



# WUF12 Updates

WORLD  
URBAN  
FORUM  
TWELFTH SESSION



# What is covered?

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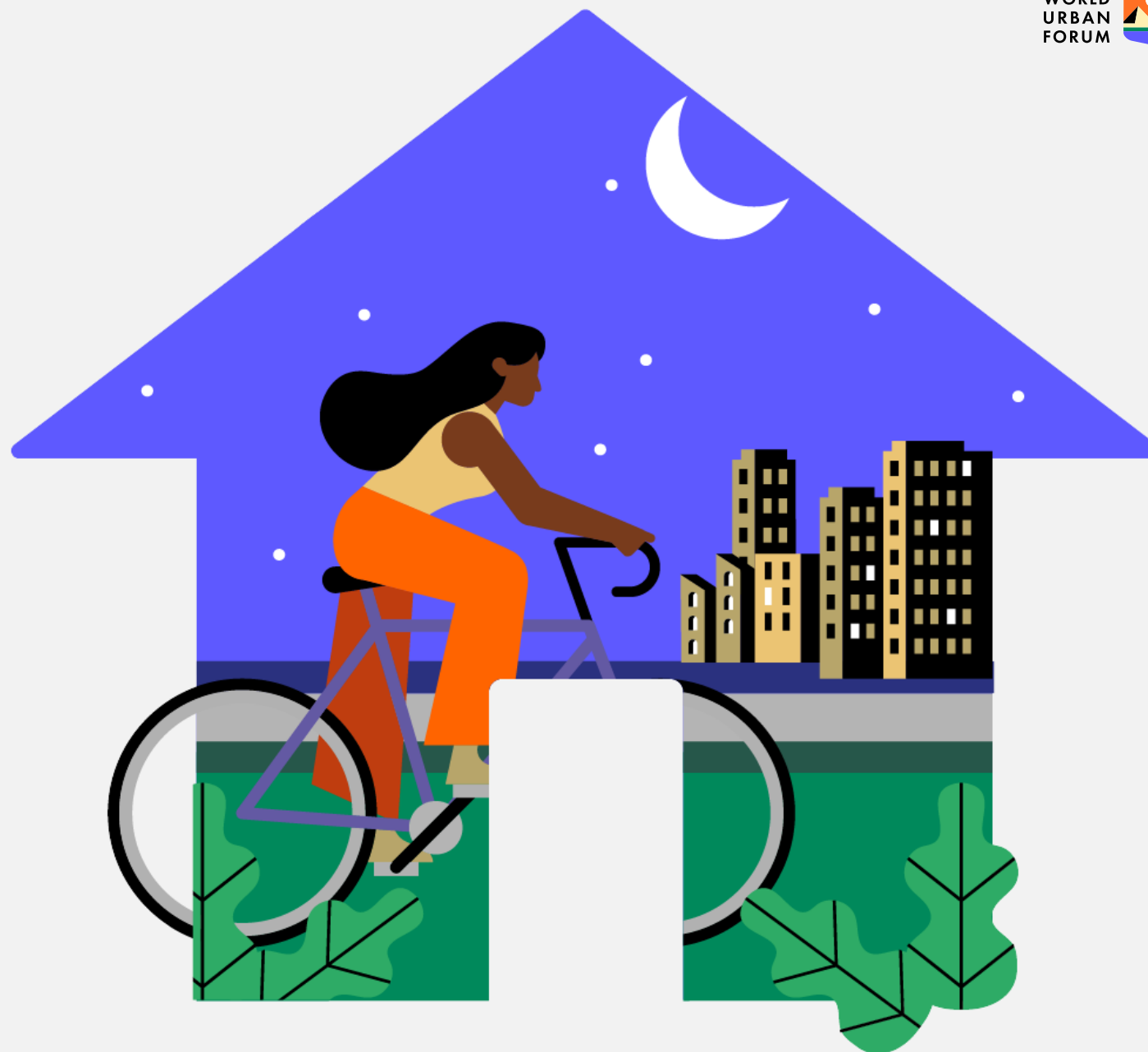
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Discussion

# It all starts at home

Local Actions for Sustainable  
Cities and Communities

Access the background paper:



# When?

4 - 8 November 2024

# Where?

Egypt International Exhibition Centre

# Who?

Over 20,000 participants expected in person and virtually

# WORLD URBAN FORUM

TWELFTH SESSION

CAIRO, EGYPT | 4–8 NOVEMBER 2024

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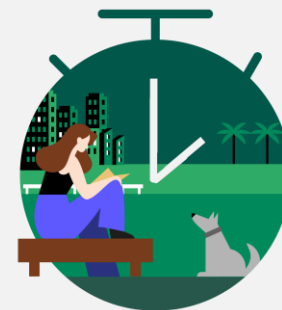


