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5 OCTOBER 2026

As of 2 October 2026

5 October 2026 | Muscat, Oman

World Habitat Day

Adequate Housing for All

NATIONAL AND GLOBAL OBSERVANCE OF WORLD HABITAT DAY 2026

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ARRIVAL OF ATTENDEES

(All guests to be seated by 11:00)

10.30 –11:00

NATIONAL OBSERVANCE HIGH-LEVEL OPENING

11:00 – 11:45

GLOBAL OBSERVANCE HIGH-LEVEL OPENING

11:45 – 12:30

- Opening address by master of ceremonies
- World Habitat Day 2026 video
- Video message from **Nga Kor Ming,** President of the United Nations Habitat Assembly and Minister of Housing and Local Government, Malaysia
- Message from **António Guterres,** United Nations Secretary-General, read by **Anacláudia Rossbach,** Under-Secretary-General and Executive-Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
- Welcome address by **Anacláudia Rossbach,** Executive Director of UN-Habitat

UN-HABITAT SCROLL OF HONOUR AWARDS

- Introduction by master of ceremonies
- Award ceremony
  - **Maryam Nawaz Sharif,** Chief Minister of Punjab, Pakistan, representing the Punjab Housing and Town Planning Agency, Lahore, Pakistan
  - **Htoo Aung,** representing Housing NOW, Bago, Myanmar
  - **Thiago Bauermann Gubert** representing Aldeia do Espraiado - Tekoa Ara Hovy: Brazil's First Indigenous village established by a Brazilian Municipality
  - **Abdelmalek Ghannem,** Bizerte, Tunisia
  - **Sadiq Khan, London,** United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

SIGNING CEREMONY FOR DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

12:30 – 12:45

INAUGURATION OF THE EXPO

12:45 – 13:30

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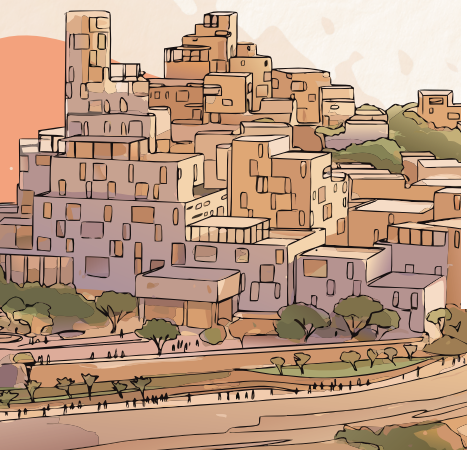

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MINISTERIAL SEGMENT
15:00 – 15:45

FLAGSHIP DIALOGUE: ADEQUATE HOUSING FOR ALL
15:45 – 17:00

- MODERATOR:

  Rania Hedeya, Director, Regional Office for Arab States, UN-Habitat

- PANELISTS:
  - **Elena Carolina Díaz Galán,** United Nations Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights
  - **Dr Asmus Hammerich,** WHO Representative to Oman
  - **Melani Penjani Chirwa,** Programmes Coordinator, Slum Dwellers International (SDI)
  - **Rony Lahoud,** General Director, Public Corporation for Housing, Lebanon
  - **Sultan Barakat,** Professor of Public Policy, Hamad Bin Khalifa University (Qatar Foundation) and Honorary Professor, University of York
  - **Partha Mukhopadhyay**, Senior Fellow, Centre for Policy Research, India
  - **Wendy Werner,** World Bank Group Country Manager for Oman

CLOSING CEREMONY
17:00 – 17:20

- Closing session by the master of ceremonies
- Closing remarks, TBC
- Closing remarks by **Anacláudia Rossbach,** Executive Director of UN-Habitat
- Group photo session

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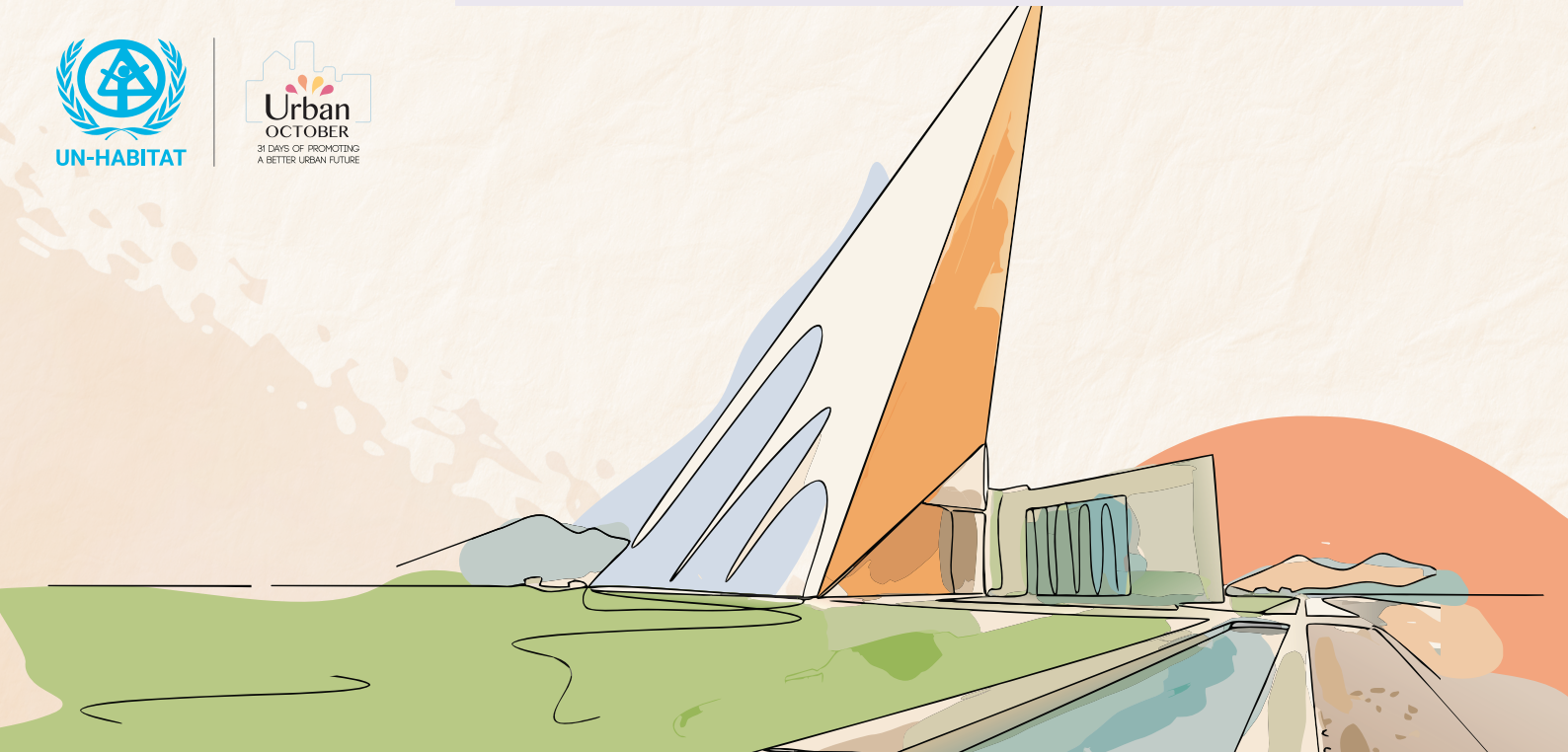
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