

Contribution by the delegation of the Arab Republic of Egypt under Agenda item 8

Allow me Excellency Chair to provide, on behalf of the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt, updates on the preparations towards the Twelfth World Urban Forum.

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- 1- Since the announcement of Cairo hosting the Twelfth World Urban Forum, several internal coordination meetings were held between Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Local Development, and Housing that resulted in a detailed roadmap with tasks distributed among different Government agencies leading to the event.
 - 2- Building on the success of COP27, Egypt has chosen the company that was responsible for the logistical arrangements for COP27 to be in charge of such for WUF12, in close collaboration with UN-Habitat.
 - 3- The logistical arrangements outlined in the Agreement of Logistical Arrangements and the remarks of the consecutive UN-Habitat missions were taken into consideration and are currently being implemented. In the same vein, the floor plan of the venue is being finalized by a consortium of Government agencies led by the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology.
 - 4- In addition, a compiled list of options and recommendations for accommodation in the Greater Cairo is being finalized by the Ministry of Tourism and Antiques, and will be communicated with delegations and participants soon, allowing for online reservations. Further, the Ministry of Transportation is working on mapping best routes and means of transportation to the venue from different points where delegations will be staying, including via the newly built Monorail.
 - 5- Moreover, A National Coordinator was recently appointed to take care of closely following up and coordinating on the above matters amongst others including financial and security, ensuring a timely delivery in line with the ALA.
 - 6- Lastly, Egypt is continuing coordination with the Secretariat to ensure a successful WUF12 in Cairo, next November. Our delegation wishes to seize this opportunity to reiterate Egypt's commitment to provide an accessible inclusive forum. We would also like to congratulate the Government of Azerbaijan on hosting the WUF13. We will work together to build on the fruitful outcomes of previous WUFs, from Cairo to Baku.

I thank you.