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>> We have our Secretary-General ready and the special envoy ready as well.

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>> On behalf of local governments, UN habitat together with metropolis

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and on this occasion colleagues from World Enabled and cities for all

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we welcome you back for beyond the outbreak.

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I want to share some technical notes until giving to the Secretary-General.

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Welcome back, I yield the floor to the secretary general Emilia Saiz.

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>> Hello, everybody.

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Welcome back to these exciting exchange experiences.

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This one on equity and access in times of pandemic is very dear to my heart.

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Not only because we have wonderful partners in the organisation of World Enabled.

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And also because it is a very critical topic.

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You are going to be hearing many notions this afternoon.

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I wanted to leave with you a thought, what drove United citizen local governments into this partnership with World Enabled.

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And what inspired us to go into a town hall process where communities and those with the experience

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inspired our policy recommendations on this field.

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Let's be honest, friends, our cities are not designed for everybody.

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They are not accessible.

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This has always been an issue.

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Now in terms of this unprecedented pandemic, it is becoming very painful.

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And also something we all care about.

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The security, well-being and livelihood of everybody is becoming an issue of security.

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For everybody else. We can no longer conceive a society in the aftermath of the pandemic

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where some of these invisible groups or populations,

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are left alone and no longer considered.

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Our political systems are not ready.

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Our accessibility policies are not ready, our public spaces are not ready.

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We, local governments and organisations, need to pick up the responsibility.

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We need to walk the talk and foster through changes.

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It is actually taking responsibility.

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In spite of all the good things you will be hearing, many citizens are Webmaster day,

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all the groundbreaking innovations they are trying to implement,

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the reality is the urban area is not an accessible for everyone.

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Let us put our heads together, there is an unprecedented opportunity in this pandemic.

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Many things we are doing now were considered impossible to months ago.

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We need to take the responsibility and change things.

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And local governments have a lot of the competencies to be able to change their lives of many citizens around the world.

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I'm excited to have so many good partners and so many interesting cities that have been doing things.

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Through sharing experiences with us.

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It is a great pleasure to introduce to you my millionaire under 5 the secretary general of the United Nations.

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>> Good morning, good afternoon, good evening from Kuala Lumpur.

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I am here to be with my family for the celebration.

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As you said, Emilia, months ago the city of Wuhan was about to declare a health emergency.

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Since then the world has changed.

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The pandemic has affected everyone equally.

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Many are even more marginalised now with the World Bank estimating that 60 million people will fall into extreme poverty.

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The response measures create physical environmental and exclusion barriers.

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Marginalised communities suffer.

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People with disabilities they face obstacles in accessing healthcare and essential services.

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Income insecurity, missed out mental health services.

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Digital communication, staying at home is difficult for those with hearing, sight challenges.

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As you said, inclusion and against inequality, they are at the heart of our mission.

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And in the midst of this pandemic.

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So in the subsequent learning session we had since 25 March, together you see metropolis and so many close partners.

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Inclusion has been a key measure of cities and local governments.

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They had seen the impact of local health crises and health responses.

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Our first session on adequate housing, there was a strong message on homelessness.

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Homeless people and extremely vulnerable people with underlying health problems and problems of social exclusion.

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Those who have been in the learning session, they have heard the testimony responding to issues of inclusion and injustice

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in the context of migration, local economic development, to recall a few of the many challenges.

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Cities are at the frontline of this crisis.

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They will continue to be in the future in the medium and long-term.

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The loss of employment will generate greater social polarisation.

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The impact will be large in cities and regions, particularly in those where inequality is.

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You see it in the report in 2015, 70% of the cities in the world where growing more unequal, even now.

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Even those considered more egalitarian.

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In 2015 the World Economic Forum considered that inequality was a universal concern.

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There is a big divide.

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The intersection of poverty and inequality will be more visible in cities.

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Policies and actions are needed to review such impact.

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Especially for the most vulnerable.

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Start preparing a special edition of the state of the world cities report.

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Focus on the impact and solution beyond the COVID-19 outbreak.

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Dear friends, we will celebrate the global accessibility day tomorrow.

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We are putting accessibility front and centre.

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I am grateful for the collaboration, the international development banks and member states. Including friend from Germany.

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Let's focus on inclusion, our mission for inclusion.

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Persons with Disabilities constitute a significant and increasing statement of the urban population anywhere in the world.

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I call on all city's to participate in the cities for all, COVID-19 inclusive and accessible cities pilot survey.

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We are initiating it together.

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Let disabilities, older persons...

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It is difficult to carry out evidence of COVID-19 process.

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Disability and older persons, getting this data, the response must include data on barriers and improve accessibility.

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I also urge to work closely with available disabled people and older person organisations.

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Give them a seat at the table. This will ensure their perspective in the pandemic, responses are considered.

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And ideas for more inclusion used and using their expertise.

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I call on legislation and policies established in an enabling environment.

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To disability and older person inclusive pandemic response.

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In many countries we need to be extra mindful about women and girls with disabilities.

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Response programs need to be accessible and usable by persons with disabilities.

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An older person where they ensure Universal Design principles are followed.

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In conclusion it is important for state, regional and local government to ensure more accessible system capable of responding

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to pandemics and future disasters by reaching out to those left behind.

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These will pave the way for inclusive cities and a better future for all.

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UN Habitat with all of you, thank you Emilia Saiz, thank you.

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>> Thank you, we fully understand you need to leave us.

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Thank you for those, we know you always make.

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>> Die hard. Thank you very much.

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I would like to right now, UN special envoy and accessibility, a friend.

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>> Yes, I am ready.

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OK, thank you very much.

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Hello to the colleagues and the audience at is with us now.

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The good news is the joint statement.

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It is about persons with governments and persons with disability.

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this statement is very important.

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We have to recognise the accessibility (inaudible)

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we have to give the opportunity to persons with disability.

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They need to live independently.

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The second idea is to recognise

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that accessibility is the most

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mainstream legal strategy

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in the human rights field in the 21st-century.

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This is part of universal design.

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The third important thing is accessibility in (inaudible)

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especially when it refers to green areas.

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And physical space. And transportation.

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But now, with the pandemic, we face a huge negative impact.

