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Agenda Item 8:

Preparations for the twelfth session of
the World Urban Forum



WUF12 EB Meeting

6-8 May 2024

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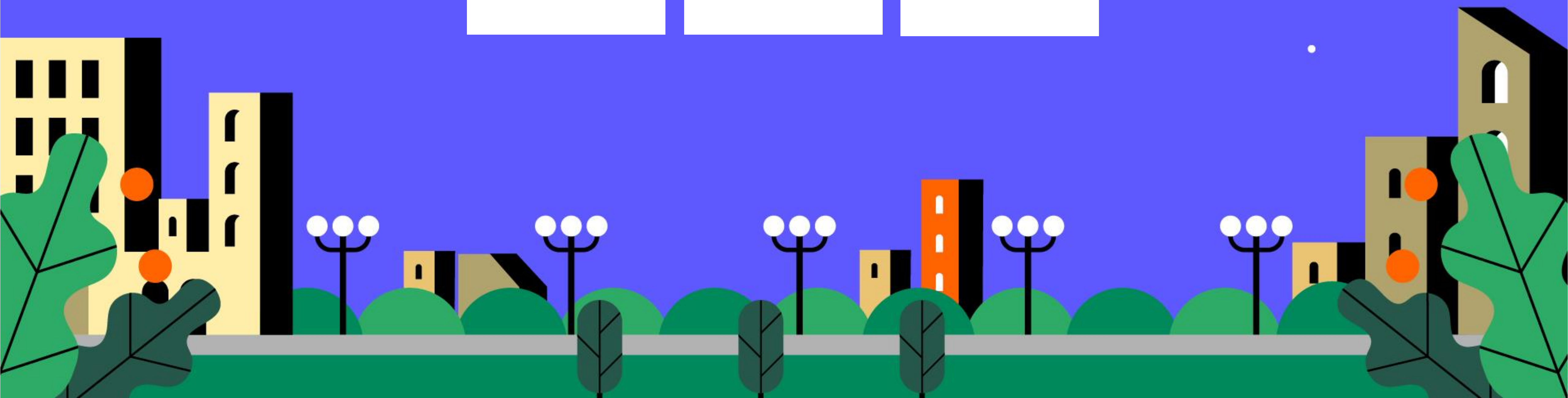
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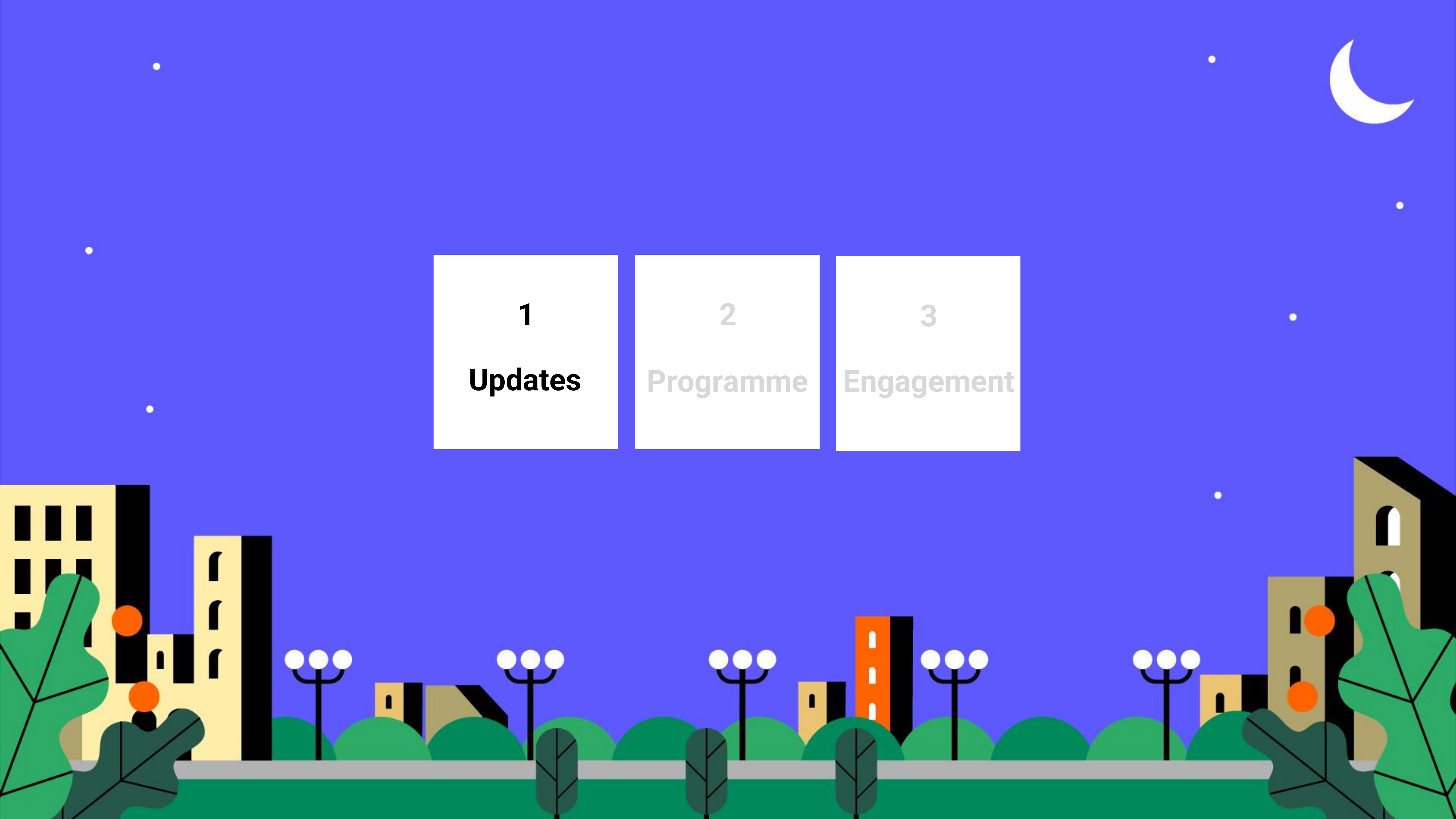