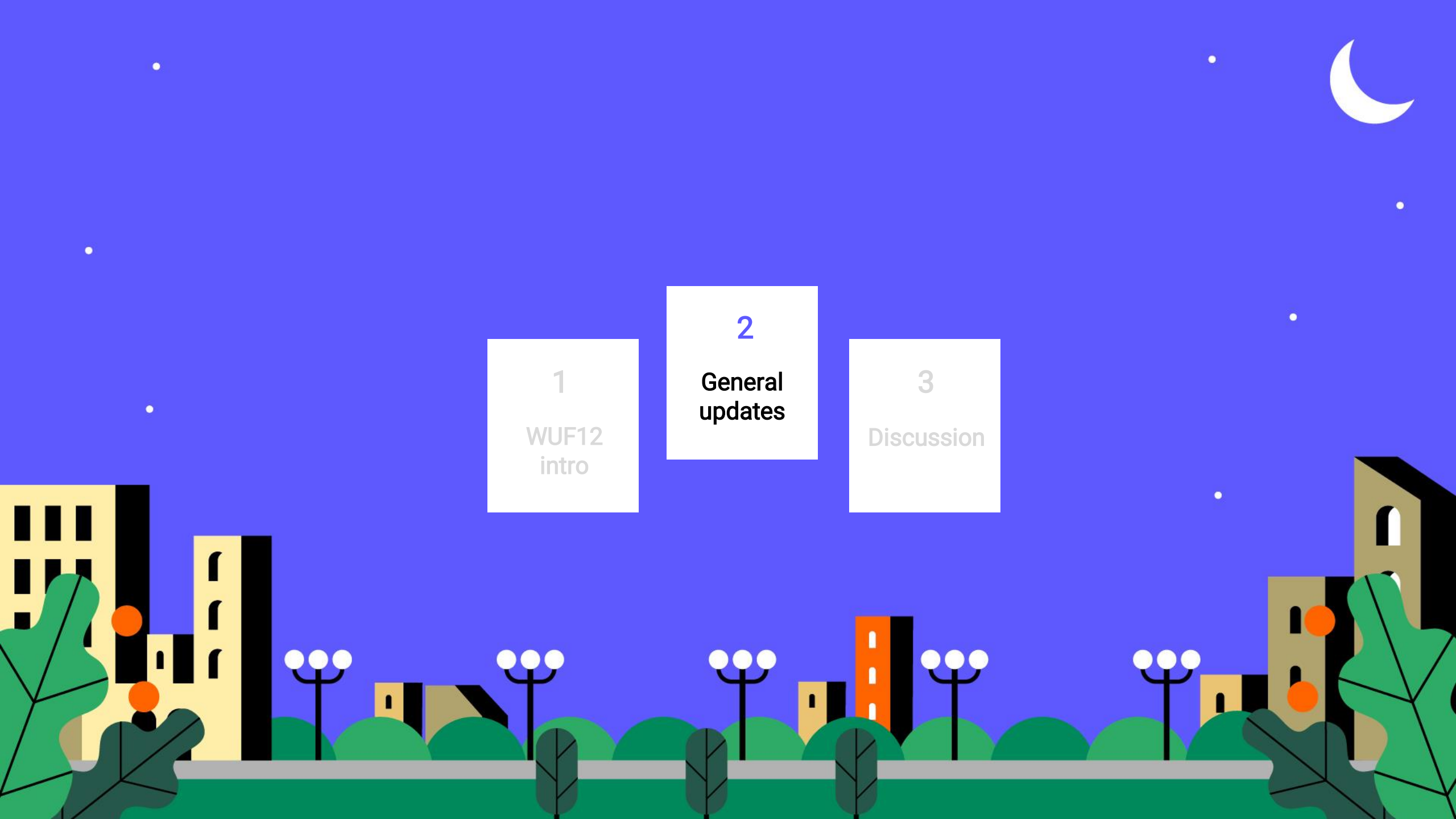
# Key messages

**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.





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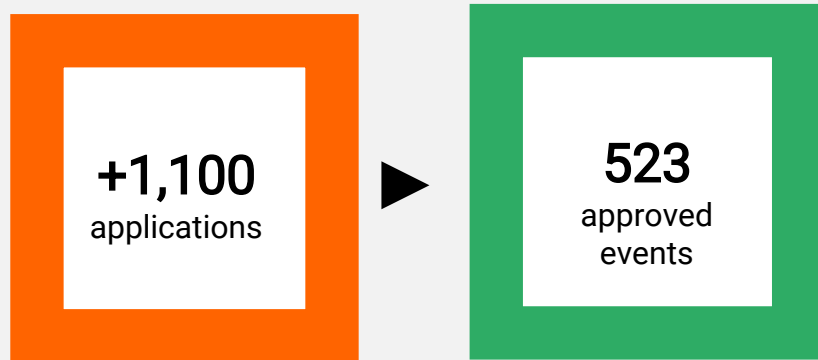
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# Partner-led events



## Approved events

The list of selected events is available in an Excel file.

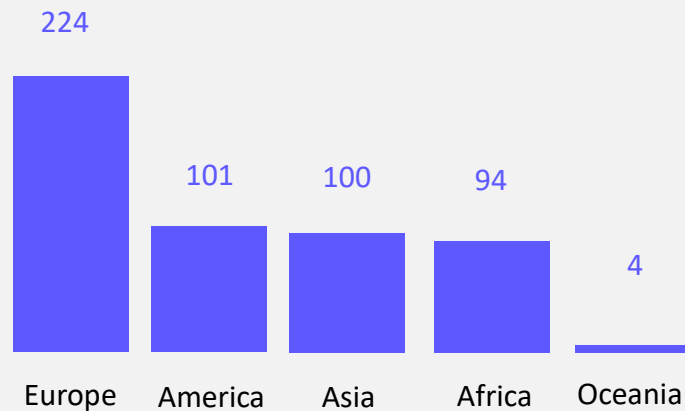
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Partners received an email on **05 September** to select their preferred time slots through GEMS.

