



WUF12 Info Session

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Join us on the road to Cairo

The premier global conference on sustainable urbanization



What is the World Urban Forum (WUF)?

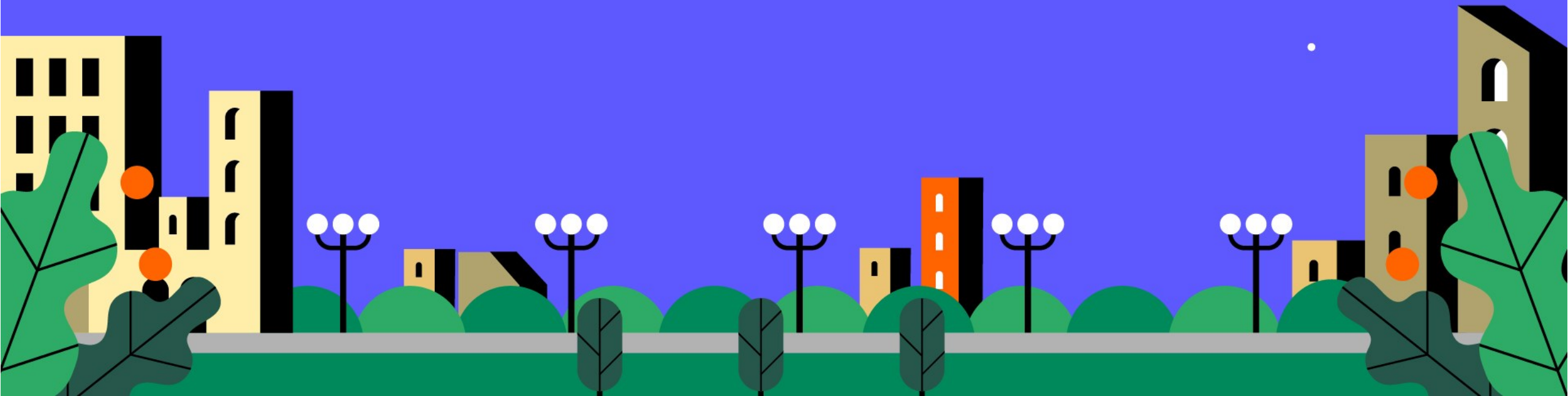
- Established by the United Nations in **2001**.
- The **largest non-legislative UN event**.
- **Open to all:** Representatives of national, regional and local governments, academics, business people, community leaders, urban planners and civil society.



Since its inception in **Nairobi**, Kenya, in **2002**, it has been hosted across **five continents** and has attracted over **100,000** participants.



Why attend WUF?



Networking

Connect with global leaders: Meet and network with urban leaders, policymakers, and innovators from around the world.

Build partnerships: Establish connections that can lead to collaborations and partnerships in urban development projects.

Expand your network: Engage with a diverse group of professionals, including city planners, architects, and community organizers.



Global platform

Influence policy: Participate in shaping international policies and initiatives on urban issues.

Collaborate globally: Work with stakeholders from different sectors and countries to address global urban challenges.

Voice your ideas: Share your perspectives and contribute to global discussions on sustainable development.



Knowledge sharing

Expert insights: Learn from leading experts through informative sessions, workshops, and panel discussions.

Best practices: Discover best practices and successful case studies from cities worldwide.

Stay informed: Keep up-to-date with the latest trends and research in urban development and sustainability.