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This is in relation to persons with disabilities.

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You can see that many persons with disabilities

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live in poverty.

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They have a lack of accessibility.

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Now, with the pandemic, the situation

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is very bad.

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There is a lack of accessibility which increases

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poverty.

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For this reason, we recognise

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the leadership of the local government

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because they are connected to the population

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in each jurisdiction.

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They are in direct connection with the needs of this population.

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And they are addressing central government

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to care for the well-being, the welfare

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of persons with disabilities and older persons.

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The neighbours.

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Finally, taking into account this situation,

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we called to the leadership of local government

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to take full participation of citizens

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to create inclusion

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for the preparation of public policies and legislation.

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We have to face the pandemic.

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But, to take advantage of this experience.

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And to put in place plans and programs

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in the future.

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Accessibility is now and forever.

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In cities and other places in the future.

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And obviously, without discrimination, prejudice,

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and harmful practices.

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and local governments

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as well as organisations that are the voice of local governments,

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to put in a centre of the action plan

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with the topic of accessibility

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and universal accessibility for all persons.

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And we would like to work together

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with these organisations.

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More accessibility is more development.

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Taking into account the 2030 Agenda.

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There are also networks and citizens.

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Finally, I would like to empathise

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with the great initiative on global conduct.

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Global conduct is really the space

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for the dialogue.

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It affects different stakeholders, and gives them the space

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to exchange interaction, to get partnership,

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to make a reality of the accessibility for human rights,

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and sustainability..

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I would like to invite, to different cities, to come here.

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Be a member of the great universal organisation.

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>> Thank you very much, Special Envoy.

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Very important points and full commitment from our side

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to bring this to the political agenda, where it needs to be.

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You will not agree with me.

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I am jumping the script, but for me, the unthinkable thing

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is that we would not invite certain people to say hello.

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He needs to greet us all. Victor, the floor is yours.

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Promise to be brief because you will be speaking later.

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>> I want to commend the Special Envoy

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for the steadfast leadership.

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When we launched the global compact

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and partners around the world a year and a half ago,

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we didn't realise it would completely impact people's lives as it has today.

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The COVID-19 experience in today's webinar,

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these are good examples of how cities around the world

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need leadership like the UN.

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We are delighted to partner with you on the global compact.

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Thank you so much.

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>> Thank you so much.

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I would like to give the floor to Federico.

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He is someone you all know as a collaborator.

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Now, also, in our offices of United cities and local governments.

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All right, everyone.

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There are some words coming up, what is one word that comes to mind when thinking of the word accessible.

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Once you get into this, please put in the words that come to mind.

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Barriers, universal, inclusion, writes, entitled.

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Freedom is big.

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The larger the word, the more people have put that in.

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But yes, I think inclusion, equality,

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freedom is big.

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The more accessible the world is, the more free.

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Justice and inclusion are coming up as well.

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Innovation as well, because accessibility is innovation.

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We will share briefing afterwards so you will see this in the briefing.

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how effectively do you think accessibility policies have been implemented

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in your local and regional government?

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We have a scale of one to five.

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Maybe we are getting into the centre.

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>> This also shows the balance of the participants that we have.

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We have local governments which are convinced and trying to do their best,

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but we have people who are experiencing and looking

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at this topic very critically.

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Fair reflection of our world.

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>> I like to think of it as the glass half full.

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The next one is asking you to choose between three options.

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What are the main challengers to implementing Urban accessibility policy standards?

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Is it budget constraints, coordination, local government leadership?

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The lack of local data to identify accessibility barriers or marginalised groups?

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Or limited awareness of accessibility?

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The big thing is interesting.

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It is limited awareness and understanding.

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>> I chose limited awareness.

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This is what I am finding with our membership.

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A lot of them would have the political will to do this

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and try to find the means to do it,

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but very often, they don't know how to approach this.

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I can say this for local governments, and that is one of the reasons, not the only reason,

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why you are with us and we are partnering with Was Enabled.

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It has been on our agenda.

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There are many things we do not understand.

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Having a great understanding is very important.

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The other columns are important as well, but I am happy

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this is the highest one. It gives me hope.

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>> Me too.

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I hope the others are really strong, that the more understanding and capacity building we have,

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the more accessible cities can be.

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So, the last one is directed at COVID-19.

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What have you seen in your cities?

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We have four options.

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These are four options that we have seen trending a lot

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in terms of media, and responses that countries are taking.

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It looks slick social and mental health care services are coming up.

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Of course, information in an accessible format.

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The aspect of social and mental health care speaks to the confinement measures

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that are happening, and also,

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limited access to public services.

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And of course, the information gap,

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making sure we have timely access to information that is important on what is happening

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in Barcelona, and the phases

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of reopening.

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>> Is this the last question for us?

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>> I was a little bit surprised about not a higher percentage

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of those last answers to go to digital inclusion.

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I think it is a critical aspect.

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This is why we hold these tiny surveys.

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Sometimes the answers can surprise us.

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Promoting a different type of policy.

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Let's go to the next section.

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Thank you Federico and team for putting this together.

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We have an impressive panel, too impressive, too many good cases and little time.

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I don't know how we will manage.

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So perspectives from the local government.

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Those who are doing day in, day out.

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I am very pleased to have with us from far away from Indonesia.

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We are very grateful to have you with us to share your perspectives.

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Are you ready?

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>> OK.

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Thank you, Emilia.

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Thank you very much for this event.

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I'm from Indonesia. H. Ibnu Sina.

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The capital city.

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We have 7700 population.

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And, Æ

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How is the COVID-19 affecting Banjarmasin?inclusion?

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You can look at the map, red zone.

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This is a river.

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And local government.

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The city of Banjarmasin did an SPV.

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To look at the outbreak of COVID-19.

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Oh, yes. OK.

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I can continue.

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Limit access to all public facilities including public transportation,
school and workplace.

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It restricts sports applying protocol, congregation for religious
purposes.

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Mulls, other activities like construction.

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The city has now produced the number of public activity significantly.

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The situation poses threats to livelihood and economic condition of the most vulnerable groups in the city.

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Daily work men, workers, many of them are informal.

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They have lost sources of income in the public health sector.