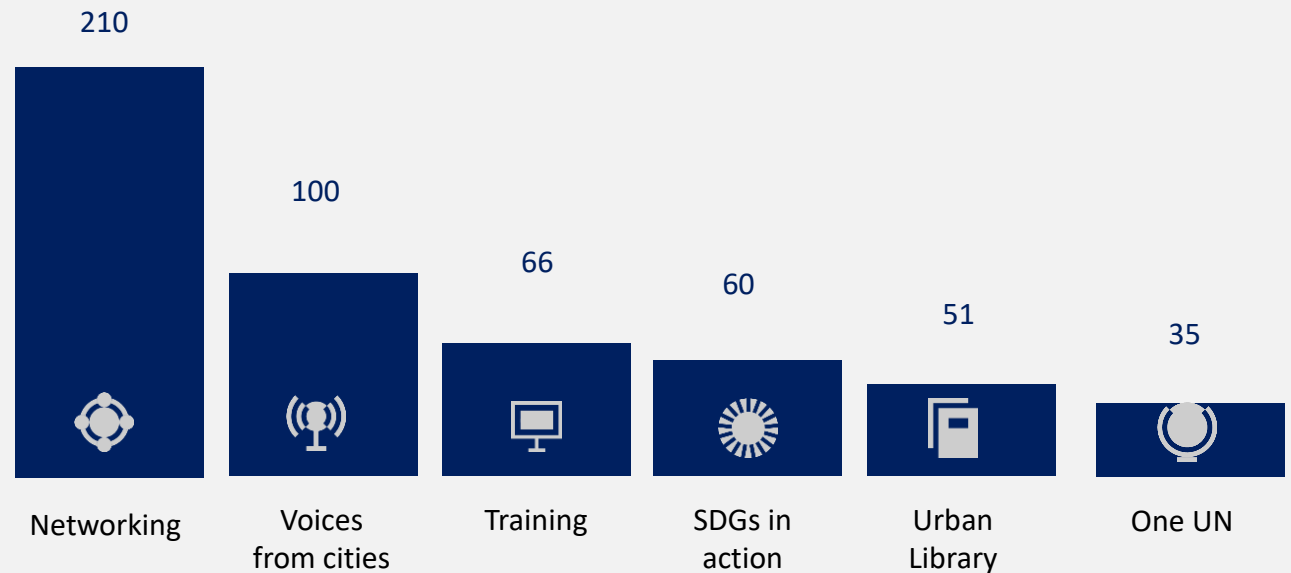
## Contacts

From 01 October, all participants contact each other via the WUF app, ensuring secure and protected individual contacts.

## Events by region



## Events by Categories



# Partner-led events

**(New Feature)**

Beginning 05 September - Event organizers can reserve a timeslot - **first-come, first-served** - through the [Global Events Management System \(GEMS\)](#).

Within 2hrs of opening, 60% = 350 Events of all slots were booked!

