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IMPLEMENTING
THE NEW
URBAN AGENDA



The Ninth session of the World Urban Forum

Kuala Lumpur, 7 – 13 February 2018

WUF is the world's premier conference on cities



The Ninth Session of the World Urban Forum demonstrated again that the Forum convened by UN-Habitat is the world's premier conference on cities and human settlements.

More than 23,000 people gathered in Kuala Lumpur to renew their commitment in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda as an accelerator for the achievement of the Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals.

WUF9, the largest WUF ever

Second largest United Nations conference and first non-legislative technical Forum



WUF9 at a glance

- ❑ **The most attended ever**
Over **23,000** attendants, being **19,237** of them participants.
- ❑ **The most diverse ever**
Attendees from **164** different countries and **90%** of LDCs.
- ❑ **The one with more ministers participating**
More than **100** ministerial-level delegations
- ❑ **The one with more participation from the UN system**
Participation of **36** United Nations system organizations.
- ❑ **The one with more gender balance in terms of participation**
More than 45% of the attendants were women.



More than 70 main sessions



**6 High-level
Roundtables**



**1 Ministers
Roundtable**



8 Dialogues



5 Assemblies



**15 Stakeholders
Roundtables**



21 Special Sessions



**10 Plenary
Meetings**



3 Urban Talks



**1 Urban Journalism
Academy**

Over 500 events



**143 Networking
events**



168 Side events



60 Training events



**30 Listen to cities
events**



**33 ONE UN
events**



**33 Launch of
publications**



**17 Press
Conferences**



**93 Exhibition
Booths**

Technical visits, city events and Urban Village



Why WUF9 has been so relevant?

The **most participatory United Nations non-legislative Forum** with 75% of the participants being stakeholders and around 40% of them under 32 years old.

WUF as the **legacy of the Habitat III success** and a key platform to gather inputs on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.

Role of the New Urban Agenda as a tool and an **accelerator for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals** recognized

UN-Habitat's **unique role as lead and focal point for sustainable urban development** in coordination with all levels of governments, stakeholders and the United Nations system.

WUF9 outcomes

Strong focus on arrangements and actions for implementation of the New Urban Agenda, with many delegates and participants emphasizing the importance of public, private and civil society cooperation in order to fully achieve the New Urban Agenda.

- Adoption of the **Kuala Lumpur Declaration**, based on the reports of the main sessions during WUF9.
- Several **outcomes summaries** on 30 March 2018, 30 May 2018 and 30 July 2018 based on all the information presented during WUF9 and events reports received until those dates, as well as other substantive information received from events reports and events organizers and WUF9 impact from participants.
- Final **report in October 2018 to be submitted for the 27th Governing Council** with all the comprehensive information until that date, including recommendations for the UN-Habitat next strategic framework 2020-2025.

Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Cities 2030

The Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Cities 2030 is the outcome document of the WUF9 as a result of inclusive multi-stakeholder discussions represented by national, subnational and local governments, parliamentarians, civil society, older persons, women, youth, children, persons with disabilities, grassroots groups, indigenous peoples and local communities, private sector, foundations and philanthropies, international and regional organizations, academia, professionals and other relevant stakeholders.

It aims to **localize and scale up the implementation of the New Urban Agenda** as an accelerator to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

WUF9 Outcomes – Key enablers

Key enablers capable of unlocking positive transformation for the implementation frameworks of the New Urban Agenda:

1. Strengthening the **role of subnational and local governments**, urban governance systems that ensure continuous dialogue among different levels of government and participation of all actors, and increasing multilevel and cross-sectoral coordination, transparency and accountability.
2. Encouraging sharing of **creative solutions and innovative practices** which enable a shift in mindset necessary to drive change.
3. Building **inclusive partnerships and strengthening age and gender responsive environments** to ensure meaningful participation and engagement at all levels.
4. Adopting **integrated territorial development**, including through appropriate urban planning and design instruments, to ensure sustainable management and use of natural resources and land, appropriate compactness and density, diversity of uses, and revitalization of cultural heritage.
5. Deploying **monitoring and reporting mechanisms**, including assessment of impacts, that encourage best practices for effective policy making.