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Banjarmasin has a long-term commitment to people with disabilities, elderly have referred the city to act on those targeted action.

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The city government has a special task force for COVID-19 response.

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It integrated multi-stakeholders like the local agency for disaster countermeasure

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The health office and police and municipal police.

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We are implementing strict health protocols and making sure people are staying at home.

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In response to this protocol, the city of Banjarmasin with state-owned companies, schools and universities,

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micro, small and medium-sized enterprises and community-based organisations.

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We have sanitation and facemasks. Special facemasks.

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It includes see-through facemasks for persons with hearing impairments and distribute it to citizens of Banjarmasin.

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Last point, including people with disabilities, the elderly, urban poor, the vulnerable groups,

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were affected by the outbreak and face financial issues.

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The city of Banjarmasin has support for multi-stakeholders.

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Social safety net free distribution of assistance, ensuring food supply, particularly during Ramadan.

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The city of Banjarmasin together with the community provides a public kitchen for residents in need.

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And during this, guaranteed basic rights, basic necessities.

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The right to help, and help vulnerable groups.

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Media information, uses sign language.

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The impacts are overcome with a social safety net program.

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To get basic access right.

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I think that is Banjarmasin action.

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For collaboration and, "We hope this pandemic,"

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Will recover. Thank you very much.

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>> Thank you, we do as well.

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We hope we will be able to bend the curve.

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We hope we can overcome the great suffering for millions of people in the planet.

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It is good to see how important things are on your agenda.

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I am particularly pleased to see the social safety net.

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When people are talking about social distancing

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we keep saying local governments want physical distancing to be safe.

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But social encroachment and social safety net, thank you very much.

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>> Thank you very much.

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>> Allow me now to go to the next speaker I have in my list.

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The Commissioner for people with disabilities from Soa Paolo, Cid Torquato.

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>> Thank you, it is a great honour for us to participate in this very important event.

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To begin with, I bring a warm embrace from a strong supporter of all of our actions.

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In terms of our secretariat.

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I would like to thank him for letting us do everything we have been doing.

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I was invited to talk about what we are doing in São Paulo.

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In order to mitigate the impact of the virus in our population with disabilities.

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Persons with Disabilities.

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What I have to do, we are working in many different fields.

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In order to provide assistance to the persons with disabilities the most needed.

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We are monitoring all of the associations and organisations that work directly with Persons with Disabilities.

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As well as we began, we built a centre.

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Only for Persons with Disabilities that live in the streets.

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Homeless Persons with Disabilities.

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Where we provide, " A normal service that you have in such centres.

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We have specific services directed to our public.

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Wheelchairs and, " Equipment that they might use.

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Use in order to move.

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I would like to, I would like to change a little bit subject.

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Not to talk about what we are doing in São Paulo but propose a new perspective on what is happening.

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Now, especially what is happening with people with disabilities all over the world.

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These days, it is true, people with disabilities are under a lot of pressure.

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And many different threats.

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Not only the threat of not receiving assistance, medical assistance when they need it.

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We have the perspective of threats on rights conquered.

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Very hardly, along the last decades.

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We know in such crisis and government agents, governments have to cut budgets.

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The people that need the most suffer the most as well.

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We are under many different threats that we have to prepare ourselves to deal with them.

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As well as we have to be united to have political power, resist and not let our rights, any threats on our rights.

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The proposition is different. It is in a different direction.

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With all this negativity, stress towards Persons with Disabilities

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I see a great window of opportunities.

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That the digital transformation and the fact that unfortunately a lease for the next months and years

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we believe in isolation.

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We are not going to have the contacts or the social contact we had before.

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It will be a different civilisation.

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I see a great opportunity for Persons with Disabilities in this scenario.

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Working at home, home office, it is a great opportunity for persons with disabilities.

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The fact that we will have more virtual, we will be,Ä¶ Living in a more virtual society.

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I understand this equalises, makes everybody more equal.

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The fact that we don't have to socialise, which is a pity.

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On the other hand, it offers us a chance of being in the virtual world,
more equal.

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And to suffer less with the prejudice that is still so strong.

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With Persons with Disabilities.

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And, you know,

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in this search for persons with disabilities that now work

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in companies in the real world.

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>> You need to wrap up.

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>> I am concluding!

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It is good for persons that are already active in society,

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but it is also a window of opportunity for persons with disabilities.

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Talented persons with disabilities that cannot leave home.

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So, you know,

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that is my contribution.

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Again, to conclude, in the midst of threat

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and in such negative things that are happening

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I see a positive way out

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and a great window of opportunity for persons with disabilities

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in this future world together

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with the digital transformation

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that we are going through.

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Thank you very much.

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>> Thank you for those inspiring words.

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I fully share with you this vision of hope,

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and I always say it is not naive to think there is a window of
opportunity here.

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I also want to take this opportunity to thank all of these cities
including São Paulo

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And those few cities who have not signed up yet, we have high hopes that
you will very soon.

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So, thank you for that.

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I guess you are calling for looking at not the new normal.

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We need to be aware of a very different type of world

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where there are different opportunities.

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There are very high opportunities for people online.

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we now have a speaker from Abu Dhabi.

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Let's see if she shares this hope with us.

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Thank you again for your input.

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>> Thank you. Hello, everyone.

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Thank you for hosting us today and thank you for this great webinar

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that talks about a vulnerable group that needs to be looked at,

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and we need to take actions to improve the quality of the service provision and life.

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I will be talking about global impact from the pandemic.

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We will talk about a few initiatives that the city of Abu Dhabi implemented in this pandemic

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and senior citizens,

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as well as the United Arab Emirates.

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We are all aware that this pandemic has affected everyone,

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regardless of whether or not they are vulnerable.

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No one was expecting that life will be changed.

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There will be online education, working from home,

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and there will be lots of people who cannot access education. We are very lucky to be able to do that.

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When the pandemic happened, lots of education systems were not ready.

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Schools were ready with online learning platforms.

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I was already involved in that back in 2014.

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We were lurking on Smart learning back then.

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We never expected to use it in this time.

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Immediately, schooling was challenging.

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These were for people with disabilities.

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This is a new normal.

