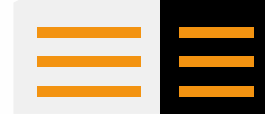


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Side Event 23

Quality of Life Initiative: Putting people at the heart of transformative change



TUESDAY 6 JUNE 2023, 13:15 – 14:15



Conference Room 14

SUMMARY

This policy-oriented discussion will aim to promote a people-centred Quality of Life approach in the governance of cities that improves individuals' and communities' lives while contributing to the implementation of global agendas.

People's lives across the globe have been transformed by ongoing crises including climate change, economic collapse, conflict and the COVID 19 pandemic. During this time of global flux, priorities and ideas around what makes up a good Quality of Life have changed. More than ever, national and local authorities need to listen to what individuals and communities see as their priorities to guide the definition and implementation of adapted policies. Around two thirds of the SDG targets and indicators have an urban dimension, so policies implemented by cities and towns which put people at the centre are critical for accelerating their achievement. Improving human wellbeing has been highlighted by the United Nations as an outcome and main accelerator for the Sustainable Development Goals and is therefore paramount to any local development polities.

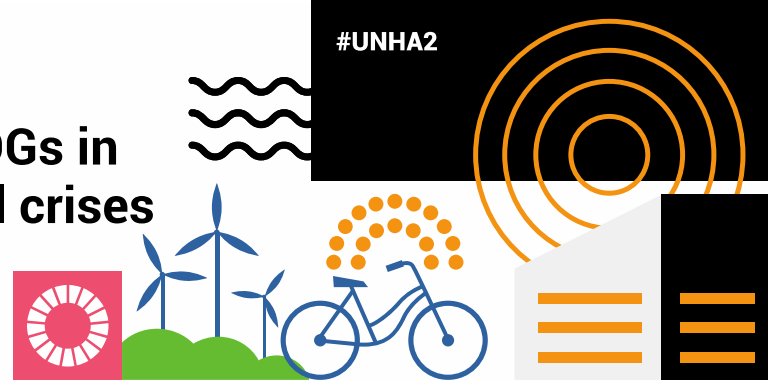
This Side Event brings together national and local governments, UN and multilateral organizations, civil society and academia. These experts will bring their experiences and ideas on how the concept of Quality of Life and its importance have evolved, what makes a good Quality of Life and how improving the Quality of Life at a local level can contribute to achieving global agendas. The discussions will explore how ideas about people-centred quality of life can be expressed in terms of objective wellbeing alongside subjective areas including life satisfaction, social relations, networks and community cohesion. The event will include a review of Quality of Life concepts and how these ideas can be incorporated into policy planning for our common future.



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