+500 events
led by partners

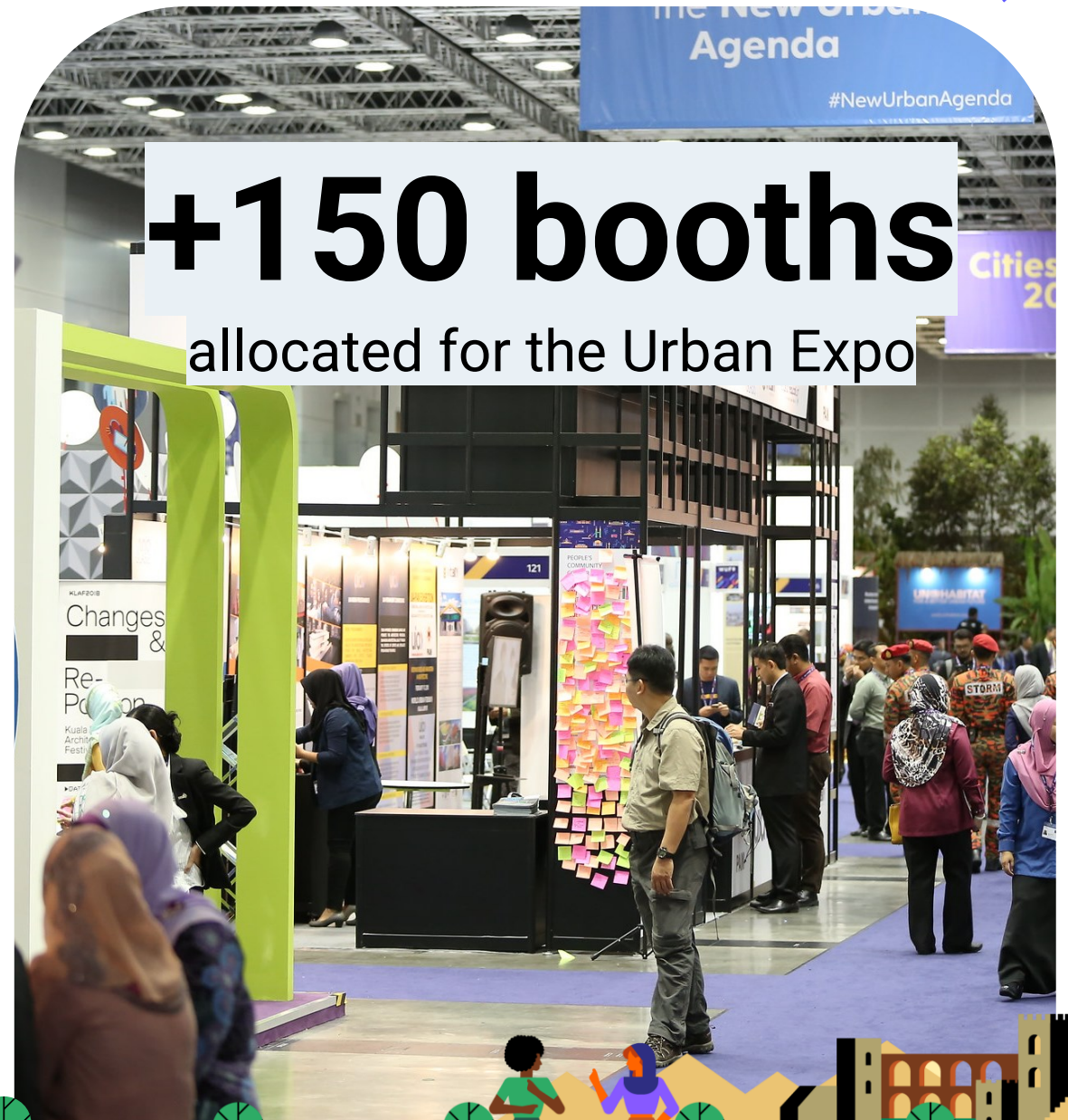


Showcasing innovation

Explore innovations: Discover cutting-edge technologies and solutions for sustainable urban development.

Inspiration: Gain inspiration from innovative projects that can be adapted to your city or community.

Future trends: Learn about emerging trends that are shaping the future of urban living.



Excellence

Quality content Top world urban planners, policymakers and experts sharing the latest ideas on the most pressing issues.

Inclusive programming Panels with diverse perspectives and demographics. Sessions tailored for different learning styles.

Accessible forum. Facilities for all abilities, sign language interpreters, and translations. Digital content available online for remote participation.