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They are not used to online education, and the rehabilitation services

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have been affected as people were impacted.

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We know that certain progressions will happen, but not fully

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because we had locked down. By the time lockdown happened,

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people adapted to that very fast

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and we have had a few meetings with entities

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who are providing services, knowing that partners is

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will be looking at social areas and sectors.

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Services are provided through different entities.

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We have 11, so we had a meeting,

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and we are looking to the plan.

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In the UAE, we have a lot of people living in extended families

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and people are either living in their own home alone,

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with their own families.

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These people have been affected by the pandemic and issues have increased

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especially for those who are vulnerable to mental health issues.

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So, issues have been taken by the UAE.

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We activated the online rehabilitation and services for people with disabilities.

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Maybe I was one of the first ones who had a personal story that I can share.

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I have a son with autism.

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He goes to university so the University started teaching online and my son has a shadow.

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I insisted from the shadow teachers and therapists that they provide them online

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and do not come to the house, to keep physical distancing.

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It took him only two weeks.

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I said they have to go through that learning curve, and everyone did.

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Now, they are all adapted to it and learning online.

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Similar to that experience applicable to the centres here for schools.

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So, it was not easy for parents, parents are working from home.

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They also caregivers and working now.

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So, we had few policies. The government was the first to have a policy

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for mothers to be at home, mothers of children,

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below the age of 15,

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seniors were not allowed to be at work,

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and those,Ä¶ Also pregnant women.

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Vulnerable people were not allowed to work from the office.

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Working from home was implemented later, so these of a few actions that took place.

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People with disability had to work from home immediately, and the schooling,

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we started adding online services.

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It took time, but it happened.

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The government initiated a couple of other services for them.

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I could see some of the governments have done the same.

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We have activated consultations,

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as well as for senior citizens, and we activated some social sector services

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like providing food, healthcare, and,Ä¶

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>> 30 seconds. You need to wrap up.

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>> The government started providing,Ä¶ Even the testing was for free, and they go to the housing for seniors.

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And the food, they ensured they had enough food and provide them with food.

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There is lots of education and awareness that has been provided.

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Medications are provided for free and they deliver it to the house.

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So, many actions have been taken by the government to do so.

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That is when Abu Dhabi left the protection framework which was, in some way, Ä¶

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>> Thank you.

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Thank you very much.

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I think it is important to share that working from home

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cannot become the only option.

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I would say that is true for anybody, but in particular, people with disabilities.

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It has been a group that has been invisible for a long time, and we want that group to be visible.

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We need to find that balance, but thank you very much for those important measures

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that are very helpful in the midst of the pandemic. Thank you.

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I would like to go now to our next speaker.

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We will go to a different reality, that of the price mayor of Suez.

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The floor is yours.

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It is national or regional.

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What we have done is a slogan which is solidarity without borders.

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And under that logo, a solidarity city,

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we have set up the management committee for social aid.

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This is comprised of the regional Commissioner for social affairs,

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the national body for social affairs,

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the trade unions,

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and a whole bunch of other organisations, so what we are doing is building multilevel dialogue

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between the national services, and the decentralised services.

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To that network, and through this dialogue and Corporation,

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we have been able to build a database

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only working

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in the metropolitan area of Suez.

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But we have managed to unify the organisation's

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and associations towards Tunisians

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batch to foreigners as well.

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We have unified and pulled these efforts, and we have begun

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to launch a call for donations.

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We have private sector associations, and citizens.

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Then, through this action we have rolled out,

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And most importantly

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The cultural aspects.

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We were able to provide circumcision for sub-Saharan African Muslim population

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with our Tunisian colleagues.

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That action has strength and inclusion of migrants.

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I am out of time, there is a lot of things we have been doing in medical and health issues I would like to share with you.

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Infections in University residence, Hall of residence where all the refugees are, migrants.

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We are looking at migrant flows and we know the importance these migrants have.

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And how important it will be to reintegrate them back into society once the pandemic is over.

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We are thinking of strategies for how to improve migrant access to public services

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and access to information and most importantly the digitalisation.

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>> Thank you for bringing the perspective of the migrants.

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There are many vulnerable groups we need to secure local service provision.

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If we take care of those groups we will be ensuring better livelihoods for everybody else in society.

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So very important as an approach for migrants.

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We hope that you will be signing up for inclusive and accessible cities very soon.

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Certainly the work you are doing fully deserves it.

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Thank you for the intervention and allow me to go to another continent.

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A different reality, a world city that has been very badly hit by the pandemic.

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As many others. Around the globe.

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I would like to invite Victor Calise from New York City.

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The floor is yours.

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>> It is a pleasure to be here today.

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I want to recognise Emilia and the others for your comments earlier today.

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Talking about cities, how unprepared they are and the inequities that exist

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and how we must push this forward in the COVID pandemic

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and capitalise on opportunities here today.

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Thank you. Thank you for bringing the world together.

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We have been a signatory to this, we want people to continue to sign-on.

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I will try to be as brief as possible and give you things in a New York minute.

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I know we are running out of time.

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We are the epicentre in America, we have over 15,000 deaths happening.

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A city of 8 million, close to 1 million of those people have disabilities.

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We are having issues on food supplies,

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we have set up sites for people to pick up food.

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Some people with disabilities cannot get there they have compromised immune systems.

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We set up resources to deliver to people throughout the city.

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You can find the information on NYC.gov/getfood

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people can text 311, check our website, there are lots of ways to give food to people with disabilities.

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We see some problems but when we hear it we correct them quickly.

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Another issue, people who work with disabilities to ensure they have an independent life.

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There are people in long-term settings, caring for the most vulnerable.

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We have to make sure these workers have what they need.

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If they don't, people disabilities will flood the hospitals.

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We have worked with service providers and independent living setters in New York City

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and healthcare providers to nature they have equipment, gloves, face shields. Masks.

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We want to ensure people with disabilities live the most independent life and don't get sick in those hospitals.

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We are doing outreach, it is important to reach out to the disabled community.

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We don't know it all. We talk to partners every week, a 1 PM call on Fridays.

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If you are in New York let us know, we would love to have you on the caller.

