

# Fourth United Nations Environment Assembly Cities Summit

## Innovation for Livable and Sustainable Cities: Multi-Level and Integrated Urban Systems



**13 March 2019  
9am to 6pm**

**ICRAF Auditorium**

### OBJECTIVES

- High level dialogue between mayors, ministers, private sector leaders and civil society representatives on integrated, innovative solutions;
- Kick-start partnerships on Integrated Urban Systems to be launched and promoted at key events, including International Conference on Climate Action, UN Secretary General's Climate Summit, COP25, WUF10;
- Establish the Cities Summit as part of future UN Environment Assemblies to highlight the importance of localizing the SDGs and allow for engagement with sub-national leaders.

### BACKGROUND

The global economy and population is growing, but the planet is not. We have to be smarter and more circular in the way we grow our cities where we expect an additional 2.5 billion people by 2050. Already sixty percent of our waste and three quarters of resource use and GHG emissions come from cities making them the best place to promote sustainable consumption and production. Taking a dual lens of SDGs 11 – Sustainable Cities, and 12 – Sustainable Consumption and Production allows us to implement solutions at city level to contribute to most if not all other SDGs.

Taking an integrated approach to urban infrastructure will be key to accelerate the transitions to circular and low-carbon economies. According to the "Weight of Cities" by the International Resource Panel, cities can achieve some 30-55% reduction of GHG emissions, water and metal consumption and land-use compared to baseline projections by leveraging connections and resource sharing across urban systems such as green buildings, district energy systems, bus rapid transport, the transition to renewables combined with strategic densification.

Within cities, integrated urban projects are piloted where cost-effective, but often without being linked to a broader policy and planning approach at the local and national levels. This results in missed opportunities and isolated demonstrations that are not replicated, scaled up, or considered in the context of sustainable development and climate strategies.