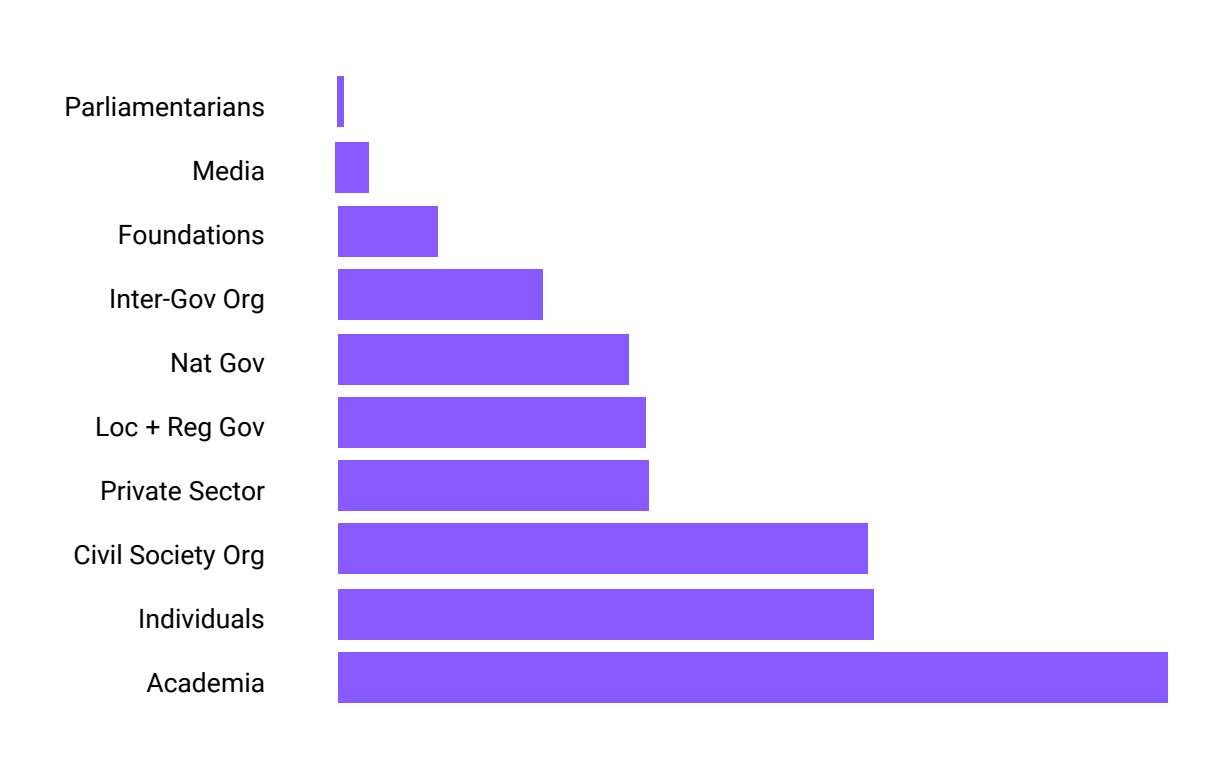
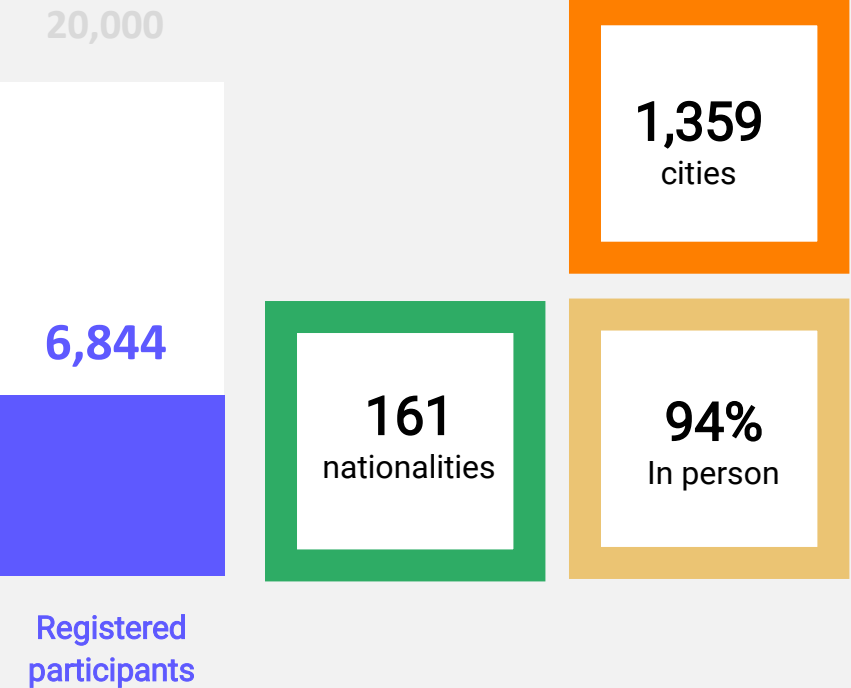
We shall re-open, in due course, all events for **final edits**.