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We make it accessible with captioning and American sign language to provide the community the latest updates on COVID-19

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and what New York City is doing. We have different people to ensure we continue

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to get the latest information.

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In agencies we have contacts in the Change Agency.

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We provide them,Ä¶ What they are seeing in the community.

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We coordinate efforts to make sure that happens.

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We also, as a result of conversations we have had, we have a specific website, for resources on city resources

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and multiple lines of contact for people who need assistance.

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And we know that people are worried about facing discrimination and harassment during this pandemic.

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Access to care, will care be rationed.

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We don't want those things to happen.

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We want healthcare providers to think they are looking at the person and not the disability.

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If people feel discriminated against they can reach out to our commission on human rights,

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across our state Human Rights, to make your people with disabilities get the care they deserve.

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And people who cannot leave their home, we want them to have the support.

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Last then, home activities, we want to make a people have home activities, tours, museums.

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Our Department of education has remote learning.

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We make sure everything is accessible on accessible digital formats.

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And for kids and families who don't have resources like iPads and internet connection.

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The city of New York is providing that so they get the proper education they need.

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When we have accessible virtual meetings we make sure they are accessible and we put out digital guidelines.

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I want to thank everybody right now and I hope that was a good New York City minute.

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>> Yes, absolutely, thank you Commissioner.

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I really, I appreciate you have been very honest about not being able to do everything well.

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But monitoring everything you know needs to happen and trying to get it right.

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That is the main message. One important message is the checkpoint.

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Those that know what they mean checking with a community, the disabled.

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It is a critical thing, if you look at our survey earlier about how many feel they do not know enough to act.

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I think it is really critical.

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Thank you for the input, we will come back together with you, thank you.

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Let us now go to, " We are remaining in the Americas.

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I would like to invite the director of social development.

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>> Good morning, everybody.

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It is more than welcome to have this chance to listen to you and share experiences

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and hear from other cities and governments and associations who have so much to share with us.

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I want to share with you, "

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For a long time now everything concerning people with disabilities

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is something we have been able to work as part of the American Convention on Persons with Disabilities.

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everything with disabilities, rights for these people.

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It was an important step, we stopped looking at situations of disabilities with persons and talked about accessibility

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considering that disabilities are an issue which are the responsibility of local, regional governments

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and therefore we have to do away with barriers that get in the way of people's freedom.

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It is conditioned by their situation of disability.

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It is not the responsibility of the person with disabilities to remove the barriers.

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The barriers are in the way and the cities have to change this environment, remove these barriers.

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To provide access and rights to all of these individuals.

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And now we look at our response to the covered emergency.

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Let me say that we look at three critical situations.

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We were plunged into by this global pandemic.

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Access to healthcare, secondly, food security and thirdly housing. Shelter.

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There is a health service and we work at all different levels of healthcare.

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National government is a different level.

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The health emergency is concerned, the national system was very much stricken.

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It put all of its tension into hospital care to deal with the health emergency that was upon us inside the hospitals.

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From our point of view it was limiting access to healthcare, bearing in mind emergency situations.

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It was a decision by local governments to maintain access to all the healthcare situation

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and from the 24 clinics that we have in our urban areas, to allow access to everybody, including people furthest away from the city.

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So we could bridge the gap. It would be harder for them to have access to health.

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Now, we had to make it clear

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that national government was responsible for healthcare.

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Opening it to as many people as possible.

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Everyone in relation to COVID-19, we must work with staff.

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We manage to achieve that without producing any of the quality and quantity of the healthcare we deliver.

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Running to security, we know this led to a social emergency, started as a health emergency, led to a social emergency in cities.

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We are working to help people out of work and providing subsidies.

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Some people are not getting unemployment subsidies so we prepared food parcels, basic foods.

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From the whole range of foods available for a healthy diet, so that all of the nutritional conditions were met.

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For everyone in a situation where they were totally devoid of any income.

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It was done in different ways.

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Some were down, there were premises for them to come to, some were delivered to people to stop them travelling around.

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We want to allow people through a whole package of resources and apps

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that are educational and recreational and healthcare apps,

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to help people with disabilities.

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We also have a 24 seven phone helpline

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so people can get any kind of advice that may require.

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It was an outreach to the population,

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rather than waiting for them to come to us.

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It was a great opportunity

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for us to help people in lockdown in their houses.

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It enabled us to think about how we can reach out to all people, rather than waiting for them to come to us.

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That included awareness, barriers,

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and limitations for people with disabilities,

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so we are not putting in the responsibility on the shoulders

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of people with disabilities. That would be limiting their human rights.

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And stopping them having access to support in these terrible difficult times.

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>> Thank you very much, Fabiano.

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I think this is our takeaway from here.

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It is a way of making society appropriate.

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We need to make it effective all citizens, reaching out to them,

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and I am delighted you brought to the table this important idea,

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not only are providing food, providing work,

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but access for more things.

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It is an emerging accessibility and culture to activities, entertainment
for everybody.

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It is critical.

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Thank you for bringing the experiences to the table.

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We are going to hell think you. Welcome.

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>> Hello, I am Joanna from Helsinki.

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I just got this invitation today so I don't have so much.

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I don't have much to share.

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I would like to share the situation here in Helsinki.

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The mayor has his meetings about COVID-19 everyday,

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with other leaders of the city.

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He has outlined that we should make very good cooperation at a national level,

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because in some cases, the national level is making some rules

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or new laws without hearing the city levels, and it has been very crucial to us

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to make sure that we are following up with regulations and new laws.

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But also, to inform the national level,

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looking at what things are critical to the cities.

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The situation has been hitting the Helsinki rather hard in Finland.

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Most cases, 30 or 40%, has been found him in Helsinki.

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Somehow, we are hitting the pandemic very strongly.

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Some practical examples about what we have been doing here in our city.

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Digitalisation is in rather high-level in Helsinki.

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It is very hard for some things like residential areas

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being closed.

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People don't have smart phones all laptops at home.

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They are not able to apply support

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for financial support or apply

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for income support.

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Then, we had to open a new place.

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>> You are still here. Please go ahead.

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We open digital service points

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to give residents access to smart phones and laptops.

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This has been very helpful for elderly people.

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In April, we also open Helsinki eight.