100%
committed for a better future for all



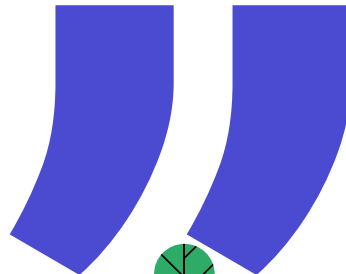
Voices from participants



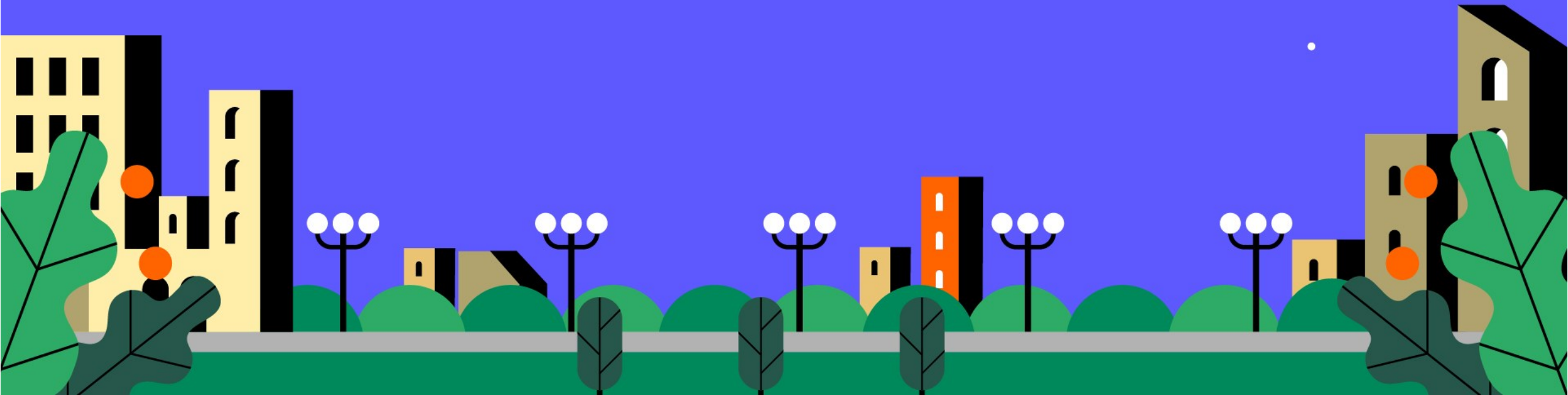
Sessions like "UN 10 - Financing the SDGs in Cities: UNCDF/UN-Habitat Fused Offering for Cities: is extremely informative and useful for pursuing deliverables at the local level.

The use of the app was excellent for identifying events and for organizing my schedule. The events were well organized and attended. The food from the vendors at the venue was fantastic.

The WUFs special session and roundtable discussion provide great opportunities for every participant to actually speak on very important issues and as to how to improve on his/her areas/ country.



WUF12



When?

4 - 8 November 2024

Where?

Egypt International Exhibition Centre

Who?

Over 20,000 participants expected in person and virtually

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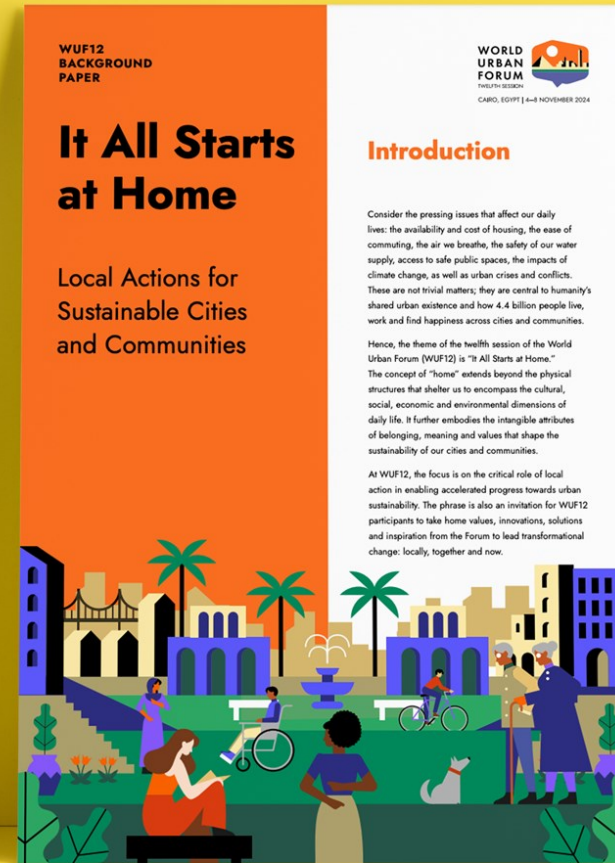


