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CAIRO, EGYPT | 4–8 NOVEMBER 2024

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9h-12h | Multipurpose Rm 15
Training Event: Happy City -
Viewing the City through a
Quality of Life Lens



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"exploring wellbeing and happiness"

Facilitated by ISQOLS

13h30-15h30 | Room A
Special Session:
The Heartbeat of the City

Facilitated by
UN-Habitat



15h-16:30 | Multipurpose Rm 11
Networking Event: Towards Future
Cities, Putting Quality of Life and
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One UN: Harnessing the UN 2.0
Capabilities and Valuing What Matters
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One UN: United for Enhancing
Quality of Life in Cities -
An Interregional Approach



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Voices from Cities: Measuring
and Enhancing Well-being in Urban
Environments - Lessons Learned from
the Quality of Life Initiative Pilot Cities



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Quality of Life Initiative

About the Quality of Life Initiative

Implemented by UN-Habitat and sponsored by the Quality of Life Program, the Quality of Life Initiative is a global project transforming how cities understand and improve urban well-being by harnessing human-centered data to capture what people truly value. The Initiative invites cities to undertake a joint assessment of their residents' quality of life to identify key areas for monitoring and improvement.

Quality of Life WUF Sessions

Training Event: Happy City - Viewing the City through a Quality of Life Lens 5 November | 9h-12h | Multipurpose Rm 15

This training event, led by ISQOLS, will demonstrate the importance of viewing the city through a quality of life lens. It aims to provide hands on training for city representatives on how they can kickstart a quality of life campaign in their communities, how to choose a combination of objective and subjective indicators for measuring quality of life and well-being and how to take action to respond to the needs of their people.

Special Session: The Heartbeat of the City 5 November | 13h30-15h30 | Room A

This Special Session will explore the opportunity to prevent and respond to health challenges through better planning and innovative measures, promoting quality of life and health-centered decisionmaking, policies and actions. It will delve into the complex and multiple dimensions of health and well-being through creative sessions featuring experts from various fields related to health and quality of life.

One UN: United for Enhancing Quality of Life in Cities - An Interregional Approach 7 November | 11h-12h30 | Room B

This event will bring together representatives from UN regional commissions to explore how quality of life can be articulated into diverse regional agendas and priorities. Participants will discuss and debate how a more human-centric focus at the regional level can lead to concrete impacts to individuals and communities on the ground.

Networking Event: Towards Future Cities, Putting Quality of Life and People's Well-being at the Core of Urban Planning 5 November | 15h-16h30 | Multipurpose Rm 11

The Quality of Life Program and its partners are advancing a collaborative, cross-sectoral approach to achieve tangible outcomes across geographies in urban planning. The event will highlight how the notions of quality of life and well-being are central to development agendas, and explore methods to embed the enhancement of people's quality of life in urban planning and strategic foresight.

One UN: Harnessing the UN 2.0 Capabilities and Valuing What Matters to People in Cities and Towns 6 November | 9h-11h | Room A

This event will explore how the capabilities and methods championed through UN 2.0 (digital/data, strategic foresight, behavioral science) can help to tell the stories behind the data, to better understand the decisions that people make, and how city leaders can integrate these findings into decisions which will make cities more sustainable and resilient, impacting quality of life now and in the future.

Voices from Cities: Measuring and Enhancing Well-being in Urban Environments - Lessons Learned from the Quality of Life Initiative Pilot Cities 7 November | 17h-18h30 | Room A

The Quality of Life Initiative has developed a tool to help local leaders assess and enhance quality of life in their communities. During this session, representatives from five pilot cities — Madinah (Saudi Arabia), Niš (Serbia), Punaauia (Tahiti), Querétaro (Mexico), and Vancouver (Canada)—will share their experiences and explore how innovation and collaboration are paving the way for the tool's global application.