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We opened it together with the parish.

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The first steps we made were that we called everyone who is over 80 years old.

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The second was to call people who were over 70.

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We did this to check how they are doing.

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Do they need any assistance?

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For shopping or pharmacy

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And several people

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working for the city,

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they began to work for Helsinki Aid.

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It has been very successful because our employees have been very happy

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to do something different in this situation.

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They really feel they are doing something unique to help.

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They are giving back to society.

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Please ask if you want to hear something else.

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>> Thank you very much.

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Thank you for this very humble approach.

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I actually think that Helsinki is doing many, many things.

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Thank you for sharing your experiences.

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We look forward to continuing to collaborate in the future.

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I am not going to go through all the ideas that have been shared

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in this panel.

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We will have the opportunity to do a rap up later on, and we will try to
make connections.

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But I think we have heard about a lot of things that have been covered
here,

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and these are very helpful for your panel now, starting now,

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and this is what I love working for local and regional government.

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They are not just thinking about the government or the crisis they are facing, but the next steps.

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The aftermath.

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I think that is extremely relevant.

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So, Victor, it is in your hands now.

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>> Thank you.

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We couldn't have imagined that New York is a founding signatory

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and the frontline of this crisis.

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When we share experiences with São Paulo and Abu Dhabi,

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the factory would join with other signatories like Helsinki,

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and with Barcelona,

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to really understand how cities can learn from each other.

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This isn't just about what they can learn from each other but multi-stakeholder platforms.

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These have other stakeholders

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whether it is regional or national.

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Grassroots organisations.

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These work on massive initiatives or local initiatives like the San Francisco disability justice.

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That was a coalition to provide food and shelter.

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And to find links between homelessness, mental health, and economic isolation and empowerment.

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With that, let me jump straight into a really dynamic group of partners.

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We will hear from them.

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Maybe we will start off with my dear friend Charlotte.

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She has been doing many things with the World Bank on urban resilience

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and would you like to say a few words?

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>> Great. Thank you so much, Victor, and thank you to the United cities and local government for the opportunity

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to share some of the work we are involved with.

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I am the Global Disability adviser to the World Bank group

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and I sit in the global unit and provides technical support across the bank on disability inclusion.

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I want to start off with a very categorical statement, that the bank is committed to striving for all aspects of disability inclusion.

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To make sure the skull happens, what we have done

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is put in place and accountability framework.

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That sets out a roadmap for World Bank staff on how to be more inclusive.

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It identifies some key entry points.

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Central to these is the principal around accessibility.

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The entire document is built off the principle of accessibility.

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The document also brings in a number of principles from the CRPD.

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Almost 18 months ago, the bank put in place a set of 10 standards.

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These make up the environmental social framework.

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This is important because it speaks to agree to the issue

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around nondiscrimination.

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What is important as they offer the borrower

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And I want to flag that as an important piece of work being done.

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To support framework, we have developed a good practice note on disability and nondiscrimination.

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This has a strong dimensional accessibility.

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In relation to our environment, we have 10 commitments.

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These were developed by our senior bank management.

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Our summit was held two years ago in London.

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Out of these 10 commitments, there are two commitments that are directly linked to the discussion today.

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One is to ensure that all public facilities in post design reconstruction are inclusive.

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The other is around a commitment for better disability and disaggregated data.

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I will come back to data in relation to COVID-19.

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But just to say, in order to monitor these commitments, we are undertaking a portfolio review of our urban projects.

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We can provide the technical and accessible work on inclusion.

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What we do and what our team does is built the analytics and evidence around disability inclusion.

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To this end, we have developed some very relative information.

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One is a popular guidance book on disability inclusion in water operations, and that obviously is very relevant today.

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Especially when you think about the importance of hand washing and hygiene.

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We have developed a guidebook on disability measurement that sets out how to better collect comparable data.

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And yet, it introduces the use of the Washington Group set of questions.

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In many ways, this is a segue to the importance of data.

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And the importance of lived relationships.

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We are delighted to be partnering with world enable and the UCL J

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on the survey.

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I would suggest you share it widely amongst your networks.

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We know that data is our solution

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to policies and responses.

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More specifically on COVID-19 and persons with disabilities, at the bank,

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We have provided technical expertise to banks.

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On how to include Persons with Disabilities in various responses.

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I have presented to senior bank officials for persons with disabilities
and DPO's

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given the COVID-19 situation.

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We continue to host a series of chickens with colleagues at country level

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to make sure we have a pulse on what is going on on the ground.

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We are working closely on the education piece.

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Wiener 1.3 billion children are out of school.

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Many will be children with disabilities.

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We are looking at work around that.

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We had 3000 responses to the impact of COVID in children with disability.

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This survey will become part of a larger discussion paper

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which will be a Global Public Goods.

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And flag around sustained coordination.

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I think sustained coordination means we go on after this.

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I'm really excited to have been asked to join a UN time bound task team

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Under the Secretary-General.

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That should be a very exciting initiative.

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I look forward to working with you all and learning what works and what does not work.

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I invite you all to take the survey.

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Data is going to be the solution for how we move forward. Thank you.

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>> Thank you, we have built such a network of multiple stakeholders from the World Bank

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to the cities and grassroots organisations.

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Your leadership with the bank and reciprocity will open up funding in terms of loans and grants.

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As we listen to this, localising sustainable development goals.

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And ensure that we have a continued engagement, as you said, with UCLG under the framework of this Global Compact.

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We are thinking of this as a 10 year campaign.

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This year focusing on COVID but in future years looking at other collaborations.

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And identifying ways to open up access and inclusion in urban environments.

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We have time for other speakers.

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We have a great intervention from Kristine Lange.

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And UNICEF.

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Working with UNICEF in the context of drafting and UN Convention on the rights of Persons with Disabilities.

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And published a book that is It Is About Ability.

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Now we are working on the issue of humanitarian action.

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So to merge its commitment and disability, child development as well as humanitarian action.

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The floor is yours.

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>> Thank you for the opportunity to be here today and learn from the speakers.

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It has been such a rich discussion and I'm happy to have the opportunity.

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While children have not been so visible in the pandemic they have been significantly impacted.