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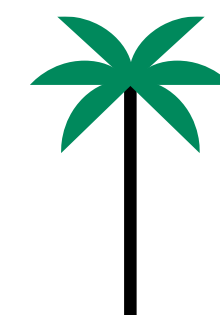
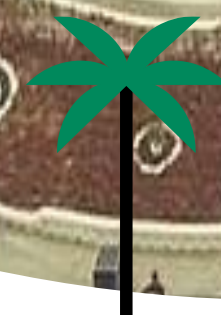
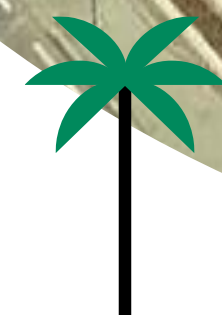
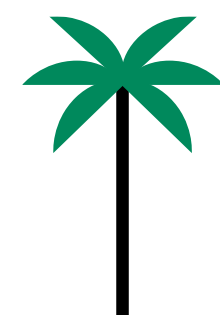
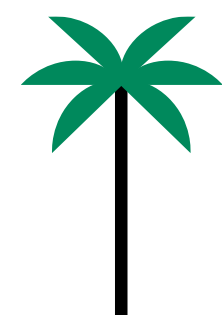
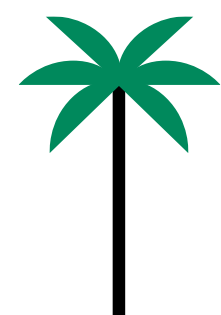
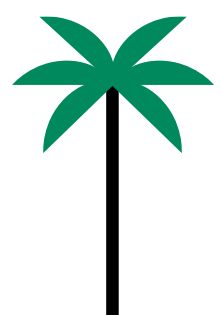
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When and where