WUF12 theme

It All Starts at Home

Local Actions for Sustainable Cities and Communities

Access the background paper:



It all starts locally. We need to recognize the role of local and regional governments and cities in delivering sustainable development. We call for a whole-of-society and whole-of-government approach.

It all starts together. Local action empowers local stakeholders, encourages citizen participation, and makes sustainable development more responsive to local needs.

It all starts now. The World Urban Forum will take place shortly after the Summit of the Future in September 2024 and roughly five years before the deadline to deliver on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We must act now to deliver our targets.



WUF12 programme

The WUF programme features prominent speakers, engaging discussions, partner-led events and an urban exhibition.

Opening + Closing
ceremonies

Assemblies

Special
sessions

Dialogues

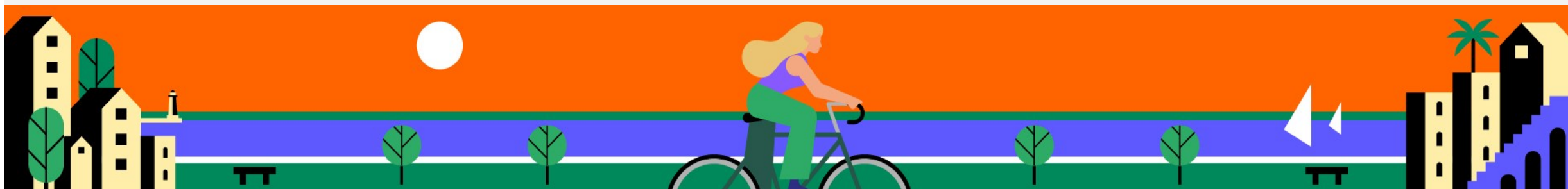
Roundtables

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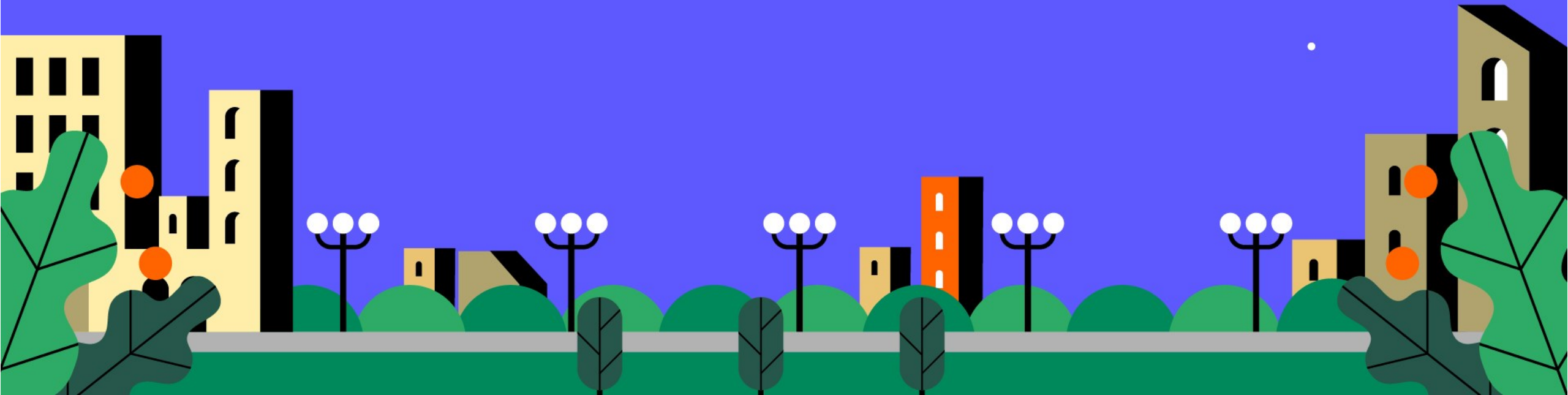
Partner-led
events

Main sessions
Curated by UN Habitat

Networking, One UN, SDGs in
action, Training, Urban
cinema, Urban Expo, Urban
library, Voices from cities



Main Sessions



Opening ceremony

The WUF opening ceremony is a great opportunity for Egypt to celebrate the uniqueness of the country and its culture.