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Children with disabilities more so.

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At UNICEF we have had children with disabilities living in institutions,

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facing complications and death.

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Children with disabilities face increased risk of violence, exploitation

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abuse and neglect as families and households are under increased pressure

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and isolated from the usual support networks.

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And in the context of school closures children with disabilities who were already excluded from education

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can be further left behind as we often see the distance, remote learning programs are not accessible.

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Recognises this impact, UNICEF have produced two guidance notes on children with disabilities and COVID response.

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One of the guidance responses addresses water, sanitation and hygiene, to education, mental health, psychosocial support

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child protection and other services.

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The other notice about Persons with Disabilities as actors in response.

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It provides guidance on how to engage children and adults with disabilities as actors

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in response to COVID-19.

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With UNICEF as was mentioned in the introduction I work on humanitarian action.

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In humanitarian action we note emergencies present us with opportunities.

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As we heard from many speakers today the crisis has forced us to change how we look at the most honourable in communities and work.

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Some changes are for the better.

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At UNICEF we are making sure everything we do in response to COVID built a more inclusive society.

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I will touch on three examples as briefly as possible.

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Firstly, the pandemic has highlighted more than ever before

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children with disabilities face risks in institutions.

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Not just high risks of infection but abuse and neglect.

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In the new normal UNICEF is making a renewed commitment to ensuring every child realises the right to grow up in a family environment

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and families are properly supported in this.

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UNICEF is working to strengthen community-based services for children with disabilities,

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providing support to parents and working to address a lot of the stigma that leads to placement of children with disabilities in institutions.

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Even before the crisis children with disabilities were 10 times more likely to be out of school.

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We are forced to think creatively to ensure children can continue learning despite extensive school closures.

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In the near-normal UNICEF is working to ensure this creative thinking and investment in adapted approaches to learning

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extend to all aspects of education. As schools reopen we are supporting educational actors

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To make sure they are more inclusive of all children.

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For example in Uzbekistan we have supported tools for children with disabilities

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and from ethnic minorities that feature sign language and multiple language subtitles.

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We also provide print and digital resources for parents and caregivers

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so they can help children through daily activities.

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As UNICEF have seen and many families can confirm

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being out of school has a huge impact on children that goes beyond academic outcomes.

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Thirdly and lastly, throughout this crisis we have been reminded

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how important Access to Information is.

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Children thankfully have not been forgotten.

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We saw numerous examples of information in children friendly formats and leaders.

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We have seen many examples of information being made accessible to children with disabilities.

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Through the development of accessible and child friendly formats.

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For example in India UNICEF produced information about COVID-19 through videos with puppets and sign language.

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This was done using local resources without access to a basic studio setup.

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I personally have not seen this level of commitment to accessible information in any other emergency I have been involved in.

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I am hopeful that this will become the new standard

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and this will become the new normal.

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We have seen throughout the crisis it is possible in more challenging and resource constrained settings

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to ensure information is provided in accessible and child friendly formats.

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We hope that this will become the standard way of doing business.

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I have aimed to be very brief. These are just examples.

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There are many more.

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As UNICEF we look forward to working with all of you

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so children with disabilities are not left behind.

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We need to make your everything we do as a response to the crisis

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contributes to this goal and we realise every opportunity

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to build more inclusive communities and server systems.

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Thank you for the opportunity.

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>> Thank you so much, Kristine.

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The work that UNICEF does with cities is important.

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We work together at the World Enabled Forum with colleagues.

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it is really important to think about the multigenerational solidarity
which develops with accessibility.

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I want all of us to be able to contribute our talents and benefit what
the city has to offer.

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We have two other participants that have given me the word to share with
you.

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I will share two of the perspectives from partners.

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One very important.

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The general,Ä¶ There is to Professor, University of Pennsylvania.

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And she really wants to stress the importance of stakeholder partnerships around inclusion and accessibility.

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The pandemic.

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Understanding the lifestyles, preferences and contexts

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within different communities are experiencing the pandemic.

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The only way to create an inclusive response is to look at the intersections.

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And all the major stakeholder groups. Whether women with disabilities, children with disabilities,

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older persons, and their impact as well as other groups.

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How is the private sector thinking.

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Ultimately thinking about partnerships.

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Like we're building with UNICEF.

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It is helping us with a platform,

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to have learning and build a community.

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It creates these policies and programs.

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The other partner that we have as a private sector.

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We have been working closely with several private sector leaders.

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They will be sponsoring the development in video and a social media campaign.

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So empowering cities, that story, and working with the habitat, with Emilia, will be featured in a short video.

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It will be launched in June.

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It will elevate the visibility of our collective efforts.

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Those were the interventions for this part of the webinar

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on building multi-stakeholder partnerships.

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But coming towards the end, Å Of the webinar.

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I want to share to the joint audience the things we have planned for the next year.

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Does that sound good, Emilia?

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>> Absolutely, we will do a wrapup in a moment, Victor.

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It would be good for you to start with a roadmap.

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I would then like to give the floor to the general secretary he is committed to this topic.

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And then one of the biggest cities of the world.

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The floor is yours, Victor.

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>> Excellent.

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I will share my screen now.

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To provide a little bit more context.

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As to how our efforts over the last few months

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have brought us to where we are today.

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And the context that allows us to really leverage the unique capabilities

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and experiences.

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A lot of this is really about building back better.

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Can a joint effort bring the webinar series access to the UCLG.

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And in partnership with UN Habitat, it is very valuable.

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The lessons we will share today, a network we have developed.

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Support and different knowledge partners.

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And responses here as well.

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As you can see this is unprecedented

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I serve on the UN committee.

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It's all about the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and how they can connect

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the knowledge in our understanding of how local efforts

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Inc is perspectives.

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There are over 4 million confirmed cases.

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Hundreds of thousands of deaths, really impacted people with disabilities.

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We heard that from our distinguished panellists.

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We are really thinking about Sigma Tories, almost 20 of them,

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which, ÅŒ Barcelona has signed, New York, Abu Dhabi,

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looking at different strategies and their own impact.

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We are looking at how we can add value to these discussions.

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The agenda for our network is to really ensure that we have continued advocacy and engagement.