- 4–8 November 2024
- Egypt International Exhibition Centre
- WUF12 website: wuf.unhabitat.org

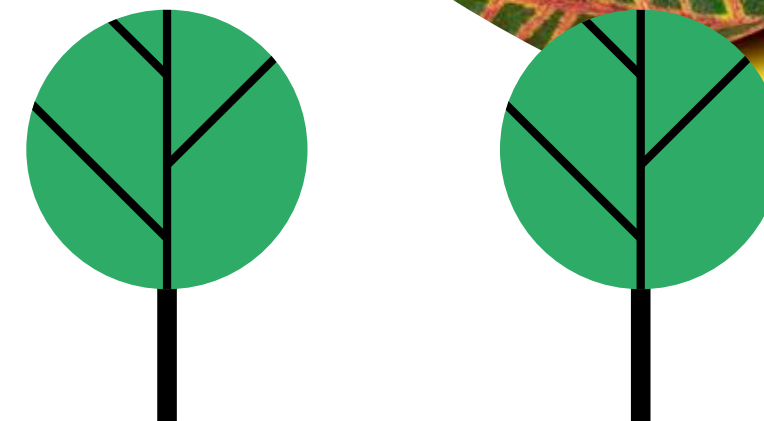
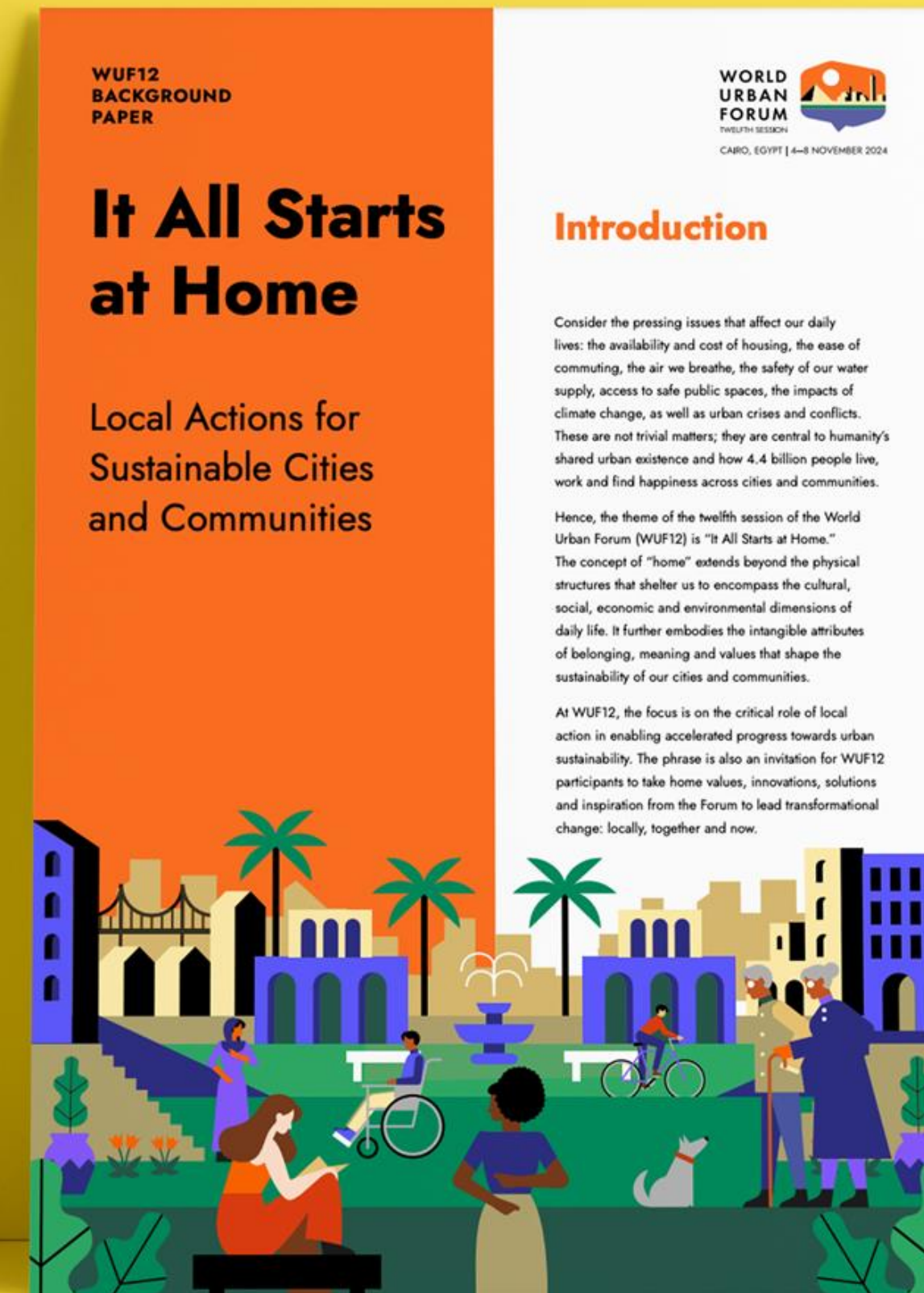


#WUF12 theme

It All Starts at Home: Local Actions for Sustainable Cities and Communities



The Background Paper is available



Background paper

All **Member States** as well as an estimated **2,600 partners** were consulted.



First Draft
Shared with the host country, and Member States.

Available online
The Background paper is shared online in the WUF12's website.

2024

22 Jan

02 Feb

21 Feb

Workshops

A draft was developed via expert group workshops.

Feedback

All feedback received and incorporated into the final version.