# General registration updates

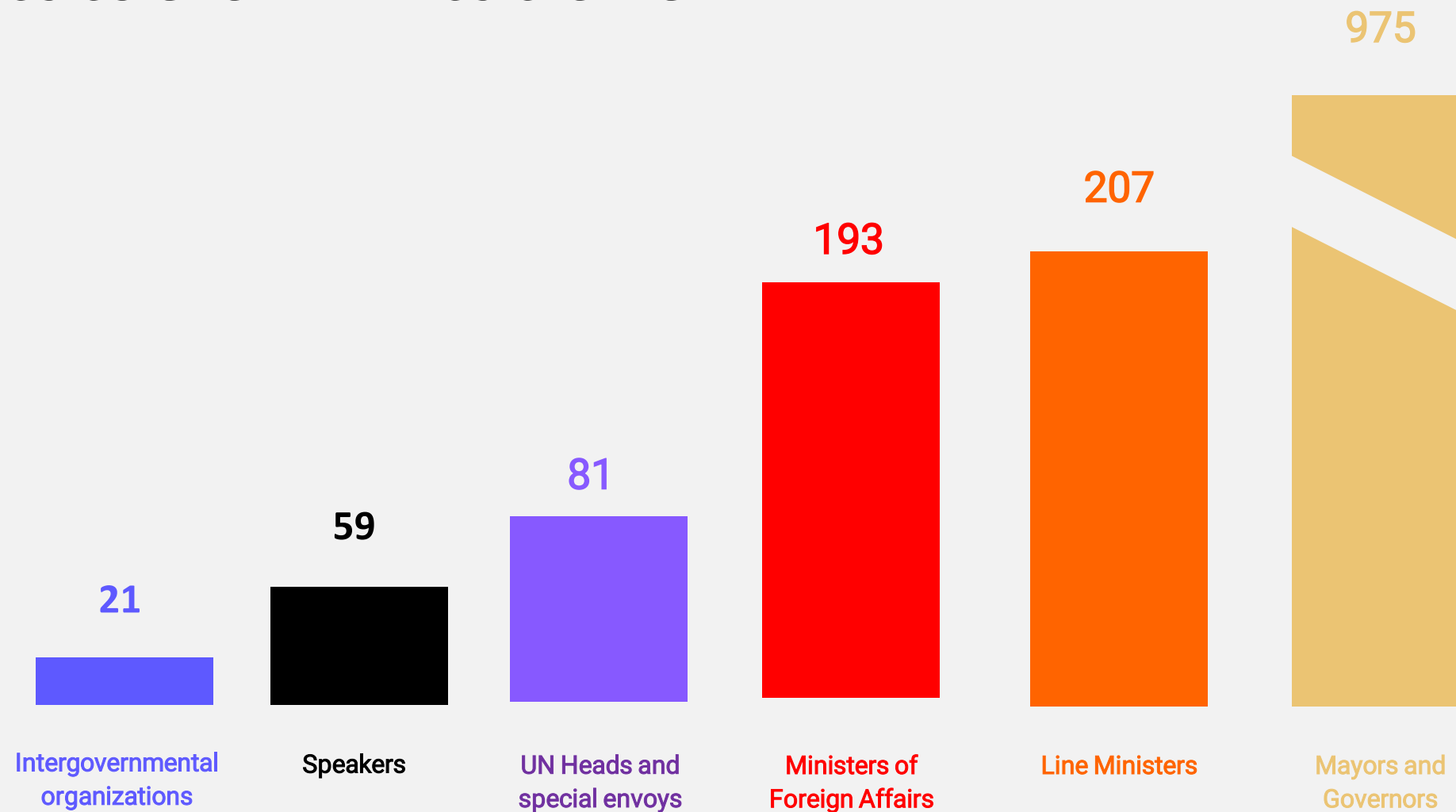


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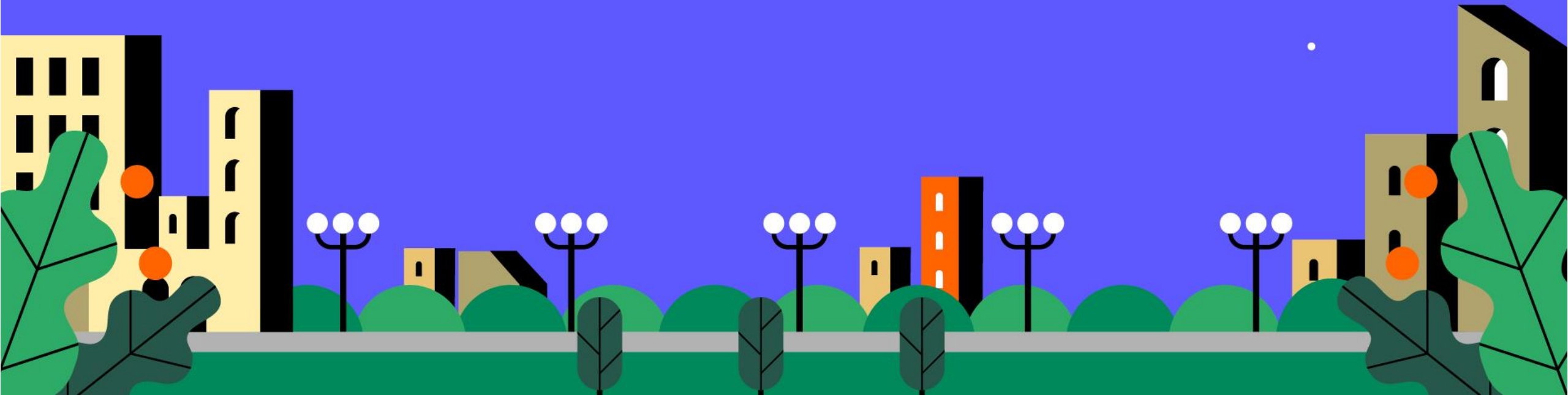


Registrations per organization type

# Status of Invitations



What is in WUF12 for Member states?