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Want to share lived experience and matching shoes with this.

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We have to strengthen coordination amongst different stakeholders.

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Like with the World Bank.

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Ultimately, we need to understand what we have heard in these discussions.

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Understand actionable responses.

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To address that, we have two new things that will be launching.

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We will be launching these together in the next few weeks.

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One is this global survey.

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Inclusive, pandemic response.

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We will have the link here in the chat.

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We will also be sharing this tomorrow.

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The global accessibility awareness Day is tomorrow.

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As well as

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the fact we are launching open documents to be cocreated with cities

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on a actionable recommendations forinclusive pandemic response.

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So, those are the ways to address the data gap.

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We can address the knowledge. The knowledge gap.

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We want to create a knowledge map.

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This is ultimately, the equity and access webinar series that we are now concluding

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is an important part of the multistage project.

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That launched with the global compact.

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Kim there was this idea of stimulating and implementing evidence-based policies.

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This particular year dramatically focused on the pandemic.

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So, we completed the webinars.

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We're now going into phase 2.

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That is going to lead us to phase 3 down below.

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We will be able to collaboratively develop the trainer model.

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As well as tools and other guidance that city can take.

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We want to really empower and have people know with confidence

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other programs will cause more access and inclusion.

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It is really important that we realise that these are actions

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which are about coming together and ensuring

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that local governments know what to do.

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This is why I am so proud of the leadership.

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And the joint declaration

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that we have published together.

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We have been hosting that with the UN to ensure there is a focus of local pandemic response.

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Some of the editing things, I will not go into details, but the survey has had 250 respondents.

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We see a good representation and insights from different areas.

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We can see how cities are looking at various statements.

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Most people feel they are facing some contamination.

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There are specific initiatives to make sure you can afford some of these challenges.

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Ultimately, as our opening speakers said, this is really a long-term transformation.

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I am being frank about what we have done well and what we need to do better.

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The efforts we are rendered taken, whether it is in Abu Dhabi,

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whether it is the Dubai disability strategy,

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or São Paulo, or New York.

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It is really about sharing those experiences.

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Ultimately, knowing that those are going to be the ways that we can make more progress to the others.

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So, the learning groups that we created, you can take a photo of this

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and you can join, A

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>> One more minute, V.

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>> These other learning groups we have had for city partners to join.

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You can share experiences.

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You can learn about how to make more progress.

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We will share this with all of our colleagues.

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Even though we are closing the webinars

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the community and dialogue is working together.

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the floor is yours.

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>> It is OK. Do you listen to me?

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for me, it is very important to recognise the great initiative

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of work enabled

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I think that our experience in the web seminar

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and the series of seminars,

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they are very, very important.

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the coordination of the cities for all,

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his very relevant because,

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from this network,

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we can get genuine input

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to local governments

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and cities and government organisations.

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this is the spirit of CRPD.

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I think this is a great thing for this work,

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and finally,

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I think that it is very important

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to count with all persons

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and other friends in the progress for cities

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because I think

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it is a real advantage, real purpose now,

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and for the future in the 21st-century.

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Thank you very much, and you will find a statement in the website of the
United Nations.

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Thank you very much.

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>> Thank you very much, Special Envoy,

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for those words and the commitment to continue that partnership.

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And to also make the joint statement broadly known.

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Wrapup remarks from the other big partner of this series?

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We will try to be very brief because it has been a long session.

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I think throughout all the learning that we have had so far,

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all the sessions, whatever rights,

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especially today, we were really talking about rights.

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Rights, equity and freedom.

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It is clear what is coming from other participants,

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that if we want equity, we need access.

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These go hand-in-hand,

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and this has been highlighted by all the speakers in different ways.

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I think this pandemic, from what I have heard,

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has created a paradox because, on one hand,

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in certain cities, all these people, all the people with disabilities,

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and other people,

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they have become invisible because of the lockdown.

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At the same time, many people are discovering that their neighbours

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had some kind of disabilities, and discovering that all people were
living next door.

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Maybe there is an opportunity to discover who is around

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and all the people here knew it, but

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the wider spectrum of people,

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well, there are people with disabilities, and it is not a homogeneous
group.

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We forget that were making policies and services.

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This is one of the issues we have discovered with the pandemic.

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Our services were not ready, even in the most inclusive cities.

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We thought we were ready to include all people.

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There were many examples and issues of accessing drugs and self public services, mobility.

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Disabled people have been the most disadvantaged.

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The way we are making policies and the way we are delivering public services to all cities,

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we need to ensure no one is left behind.

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It is also an opportunity as well.

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For a transformation in the way that we have planned our cities,

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and the way we want to plan our cities,

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there are situations around access to public space and services.

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We have to develop public spaces accessible to everybody.

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Mobility.

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We are talking about mobility. What will be the needs of this new pattern?

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Will we develop and take into account the needs of all people with disabilities in our cities?

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This is something that many people are thinking about.

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As well, other issues like housing.

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Not everybody has adequate housing.

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Especially people with disabilities.

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They are not adapted and have to spend a lot of time at home.

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I am going back to this paradox.

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It is showing all the contradictions of the system we had before.

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It is showing the changes we need to introduce with the city.

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We build public policies and the way we deliver public services.

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Thank you, Emilia, and thank you to all.

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>> Thank you.

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Thank you, Victor, you continue to be our guru.

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You have brought together a very impressive set of partners.

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My trust is with that set of partners.

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We will be able to make a big difference in how local and regional governments around the world

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understand accessibility. It is what was being shared with arse.

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It is about rights.

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It is also a lot about service provision.

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I just want to quote some of the reflections going on in the chat.

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A lot of the dramatic experiences that have been shared from Buenos Aires about access to water

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and the impact of the disabled are related to that we underestimate

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what some of the service provisions outside of health are doing for our health services.

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We need to change that.

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And we need to keep learning and keep sharing.

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On that note I will SASE you all soon.

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Let's keep working together.

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People are requesting,Ä¶

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Let's keep at it, please.

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Keep healthy, keep calm and keep creative.

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Victor, take care.

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Thank you.

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>> From UCLG,Ä¶

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>> From Uganda, I am grateful for this important meeting.

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>> Thanks everyone.