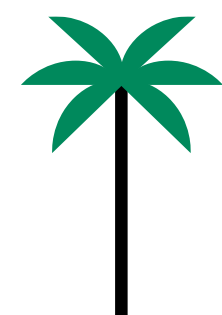
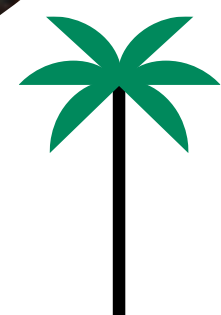
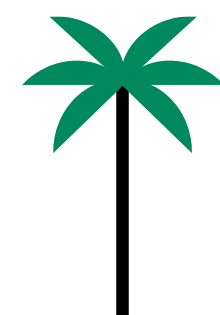
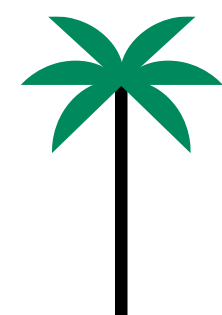
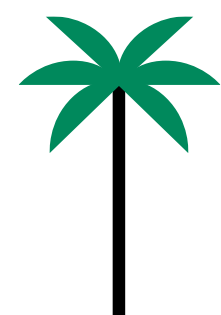
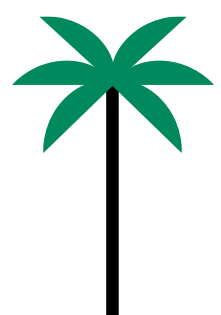
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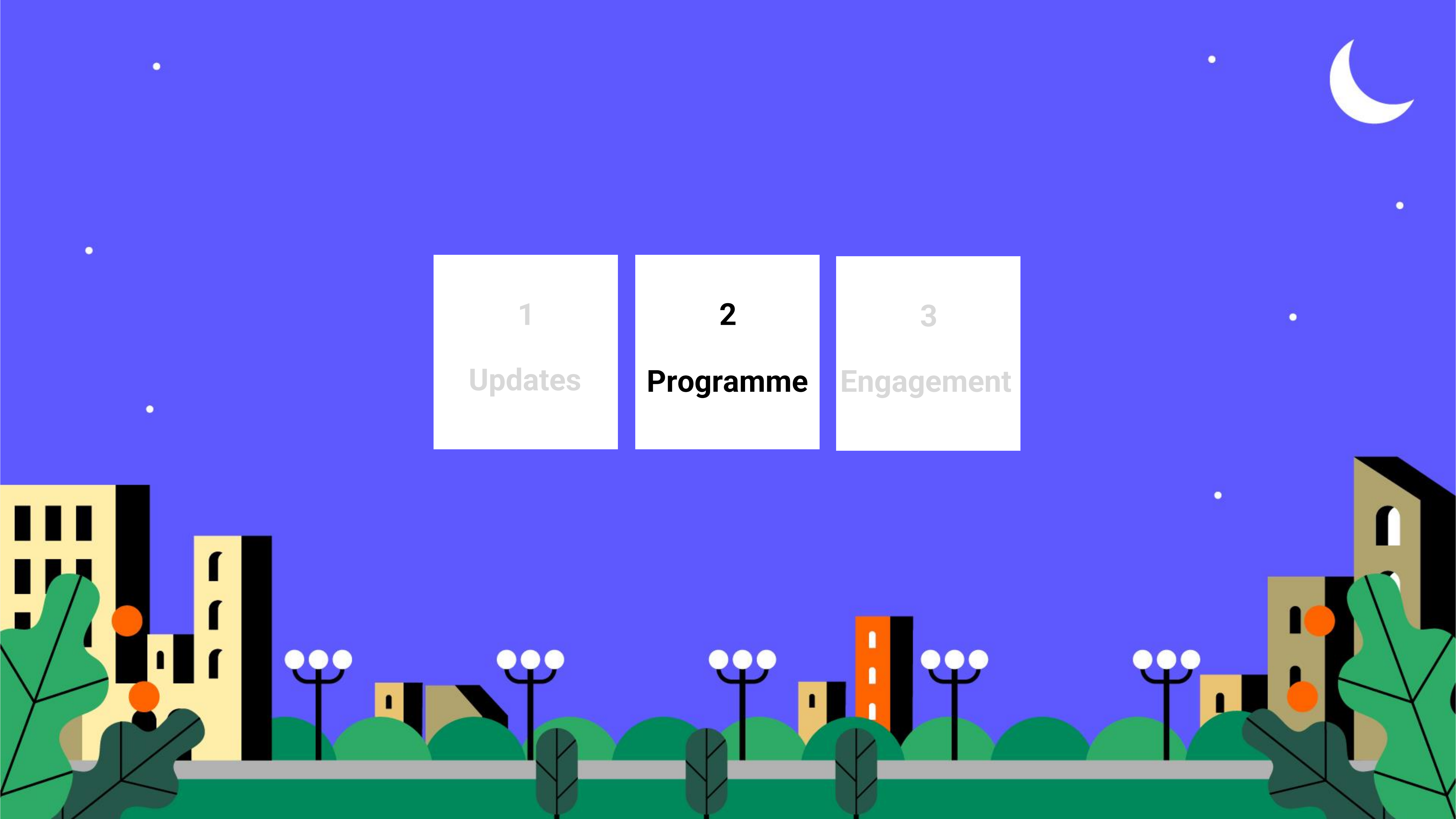
First session: 19 December 2023

Second Session: 30 January 2024

Third Session: 18 April 2024

It provides guidance on all aspects of
the preparatory process.