It features keynote speeches including and address from the UN Secretary-General, the Prime Minister of Egypt, the Executive Director of UN-Habitat and leaders in sustainable urbanization.



Dialogues

Dialogues are high-profile events that set the agenda for policy and action. They provide a platform for global thinkers, practitioners, and decision-makers to share insights and solutions on themes of global importance and include active discussion with the audience.

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.

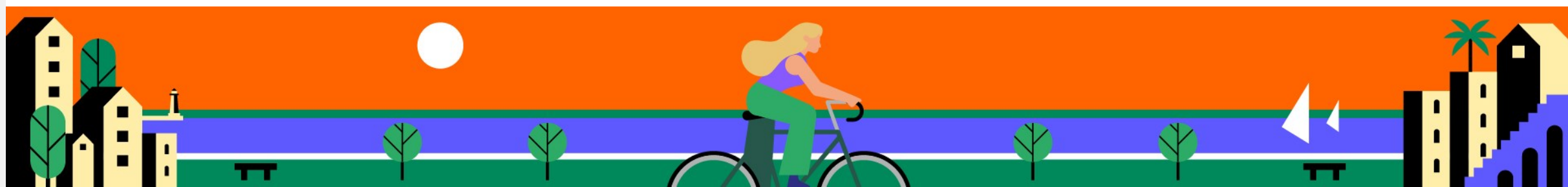
The loss of home



Roundtables

Roundtables are action-oriented events that bring together peers to exchange views and opinions in key urban issues.

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| 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | 5. | 6. | |
| Ministerial | Academia | Children + Youth | Parliamentarians | Older Persons | Indigenous Peoples | |
| 7. | 8. | 9. | 10. | 11. | 12. | 13. |
| Persons with disabilities | Women | One UN | Professionals | Civil Society | Local and Regional Government. | Business, Foundations, and Philanthropies |



Assemblies

Assemblies take place before the official opening and convene key stakeholders from broader segments of society. These sessions are instrumental in bringing together varied groups and translating their inputs into urban policies.

1.

**Grassroots
Assembly**

2.

**Children and
Youth
Assembly**

3.

**World Assembly
of Local and
Regional
Governments**

4.

