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## PRESS RELEASE

### **UN-Habitat in Tunisia moderates a panel on 'The Cities of the Future' as part of the “Youth Future Zone” Symposium organised by the ministry of Youth and Sports and the National Youth Observatory**

**Tunis/Tunisia, 12 July 13 2023** - UN-Habitat in Tunisia participated in the Youth Future Zone Symposium organised by the ministry of Youth and Sports and the National Youth Observatory; and moderates a panel on 'The Cities of the Future' under the theme sustainable and peaceful future cities on July 12, 2023, where discussions focused on ways to build and strengthen urban resilience in its various dimensions - economic, social, and environmental, including appropriate governance and institutional structures.

As part of Tunisia's commitment to carry out reflections and initiatives on promoting active and meaningful participation of young people in the development of policies and strategies for their sustainable and egalitarian future, the first edition of the symposium on youth and the future ‘Youth Future Zone’ was launched in Tunisia on July 11 and 12, 2023 in Congress Palace, Tunis.

UN-Habitat panel brought together urbanists, experts in urban mobility, software engineers, leaders, policy makers, activists, and influencers from across the Arab region to rethink and reimagine future scenarios for Sustainable and peaceful future cities and answered to the following questions:

- How to build urban resilience and strengthen urban resilience in various dimensions- economic, social, and environmental, including appropriate governance and institutional structures?
- Cities of the future and smart cities: what and why?
- Cities of the future in the Arab region: opportunities and setbacks
- What is the role of young people in future cities?

The transformation of Urban Futures is at the heart of sustainable development for present and future generations. Youth represent the largest proportion of the world's population currently residing in cities and urban human settlements; without looking to the future and to ways to make cities more liveable, accessible, and equitable, we cannot make the right progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

As part of its urban inclusion policy, UN-Habitat Tunisia pays special attention to leaving no one behind, especially the homeless and migrants, who are real actors of change and cohesion within their community.

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