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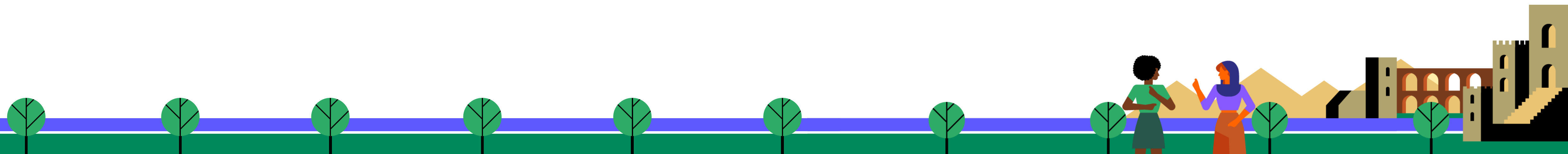
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Registrations and info sessions

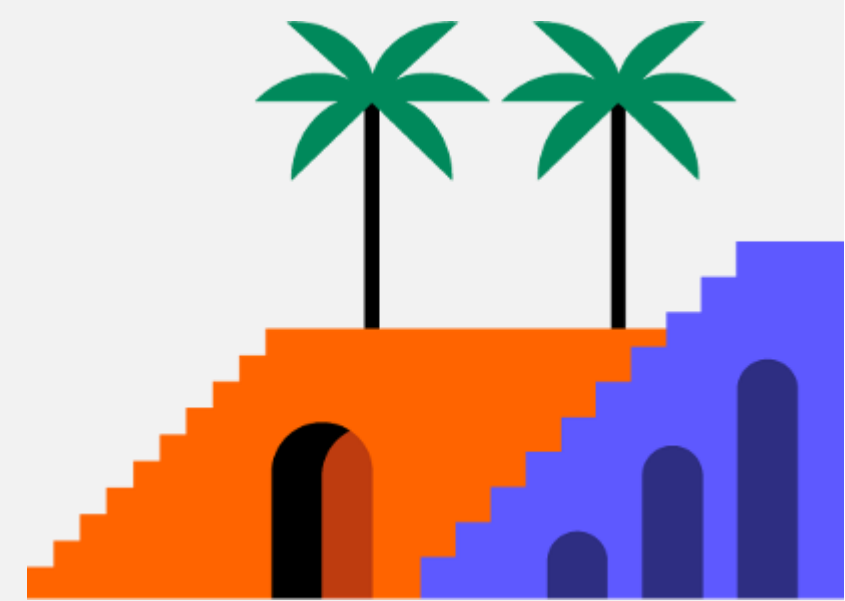
- 1 Feb - 30 Oct.
- Over 3600 registered partners from 151 Countries
- New platform: UN-Habitat GEMS.
- +10 info sessions held.



Partner-led events

Stakeholders are the heart of WUF

Whether citizens, local and national government representatives, academia, private sector, civil society, UN entities, grassroots, international organizations, etc.; all are welcome to apply to host partner-led events.



Applications for partner-led events

- From 20 February to 29 April 2024.
- **1,112 applications** received (994-WUF11; 787-WUF10).
- Deadline to apply for **Urban cinema** is **30 May** and for **Urban Expo** **31 July 2024**.
- **Outcomes** to be communicated from **21 June 2024**



Urban Expo

Deadline for Urban Expo 31 July 2024

A platform for Member States and stakeholders to share knowledge, build capacity, network and explore solutions.

- **NEW: Urban Expo testing grounds**
- **NEW: Special awards** for innovative, engaging, and sustainable proposals.
- **Pre-built stands** – rates coming soon
- **Empty floor space** (raw space) rates coming soon
- **Complimentary stands** – LDCs on first come first serve basis.



Main Sessions

Curated by UN-Habitat and facilitated by thought leaders and high-profile experts. They will include:

Opening + Closing Ceremonies

Dialogues

Assemblies

Roundtables

Special Sessions

Dialogues

1.

**Housing our
future**

2.

**Cities and the
climate crisis**

3.

**Stronger
together**

4.

**Financing
localization and
localizing finance**

5.

**Putting people
first in a digital
era**

6.

**The loss of
home**



Cairo Declared Actions

WUF12

The Forum will end with the Cairo Declared Actions

World Social Summit

This process is expected to provide key actions for the 2025 World Social Summit in New York.