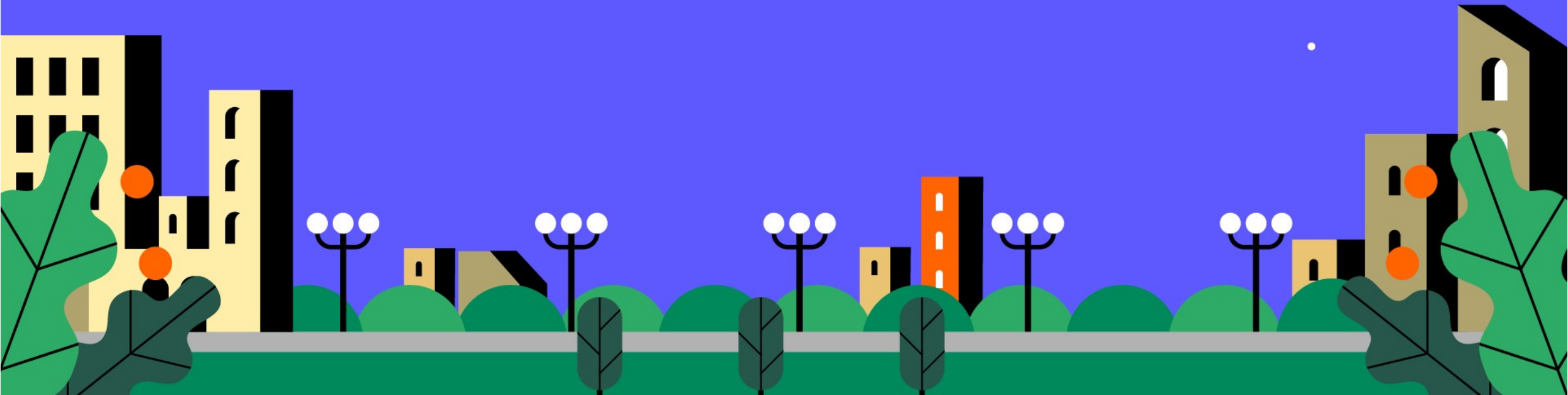
**Women's
Assembly**

5.

**Business,
Foundations, and
Philanthropies
Assembly**



Partner-led events



Partner-led event type

The heart of the World Urban Forum are its stakeholders.

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

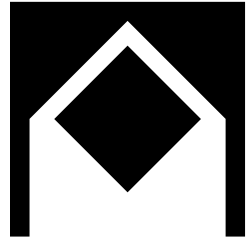


Partner-led event type

For the first time, WUF is asking partner-led event organizers to choose their preferred time and date on a first-come, first-served basis.

Event organizers are now able to reserve a timeslot through the [Global Events Management System \(GEMS\)](#), which started on 05 September.





Urban Expo – Applications open

Deadline: 16 September

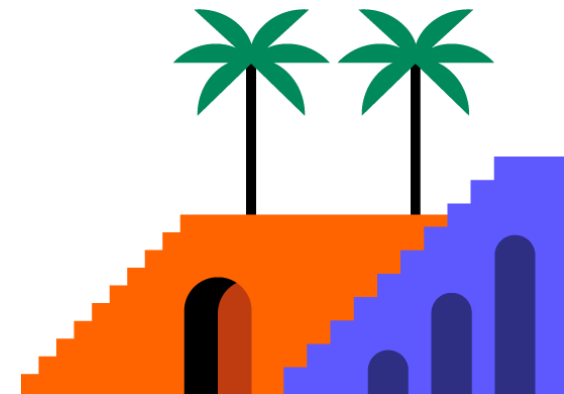
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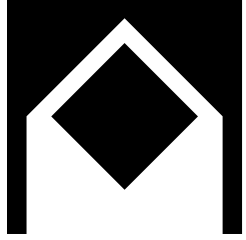
Another opportunity to showcase your organization is in the Urban Expo: a global marketplace of solutions on display for the duration of WUF12.

Exhibit space comes in multiple sizes, at multiple price points. Information on pricing is available on the WUF12 registration portal.



<https://events.unhabitat.org/>

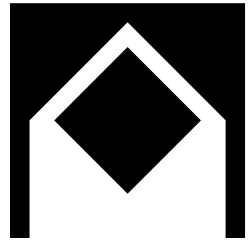




Why exhibit at the Urban Expo?

- **Global exposure** to showcase your work to thousands of attendees.
- **Network** with decision-makers, industry leaders, and potential partners.
- **Urban Expo testing grounds**, a new space to showcase innovation and sustainability in technology, materials, systems, and products .