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9.00am	<p><b>OPENING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Joyce Msuya, UN Environment Programme Acting Executive Director and Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations</li> <li>- Maimunah Mohd Sharif, UN-Habitat Executive Director and Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations</li> </ul>	1.45pm	<p><b>TECHNOLOGY FUTURES: INTEGRATED URBAN SYSTEMS AND THE ENABLING TECHNOLOGIES THAT WILL GET US THERE</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> William Cobbett, Director, Cities Alliance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- H.E. Minister Jerzy Kwieciński, Ministry of Investment and Economic Development, Poland</li> <li>- Additional Commissioner, Shan Mohan, Amravati, India</li> <li>- Makoto Mihara, Environmental Bureau, Osaka City Government, Japan</li> <li>- Sello Mphaga, Head of Sustainability, Tshwane, South Africa</li> <li>- Hugo-Maria Schally, Head of Unit Multilateral Environmental Cooperation, DG Environment, European Commission</li> <li>- Ziad Al Bawaliz, Regional President for Turkey, Middle East &amp; Africa, Danfoss</li> <li>- Bruce Dunn, Director, Safeguards Division &amp; Officer-in-Charge, Environment Thematic Group, Asian Development Bank</li> </ul> <p><b>Respondents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gilles Vermot-Desroches, Chief Sustainability Officer of Schneider Electric</li> <li>- Benjamin Yoon, Seoul, Global Cooperation Head, Korean District Heating Corporation</li> </ul>
9.15am	<p><b>SPECIAL MESSAGE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE 4TH UNEA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- H.E. Minister Siim Kiisler, Ministry of Environment, Estonia</li> </ul>		
9.30am	<p><b>KEYNOTES: ACHIEVING CIRCULARITY AT THE CITY LEVEL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mpho Parks Tau, President, United Cities and Local Governments and Councilor, Johannesburg, South Africa</li> <li>- Governor Mike Sonko, Nairobi, Kenya</li> <li>- Mayor Marie Chantal Rwakazina, Kigali, Rwanda</li> <li>- Mayor Marcin Krupa, Katowice, Poland</li> <li>- Vice Mayor Lan Marie Berg, Oslo, Norway</li> </ul>		
10.00am	<p><b>GLOBAL TRENDS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTEGRATED URBAN SYSTEMS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Paul de Larminat, Johnson Controls, Trends in Urban Integration: Smart City Indicator Study</li> <li>- David Amienyo, Cities Center, Siemens, Assessment of Opportunities for Urban Integration</li> <li>- Anu Ramaswami, Director of the Sustainable Healthy Cities Network, University of Minnesota, International Resource Panel: Weight of Cities Report</li> </ul> <p><b>Good Governance to Harness the Opportunities</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Emilia Saiz, Secretary General, United Cities &amp; Local Governments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dra. Mariela Chervin, Interjurisdictional and Interinstitutional Undersecretary, Secretary of Government of Environment and Sustainable Development, Argentina</li> <li>- Marjeta Jager, Deputy Director General, Development Cooperation, EU Commission</li> <li>- Wycliffe A. Oparanya, Council of Governors of Kenya</li> <li>- Valeria Félix, General Directorate, City of Buenos Aires, Argentina</li> <li>- Deputy Mayor Marie Cugny Seguin, Orléans, France</li> </ul>	3.00pm	<p><b>IMPROVING FINANCIAL READINESS AND BANKABILITY</b></p> <p><b>Facilitators:</b> Frédéric Vallier, Secretary General, Conseil des Communes et Régions d'Europe; Anne Barre, Women Engage for a Common Future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mayor Mohamed Sefiani, Chefchaouen, Morocco</li> <li>- Aisha Al Abdooli, Director, Green Development &amp; Environment Affairs Department, UAE</li> <li>- State Minister Phee Boon Poh, Penang State, Malaysia</li> <li>- Greg Gebrail, Principal Specialist, European Bank of Reconstruction and Development</li> <li>- Natasa Putnik, CEO Wholesalemarket Belgrade, Serbia</li> <li>- Michael Schack, Managing Director, Decentralized Solutions for Cities &amp; Territories, ENGIE</li> </ul> <p><b>Respondents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hans Peter Lankes, Vice President Economics and Private Sector Development, International Finance Cooperation</li> <li>- Damien Navizet, Head of Climate Change, French Development Agency</li> </ul>
11.15am	<p><b>COFFEE BREAK</b></p>	4.15pm	<p><b>COFFEE BREAK</b></p>
11.30am	<p><b>INTEGRATED PLANNING AND POLICIES FOR CIRCULAR TRANSITIONS</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Roman Mendle, Circular Development Program Manager, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- H.E. Minister Yoshiaki Harada, Ministry of the Environment, Japan*</li> <li>- André França, National Secretary for Environmental Quality, Ministry of Environment, Brazil</li> <li>- Mayor Soham el Wardini, Dakar, Senegal</li> <li>- Festus Kallay, Chief Administrator, Freetown, Sierra Leone</li> <li>- Enezael Emmanuel Ayo, Environmental Health Officer, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania</li> <li>- Hiroshi Uda, Deputy Director of Planning &amp; Sustainable Management, Tokyo, Japan</li> </ul> <p><b>Respondents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Karim Selouane, Founder, Resalliance</li> <li>- Charles Edouard Delpierre, Chief, Tractabel Engineering</li> </ul>	4.30pm	<p><b>IMPLEMENTING FROM THE BOTTOM UP: THE ROLE OF COMMUNITIES IN URBAN TRANSFORMATIONS</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Raf Tuts, Director of Programme Division, UN-Habitat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mami Mizutori, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction</li> <li>- Mayor Zandya Mutwalibu, Mbale, Uganda</li> <li>- Representative of United Regions Organization / Forum of Regional Governments and Global Associations of Regions and Network of Regional Governments for Sustainable Development</li> <li>- Risto Veivo, Head of Climate, Central Administration, Turku, Finland</li> </ul> <p><b>Respondents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Eva Baños de Guisasola, Covenant of Mayors</li> <li>- Lena Pripp-Kovac, Sustainability Manager, IKEA of Sweden</li> </ul>
12.45pm	<p><b>KATOWICE FOR A CHANGE - A CITY'S SUCCESSFUL TRANSFORMATION</b></p> <p>Working Lunch Hosted by the City of Katowice, Poland in Cooperation with the Ministry of Investment and Economic Development of the Republic of Poland</p>	5.15pm	<p><b>OUTCOMES OF THE SUMMIT AND NEXT STEPS</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Martina Otto, Head, Cities Unit, UN Environment Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- H.E. Minister Tserenbat, Ministry of Environment, Mongolia</li> <li>- H.E. Cabinet Secretary Keriako Tobiko, Ministry of Environment, Kenya*</li> <li>- Norbert Gorißen, Deputy Director General BMU, Germany</li> <li>- Meilin Leon Pedraza, Head of International Cooperation, Ministry of Environment, Chile</li> <li>- Michael Schack, 'Integrated Urban Systems' Partnership</li> <li>- H.E. Ambassador Luis Alfonso de Alba, Special Envoy of the UN Secretary-General for the 2019 Climate Summit</li> <li>- Naoko Ishii, CEO and Chairperson for the Global Environment Facility</li> <li>- Mayor Mohamed Sefiani, Chefchaouen, Morocco on behalf of the Global Task Force of Local and Regional Governments</li> </ul>
		6.00pm	<p><b>THE EVENT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION</b></p>

\* Indicates To Be Confirmed