22–23
September

4–8
November

11–22
November

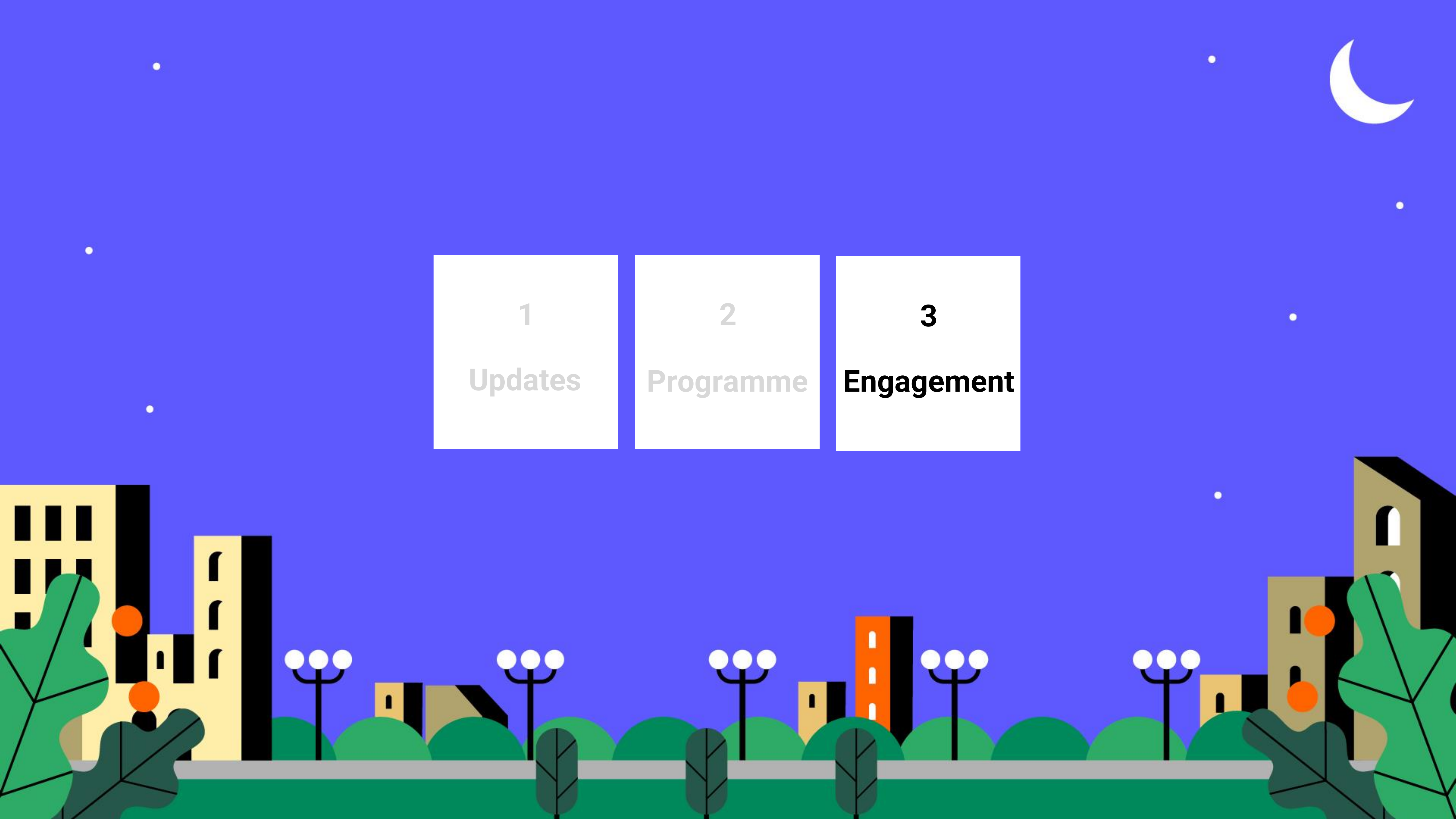
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Summit of the Future

The Cairo Declared Actions will build on commitments from the Summit of the Future in New York.

COP29

Cairo Declared Actions will contribute to commitments at the COP 29 in Baku.



