <b>Ms. Leyla Aliyeva</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Message from <b>Mr. António Guterres</b>, United Nations Secretary-General read by <b>Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif</b>, Executive-Director of UN-Habitat</li><li>Welcome address by <b>Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif</b>, Executive-Director of UN-Habitat</li><li>Welcome address by <b>Mr. Shahmar Movsumov</b>, Assistant to the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Presidential Administration of Azerbaijan</li><li>Welcome address by <b>Mr. Anar Guliyev</b>, Chairman, State Committee on Urban Planning and Architecture of the Republic of Azerbaijan</li></ul>
10:20 – 10:40	Statements by government representatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Mr. Román Meyer Falcón</b>, Secretary of Agrarian, Land, and Urban Development (SEDATU) of Mexico and President the UN Habitat Assembly read by a representative of Mexico</li><li><b>Mr. Kubanychbek Omuraliev</b>, Ambassador, Secretary-General of the Organization of Turkic States</li><li><b>Mr. Enes Eminoğlu</b>, Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports, the Republic of Türkiye</li></ul>
10:40 – 11:00	Cultural performance
11:00 – 11:05	Videos about Urban October 2023 and its theme
11:05 – 11:35	Keynote speeches by international and national experts <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Ms. Rohey Malick Lowe</b>, Mayor of Banjul, Gambia</li><li><b>Mr. Samuel Rajan</b>, UN-Habitat's Stakeholder Advisory Group Enterprise (SAGE)</li><li><b>Ms. Mariana Mazzucato</b>, Professor in the Economics of Innovation and Public Value at UCL (video recording)</li></ul>



## 2023 UN-HABITAT SCROLL OF HONOR AWARDS AND SPECIAL CITATIONS

11:35 – 12:20	<p>Introduction by Master of Ceremony: <b>Ms. Leyla Aliyeva</b></p> <p>Acknowledgement remarks by recipients of UN-Habitat Scroll of Honor Awards</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Mr. Francisco Javier Perez Olagaray</b>, Fundación Pro Empleo Productivo, A.C., from Ciudad de Mexico, Mexico</li><li>2. <b>Mr. Abdulsalam Khalifa Almehairi</b>, Dubai Municipality, United Arab Emirates</li><li>3. <b>Mr. Emil Eskenazy Lewinger</b>, Fundo Imobiliário Comunitário para Aluguel, from São Paulo, Brazil</li><li>4. <b>Mr. Carlos Alberto Videira</b>, Assembleia de Moradores from Braga, Portugal</li><li>5. <b>Mr. Foday David Kamara</b>, Econvionment, Sierra Leone</li></ol> <p>Acknowledgement remarks by recipients of special citations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Mr. Vugar Suleymanov</b>, Chairman of the Board, Azerbaijan National Agency for Mine Action</li><li>2. <b>Mr. Yücel Yılmaz</b>, President of the Union of Municipalities, Türkiye</li><li>3. <b>Ms. Rohey Malick Lowe</b>, Mayor of Banjul, Gambia</li><li>4. <b>Ms. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi</b>, Secretary-General, United Cities and Local Governments Asia-Pacific</li></ol>
12:20 – 12:30	Closure of the high-level session by Master of Ceremony: <b>Ms. Leyla Aliyeva</b>
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

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### WHD 2023: ROUNDTABLE 1

## Cities as national and regional drivers of socio-economic resilience and growth

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14:30 – 15:20	<p>Panel discussion moderated by: <b>Ms. Eleni Myrivili</b>, UN-Habitat Global Heat Officer, Senior Advisor for resilience and sustainability to the City of Athens</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Ms. Le-Yin Zhang</b>, Professor, Development Planning Unit, University College London</li><li>• <b>Mr. Dmitry Pozhidaev</b>, UNCDF Global Advisor, Local Government Finance/Professor at Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda</li><li>• <b>Ms. Rohey Malick Lowe</b>, Mayor of Banjul, Gambia</li><li>• <b>Mr. Neil Khor</b>, Special Advisor to the Executive Director and Director (a.i), External Relations, Knowledge, Research and Innovation Division, UN-Habitat</li></ul>
15:20 – 15:45	<p><b>Showcases from two cities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Ms. Lai Yen Yi</b>, Senior Assistant Director, Finance Department, Sebarang Perai City Council, Malaysia</li><li>• <b>Mr. Francisco Javier Perez Olagaray</b>, Fundación Pro Empleo Productivo, A.C., Mexico</li></ul>



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### WHD 2023: ROUNDTABLE 2 Post-crisis urban recovery

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16:00 – 16:40	<p>Welcoming remarks by moderator: <b>Mr. Ramil Cahangirov</b>, Deputy Head of Project Management Department in the Liberated Areas in the State Committee on Urban Planning and Architecture (SCUPA) of Azerbaijan</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Luigi Cipolla</b>, City Planner and Expert on Resilient Infrastructure</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Hillary Murphy</b>, Senior Social Affairs Officer, UNECE</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Haris Piplas</b>, Urban Design and Planning, Department of Architecture, Institute of Urban and Landscape Studies, ETH Zurich</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Emin Huseynov</b>, Special Representative of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan in the liberated territories of the Karabakh Economic Region</li> </ul>
16:40 – 17:20	<p><b>Showcases from two cities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Farman Gurbanli</b>, Chief of Staff of State Housing Construction Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan (MIDA)</li> <li>• <b>Mr Hayrettin Güngör</b>, Mayor of Kahramanmaraş Municipality, the Republic of Türkiye</li> </ul>

## CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE GLOBAL OBSERVANCE OF WORLD HABITAT DAY 2023

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17:20 – 17:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closing statement by <b>Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif</b>, Executive Director of UN-Habitat</li> <li>• Official handover to World Habitat Day host city 2024</li> <li>• Remarks from <b>Mr. Fernando González Salinas</b>, Chairman of the Secretary of Urban Development and Public Works of the State of Querétaro, México</li> </ul>
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**19:00 – 22:00**     **Gala dinner at Gulistan Palace, Baku**  
*Transport will be provided from the venue at 18:30*

