DRAFT PROGRAMME OF THE GLOBAL OBSERVANCE

As of 20 October 2023

Theme: Financing sustainable urban future for all

Tuesday, 31 October 2023
Venue: Address Hotel, Üsküdar, Istanbul – Türkiye

From 08:30
Arrival and registration of attendees

09:00 – 16:00
Urban exhibition at World Cities Day 2023

11:00 – 11:45
Opening address by the Master of Ceremony
• Welcome addresses by high-level representatives of the Government of Türkiye
• Welcome address by the UN Secretary-General
• Welcome address by the USG and Executive Director of UN-Habitat

11:45 – 12:00
Keynote address by special guest

12:00 – 12:10
Cultural performance

12:10 – 12:20
Presentations on financing sustainable urbanization
• Video of the Sustainable Human Settlements Foundation
• Video of the Zero Waste Initiative by the Government of Türkiye

12:20 – 12:25
Videos on the theme of World Cities Day and on Urban October

12:25 – 13:05
Speeches by international speakers

13:05 – 13:15
Presentation of special citation awards

13:15 – 13:30
Closing of the morning session by the Master of Ceremony

13:30 – 14:20
Lunch break and networking

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## World Cities Day 2023 roundtables

### WCD 2023: ROUNDTABLE 1

**Financing sustainable future for all**

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| 14:30 – 16:00 | Master of Ceremony to introduce scope of session and moderator  
|           | • Keynote by the moderator  
|           | • Roundtable  
|           | • Closing remarks by the moderator                                  |
| 16:00 – 16:30 | Coffee break                                                        |

### WCD 2023: ROUNDTABLE 2

**From waste to wealth**

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| 16:30 – 18:00 | Master of Ceremony to introduce scope of session and moderator  
|           | • Keynote by the moderator  
|           | • Roundtable  
|           | • Wrap-up statements and closing remarks by the moderator            |

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