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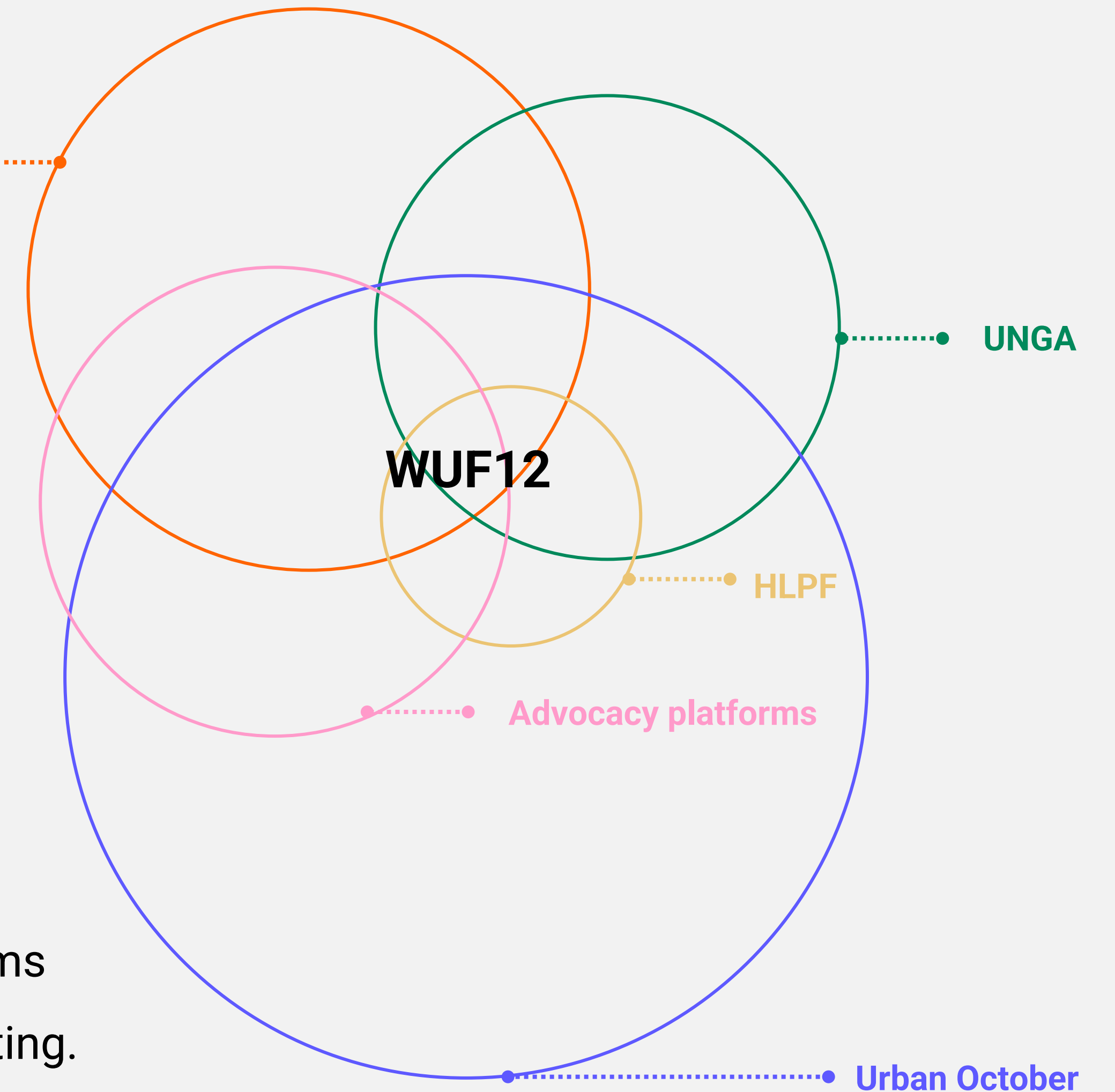
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Regional Mobilization

We leverage Regional Offices on:

- Multi-level urban forums – Example at the regional level:
Africa Urban Forum – 4-6 September 2024
- Urban October activities
- High-level Political Forum (HLPF)
- 78th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)
- Partner-led advocacy platforms
- Mainstreaming the UN-Habitat guide on leveraging urban forums for Urban Policy uptake, SDG11 and New Urban Agenda Reporting.

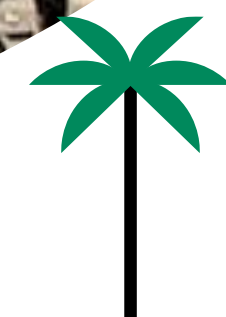
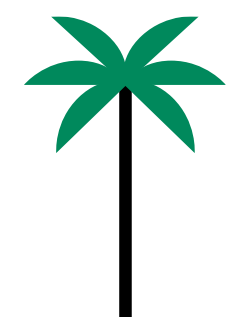
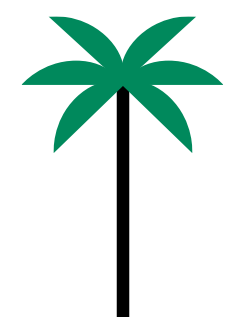
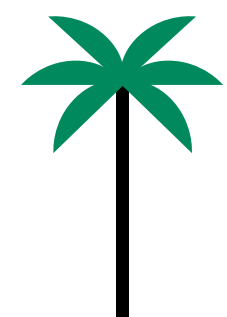
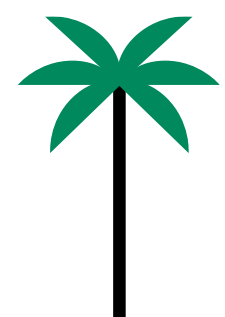
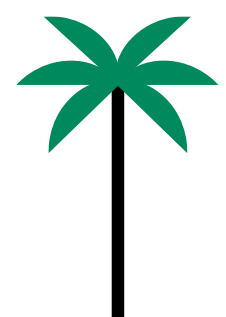
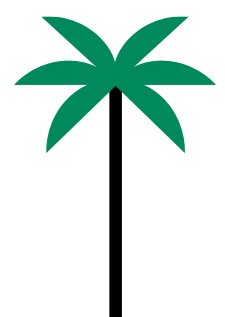
Multilevel Forums



WUF12 Legacy

Egypt Urban Campaign + Cairo's Urban Week

- A collaboration with the host city.
- Curated together with the Government of Egypt and Governorate of Cairo.
- Culmination of activities one week before WUF12.
- A demonstration of SDGs and New Urban Agenda at local level.