WUF9 Outcomes – Actionable recommendations

The Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Cities 2030 calls for accelerating the New Urban Agenda implementation by promoting and adopting:

- **frameworks for implementation**, inclusive platforms for dialogue amongst all stakeholders, integrated territorial development and diversified means of implementation;
- **governance and partnerships** that engage all levels of governments to ensure co-responsibility in activities, and that promote multi-stakeholder constituency-based coalitions to use the New Urban Agenda to respond to urban crises; and
- **innovative solutions** that foster a culture of creativity, implement monitoring and data collection including of community-generated data, create an enabling environment through municipal and other financing; and adopt accessibility and universal design as core principles.

WUF9 in the Media

5,700 media articles referred to UN-Habitat and the World Urban Forum between 1 and 17 February 2018

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705'000 impressions
19'400 profile visits



#NewUrbanAgenda
trending Hashtag
in the USA



Partners promoting
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More information...

Kuala Lumpur Declaration

<http://wuf9.org/kuala-lumpur-declaration/>

Daily summary - daily bulletins of the Forum

<http://wuf9.org/daily-bulletins/>

Archived photos from WUF9

<http://wuf9.org/media-centre/gallery/>

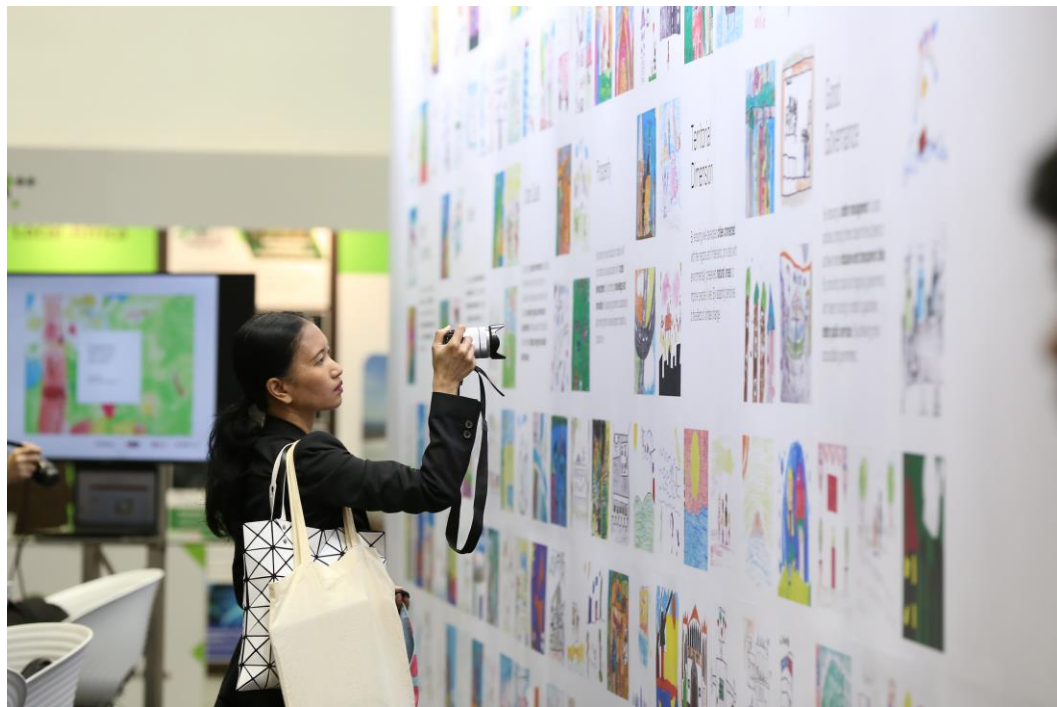
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