# Showcasing innovation – Urban Expo –

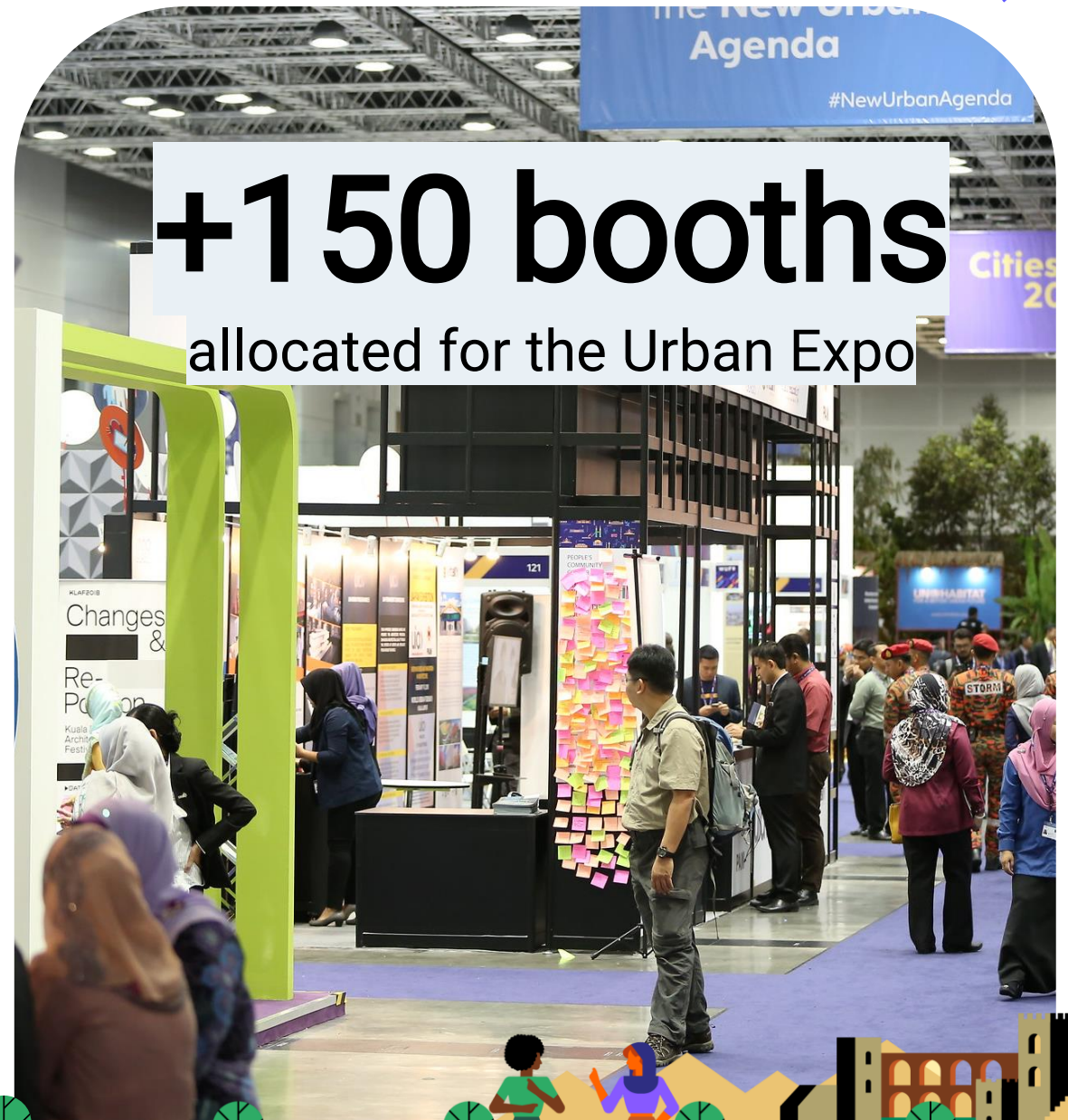
**Explore innovations:** Discover cutting-edge technologies and solutions for sustainable urban development.