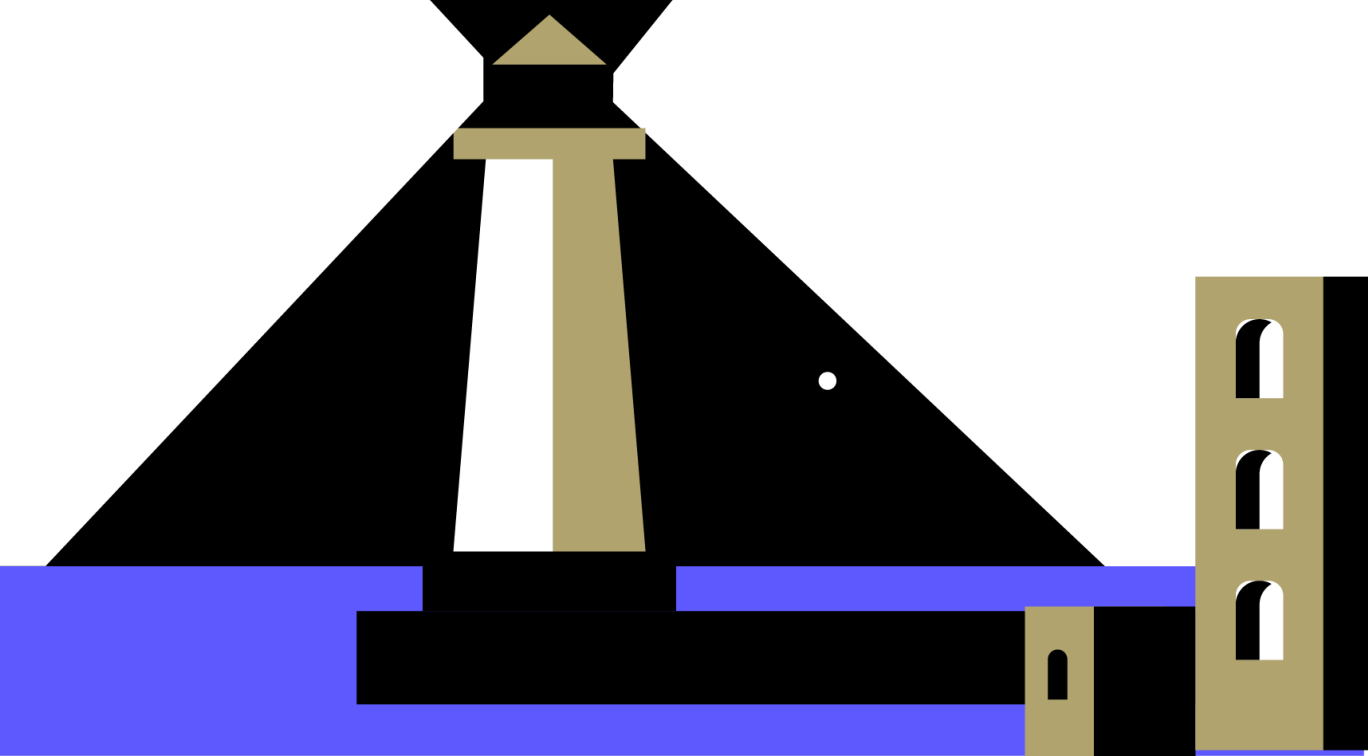
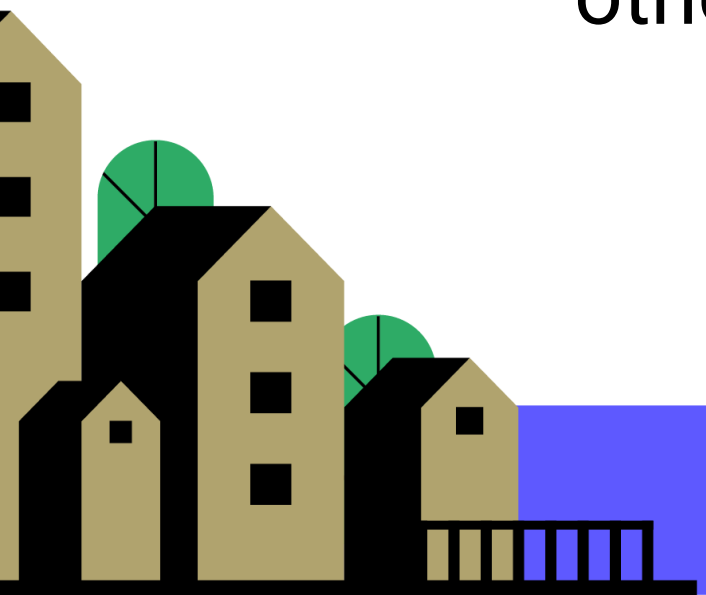


Accessibility and inclusivity

Building on WUF11 achievements in Katowice, UN-Habitat and the Arab Republic of Egypt are committed to an accessible and inclusive event.

WUF12 host country has committed to:

- Meeting all **logistical** requirements as per agreement.
- Ensuring **100% universal accessibility**.
- Providing sign language, real-time captioning, and live streaming among others.



See you in Cairo
Thank you!

Questions? Contact us at:
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