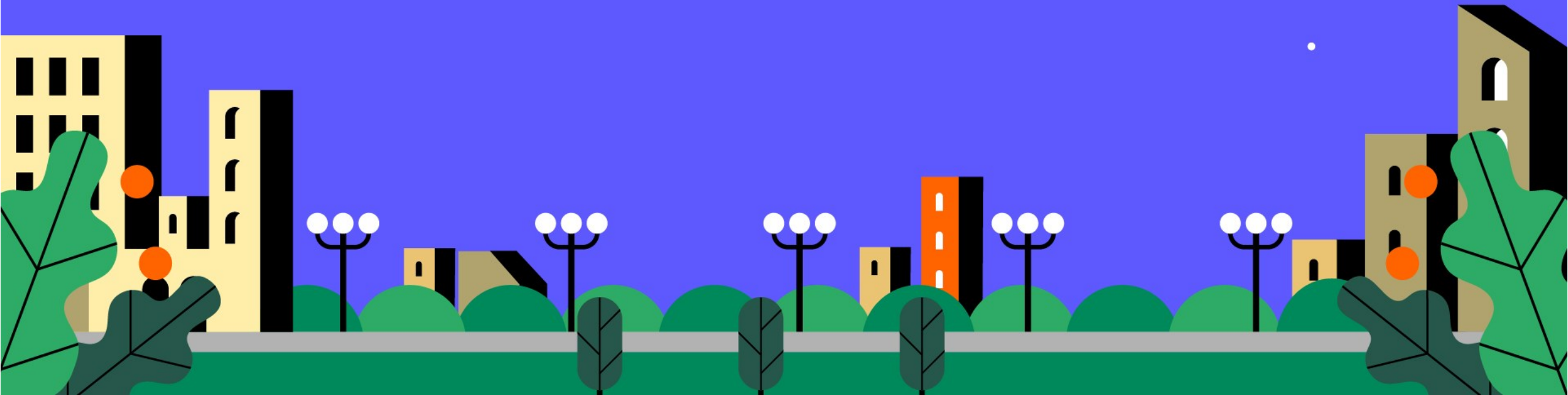
Sustainability at its heart

- All exhibitors are encouraged to adhere to our **sustainability guidelines**.
- All exhibitors are invited to showcase their sustainable practices and innovations.

Three recognition awards will be given out for the most innovative and creative exhibit, for the most sustainable exhibit, and for the most engaging exhibit.



Register now!



How to register



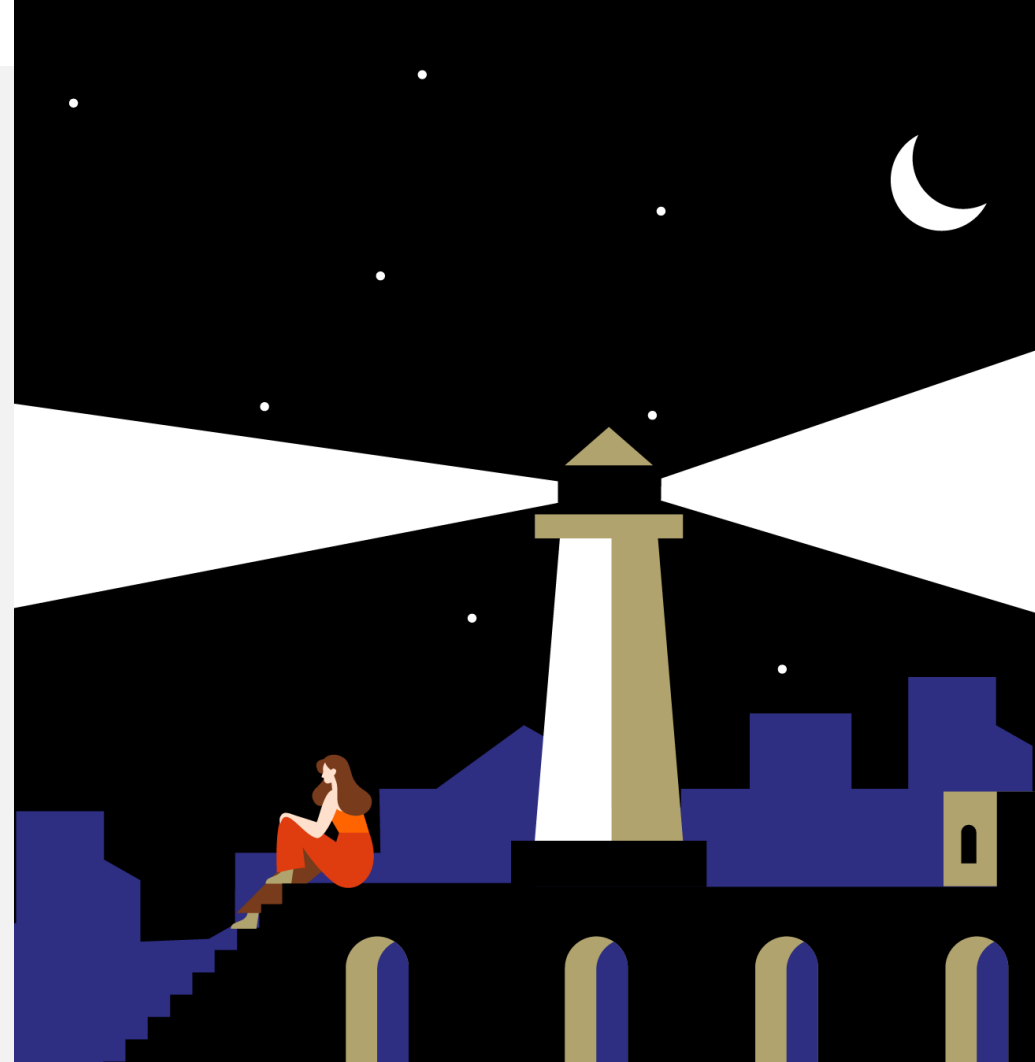
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1. **Create** your account in GEMS
2. **Register*** to WUF12
3. **Apply** for the Urban Expo**
Deadline: 16 September