**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.

**EXTENDED**

16 September 2024



# 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.





# 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

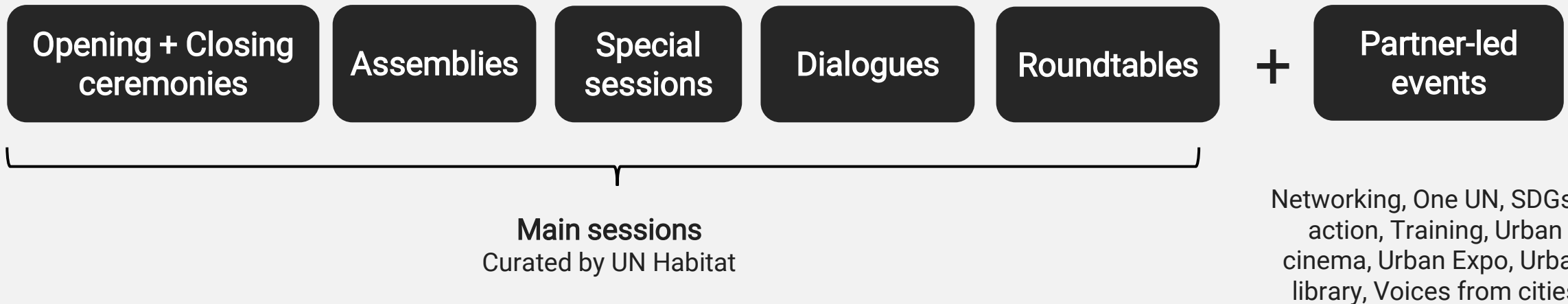


# WUF12 programme updates



# WUF12 programme

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



# 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.

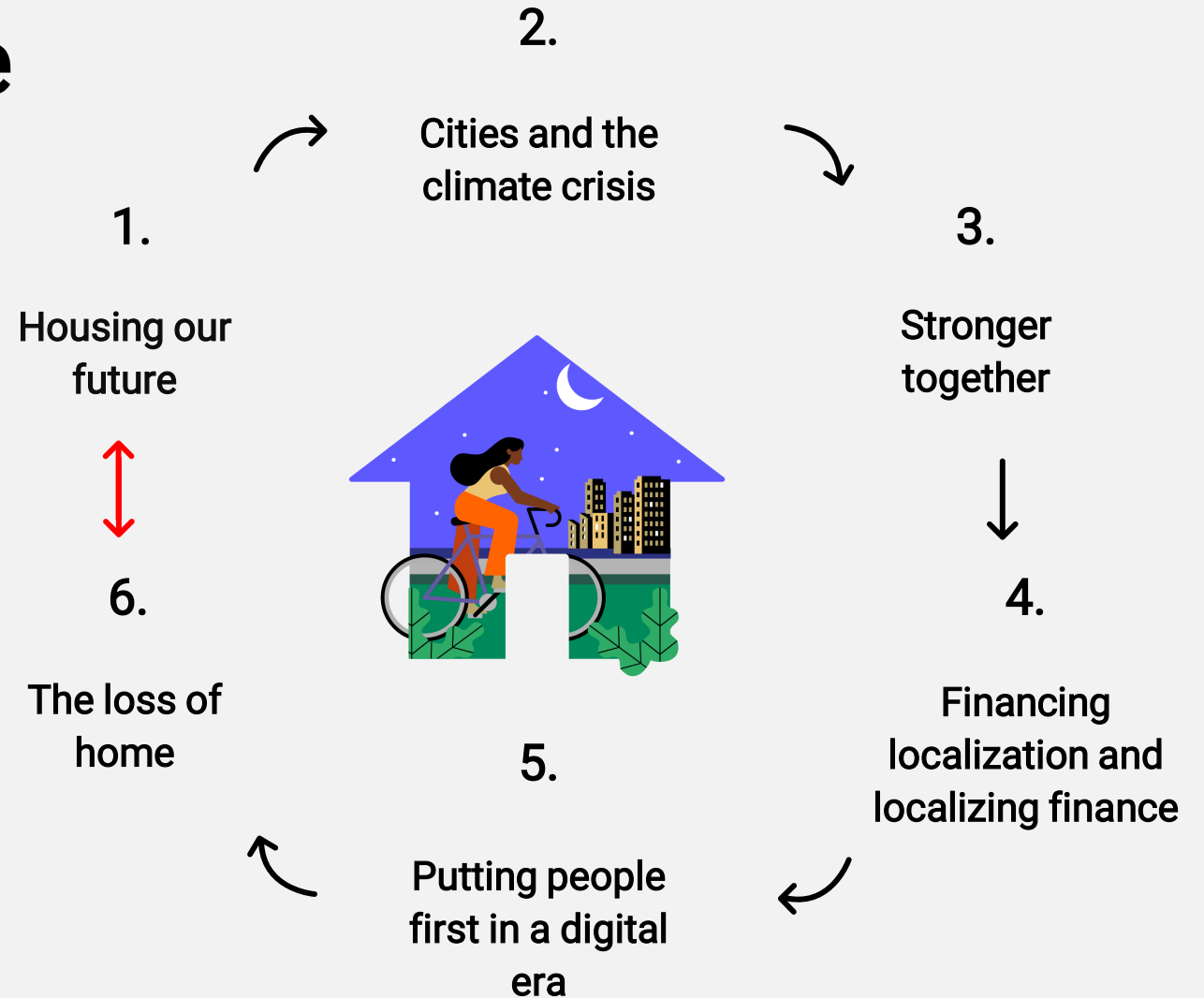


# Dialogues that start and finish at home

Dialogues are high-profile events that set the agenda for policy and action.

6 Dialogues define the key themes that all WUF events and activities should adhere to.

Dialogues at WUF 12 start and finish with housing related issues.



# Special Sessions

Special sessions, co-developed by UN-Habitat and diverse stakeholders, and address themes that **may not be prominently featured** in the **Dialogue sessions**, building strategic partnerships with a diverse range of WUF stakeholders.

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|---|--|---|--|
| <p>1.<br/>The wisdom of civilizations</p> | <p>2.<br/>Empathy in motion</p>                  | <p>3.<br/>The heartbeat of the city</p> | <p>4.<br/>Zero waste world</p>                     |
| <p>5.<br/>A space for all</p>             | <p>6.<br/>G7 economies shaping urban futures</p> | <p>7.<br/>The legacy of mega events</p> | <p>8.<br/><i>Special Session hosted by GoE</i></p> |



# 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





# WUF12 programme



# Draft programme at a glance | THE TWELFTH SESSION OF THE WORLD URBAN FORUM (WUF12) | 4–8 November 2024 |

Time	Monday, 4 November	Tuesday, 5 November	Wednesday, 6 November						
	WUF12 Urban Expo								
	Caucus meetings								
08.00 - 09.00									
09.00 - 09.30	WUF12 Flag Raising Ceremony (TBC)								
09.30 - 10.00	Joint Opening of the Assemblies								
10.00 - 10.30									
10.30 - 11.00									
11.00 - 11.30	Grassroots Assembly Children and Youth Assembly World Assembly of Local and Regional Governments Women's Assembly Business and Foundations Assembly	Events in the Press Conference Centre	Events in the Press Conference Centre						
11.30 - 12.00				Dialogue 1 Housing our future	Dialogue 2 Cities and the climate crisis	Training Events			
12.00 - 12.30				Opening of the WUF12 Urban Expo					
12.30 - 13.00				WUF12 Official Opening Press Conference (TBC)					
13.00 - 13.30				Daily Press Briefing					
13.30 - 14.00	Events in the Press Conference Centre	Ministerial Roundtable	ONE UN Roundtable	SPECIAL SESSION [hosted by Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt]	ONE UN Voices from Cities SDGs in Action Urban Library Urban Cinema UN-Habitat Arena	Networking Events	Training Events		
14.00 - 14.30		Daily Press Briefing			Women's Roundtable	Business, Foundations and Philanthropies Roundtable	SPECIAL SESSION The heartbeat of the city	SPECIAL SESSION The legacy of mega events	Networking Events
14.30 - 15.00		Daily Press Briefing			Persons with Disabilities Roundtable	Indigenous Peoples Roundtable	SPECIAL SESSION G7 Economies shaping urban futures	SPECIAL SESSION Zero waste world	Networking Events
15.00 - 15.30	Daily Press Briefing			Events in the Press Conference Centre					
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Thursday, 7 November

