

# Achieving SDGs in times of global crises



## Announcing hosts of World Habitat Day and World Cities Day

 8 JUNE 2023, 13:15 – 14:00

 Press Centre Room

### SUMMARY

Urban October was developed to raise awareness, promote participation, generate knowledge and engage the international community in creating a better urban future.

Every October UN-Habitat, the United Nations agency for cities and towns, and partners organize a month of activities, events and discussions on urban sustainability. Urban October is an opportunity for people around the world to join the conversation around the challenges and opportunities created by the fast pace of change in our cities and towns. National and local governments, universities, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), communities and other stakeholders in sustainable urbanization are encouraged to hold or participate in activities, events, and discussions.

Urban October begins with World Habitat Day, on the first Monday of the month, and ends with World Cities Day on 31 October. Activities to mark Urban October take place around the world on these specific days and throughout the month. Different cities across the world host the global observances of World Habitat Day and World Cities Day each year. At the press event, we plan to announce hosts for 2023 and 2024.

### Organizers

UN-Habitat

### Moderator

Katerina Bezgachina, Chief of Communications, UN-Habitat

### Speakers

**Maimunah Mohd Sharif**, Executive Director of UN-Habitat

**Hon. Anar Guliyev**, Chair of the State Committee for Urban Planning and Architecture, Azerbaijan

**Yücel Yılmaz**, President, the Union of Municipalities of Türkiye

**Hilmi Türkmen**, Mayor of Municipality of Üsküdar in Istanbul, Türkiye



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**H.E. Subutay Yüksel**, Ambassador of Türkiye to Kenya

**Fernando Guadalupe Gonzalez Salinas**, Secretary of Urban Development and Public Works  
of the State of Queretaro, Mexico

**Luis Bernardo Nava Guerrero**, Mayor of Queretaro City, Mexico

**Rodolfo Osorio**, General Director of Liaison with Civil Society Organizations at the  
Secretariat of Foreign Affairs, Mexico



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