PROGRAMME

Global Observance of World Habitat Day 2025

Monday, 6 October



09:00 - 09:30

World Habitat Day

Urban crisis response

VENUE

UN-Habitat HQ at United Nations Offices in Nairobi

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HIGH-LEVEL OPENING CEREMONY

LOCATION

Conference Room 4

09:30 - 10:00

- Opening address by Master of Ceremony, UN-Habitat
- Message from Mr. António Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General read by Mr. Stephen Jackson, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Kenya
- Video message from Hon. Nga Kor Ming, Minister of Housing and Local Government and President of the United Nations Habitat Assembly
- Video message by Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme, UNEP
- Welcome address by Ag. Secretary Eng. Byron Buyu, Secretary for Urban and Metropolitan Development, Government of Kenya
- Welcome address by Ms. Anacláudia Rossbach, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director, United Nations Human Settlements Programme, UN-Habitat
- World Habitat Day 2025 video

UN-HABITAT SCROLL OF HONOR AWARDS AND SPECIAL CITATION

10:00 - 10:30

- Introduction by Master of Ceremony, UN-Habitat
- Award ceremony
 - 1. Ms. Jana Haidar representing Public Works Studio Beirut, Lebanon
 - 2. Mr. José Afonso representing Just a Change Lisboa, Portugal
 - 3. Mr. Israel Smart Jos Plateau, Nigeria
 - 4. Ms. Clara Marina Brugada Molina, Mexico received by Ms. Rocío Lombera
 - Special Citation: Gangwon State (IUTC), Republic of Korea received by H.E. Mr. Kang Hyung-shik, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to Kenya
- Statements by recipients of UN-Habitat Scroll of Honor Awards and Special Citations
- Closure of the session by Master of Ceremony
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HIGH-LEVEL PANEL DISCUSSION

10:30 - 12:00

- Introduction by Master of Ceremony, Mr. Filiep Decorte, Chief, Programme Development Branch, UN-Habitat
- Video message from **Ms. Paula Betancur,** UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons
- Video message from **Mr. Filipo Grandhi**, UN High Commissioner for Refugees, UNHCR
- Statement by **Ms. Maymuchka Lauriston**, Head of Office East Africa Multicountry Office, OHCHR
- Panelists:
 - 1. Ms. Jana Haidar, Public Works Studio, Lebanon
 - 2. Ms. Beatriz Eraso Puig, Senior Urban Specialist at World Bank, Kenya
 - 3. Ms. Madina Mahboobi, Founder of Vision Development Organization, Afghanistan
 - Mr. Kitoga Amuri Kilonzo, Executive Director of Unity Sending Peace to All Tribes, Kenya
- Live Questions and Answers segment
- Wrap up

CLOSING CEREMONY

12:00 - 12:30

- Closing session by the Master of Ceremony, UN-Habitat
 - Closing remarks by Ms. Anacláudia Rossbach, Under-Secretary-General and
- Executive Director, United Nations Human Settlements Programme, UN-Habitat
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