* When registering the system will ask on flight details and specific dates of travel, but it is not compulsory to provide it.

** You can access all the latest information about Urban Expo [here](#).

Contact us for more information and assistance with GEMS at:
unhabitat-events@un.org



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1

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2

Help us promoting registration

Share our promotional materials through your social media accounts

3

Forward invitations for your events

Are you participating in an event? Support its promotion in social media and send invitations to your contacts and relevant networks.



Available material



Trello board

Access a repository of official key messages, branding guidelines, logos, and social media templates.

<https://t.ly/UXFYN>

Get updates on our website:

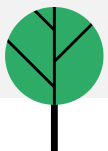
Programme at a glance: <https://t.ly/Ceell>

Register to WUF12: <https://events.unhabitat.org>

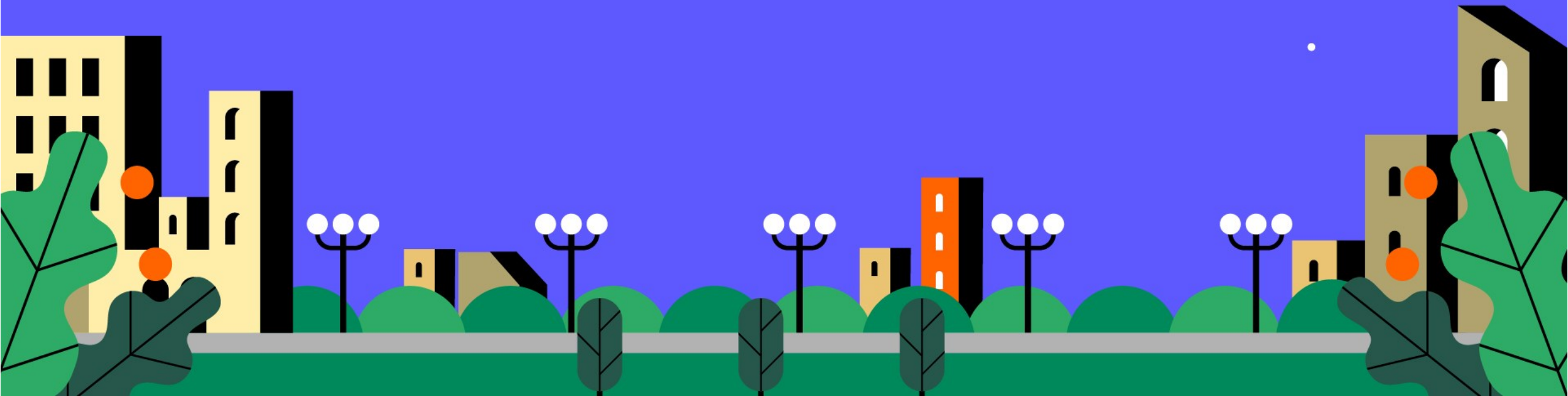
Practical Info (visa, hotel, more): <https://wuf.unhabitat.org/practical-info>

The Background Paper: <https://t.ly/WvpsU>

All about the Urban Expo: <https://wuf.unhabitat.org/urban-expo>



Q&A



See you in Cairo Thank you!

Questions? Contact us at:
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