WUF12 Urban Expo

Caucus meetings

Events in the Press Conference Centre

Dialogue 5  
*Putting people first in a digital era*

Dialogue 6  
*The loss of home*

Training Events

Daily Press Briefing

Professionals Roundtable

Older Persons Roundtable

SPECIAL SESSION  
*The wisdom of civilizations*

SPECIAL SESSION  
*Empathy in motion*

Networking Events

Events in the Press Conference Centre

Children and Youth Roundtable

Parliamentarians Roundtable

SPECIAL SESSION  
*It all starts at home*

Networking Events

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WUF12 - City Events

ONE UN  
Voices from Cities  
SDGs in Action  
Urban Library  
Urban Cinema  
UN-Habitat Arena

Friday, 8 November

WUF12 Urban Expo

Caucus meetings

Events in the Press Conference Centre

Civil society Roundtable

Academia Roundtable

Training Events

WUF12 Official Closing Press Conference

Networking Events

**Closing Ceremony** of the Twelfth Session of the World Urban Forum - **WUF12** and handing over to the host of the Thirteenth Session of the World Urban Forum - **WUF13**

WUF12 Flag lowering ceremony (TBC)

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# WUF12 impact



# Scaling WUF's impact

What does WUF achieve and enable for...

- ...Partners?
- ...The host country and city?
- ...Global agendas?
- ...UN-Habitat?
- ...The New Urban Agenda?

Key tools to leverage these aspects

1. WUF outcome documents
2. Legacy programmes
3. Digital tools and surveys



# Revising outcome documents

Highlight main messages and trends linked to the theme

Enhance analytical perspectives from all events



# WUF12 outcome documents

1

## Report

WUF data, facts, and proceedings.

2

## Key Takeaways

Replacing Declared Actions, key messages on WUF theme and dialogues

3

## WUF12 Perspectives

Detailed substantive overview of all WUF events (including partner-led events)



# Impact Areas

- Strategic Plan (2026-2029)
- New Urban Agenda (2026)
- Partnerships (Interest Registry)
- Legacy initiatives
- Knowledge & insights





# Join WUF12 in Cairo

The premier global conference on sustainable urbanization



# Spread the word!

1

## Follow us in social media

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Linkedin  
World Urban Forum

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## Help us promote registration

Share our [promotional materials](#) through your social media accounts

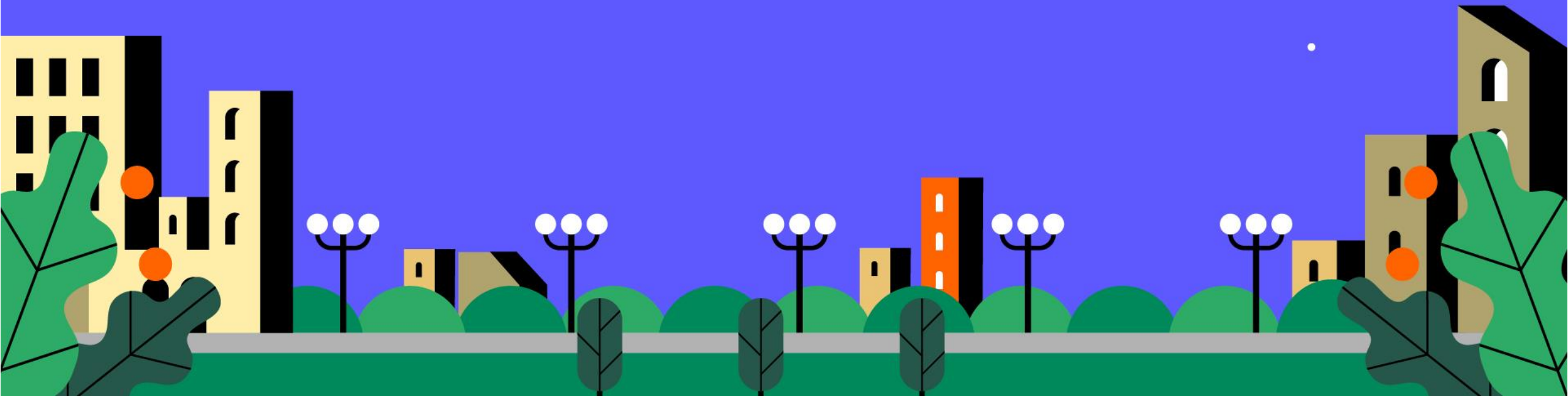
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## Forward invitations for your events

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



# Q&A



# See you in Cairo Thank you!

Questions? Contact us at:  
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