

Cities Shaping the Future

Draft programme

(as of 11 July 2025)

DAY 1 – 6 OCTOBER 2025		
08:00-10:00	Badge Accreditation	Pregny Gate
08:30-09:45	Side Event - Internal Displacement in Cities UNHCR	H 200 H-Building
SESSION ONE		
10:00-10:30 (À 3 min)	I. Opening and Welcome <i>Opening of the meeting</i> Ms. Susan Aitken , Chair, 2025 UN Forum of Mayors Bureau, City Leader of Glasgow Council, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland <i>Welcoming remarks</i> Ms. Tatiana Molcean , Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) <i>Opening speeches</i> Ms. Tatiana Valovaya , Director-General, United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG) Ms. Anaclaudia Rossbach , Executive Director, UN-Habitat, On behalf of Secretary-General of the United Nations Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus , Director-General, World Health Organization (WHO) (TBC) Ms. Laura Thompson , Assistant Director-General, International Labour Organization (ILO) Ms. Sofia Calltorp , Director of the Geneva Office and Chief of Humanitarian Action, UN Women	Tempus



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	<p>Mr. Mathieu Mori, Secretary General, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe</p> <p>Ms. Christina Kitsos, Deputy Mayor of Geneva, Ex Officio member of the 2025 Forum of Mayors Bureau, President of the Global Cities Hub</p> <p>United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) (TBC)</p>	
10:30-10:50	<p>Keynote speech</p> <p>Speaker (TBC)</p>	
10:50-11:00	<p>Group Photo</p> <p>II. Adoption of the Agenda</p>	
11:00-13:00	<p>III. Key SDG themes under review at HLPF 2025</p> <p>A. Good health and well-being (SDG 3)</p> <p>Presenter:</p> <p>Ms. Nathalie Laure Roebbel, World Health Organization (WHO)</p> <p>Interventions by the Mayors</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>Ms. Christina Kitsos, Deputy Mayor of Geneva, Ex Officio member of the 2025 Forum of Mayors Bureau, President of the Global Cities Hub</p> <p>Closing remarks: Mr. Diego Aulestia, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)</p> <p>B. Gender equality (SDG 5)</p> <p>Presenter:</p> <p>Mr./Ms. ..., UN Women (TBC)</p> <p>Interventions by the Mayors</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>Ms. Susan Aitken (Glasgow), Chair of the UN Forum of Mayors Bureau</p> <p>Closing remarks: Ms. Sukaina Al Nasrawi, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)</p>	



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13:15-14:45	Side Event – Woman and Mayor: Empowering Urban Leadership for a Sustainable Future UNECE and Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations in Geneva	H 200 H-Building
SESSION TWO		
15:00-18:00	<p>III. Key SDG themes under review at HLPF 2025</p> <p>C. Decent work and economic growth (SDG 8)</p> <p>Presenter: Mr./Ms., International Labour Organization (TBC)</p> <p>Interventions by the Mayors</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Eckart Würzner (Heidelberg), Vice Chair of the UN Forum of Mayors Bureau</p> <p>Closing remarks: Ms. Atkeyelsh Persson, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)</p> <p>IV. Climate Finance Mechanisms</p> <p>Presenter: Mr. Dario Liguti, Director, Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE</p> <p>Interventions by the Mayors</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Gregor Macedoni (Novo Mesto), Vice Chair of the UN Forum of Mayors Bureau</p> <p>Closing remarks: Mr. Curt Garrigan, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)</p>	Tempus
18:15-19:45	Cocktail Reception By the city of Glasgow, United Kingdom	Hall 14 (TBC)
DAY 2 – 7 OCTOBER 2025		
08:30-09:45	Side event – Environmental Challenges for Cities Global Cities Hub, UNECE and UNEP	H 200 H-Building



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SESSION THREE		
10:00-13:00	<p>V. Voluntary Local and Sub-national Reviews (VLRs, VSRs) Presenter: Ms./Mr. ..., UCLG (TBC) Interventions by the Mayors Moderator: Mr. Gregor Macedoni (Novo Mesto), Vice Chair of the UN Forum of Mayors Bureau Closing remarks: Ms. Anh Thu Duong, Global Cities Hub</p> <p>VI. Housing related challenges Presenter: Ms./Mr. ..., UN-Habitat (TBC) Interventions by the Mayors Moderator: Ms. Susan Aitken (Glasgow), Chair of the UN Forum of Mayors Bureau Closing remarks: Ms./Mr. ..., Housing Europe (TBC)</p>	Tempus
13:15-14:45	<p>Side Event – High-Level Meeting of Mayors and Heads of International Organizations UNECE and Global Cities Hub</p>	Room TBC
SESSION FOUR		
15:00-16:45	<p>Final negotiation of the outcome document of the Forum of Mayors Moderator: Ms. Susan Aitken (Glasgow), Chair of the UN Forum of Mayors Bureau Interventions by the Mayors on the recommendations Approval and adoption of the outcome document</p>	Tempus
16:45-17:15	<p>Elections of Chairpersons for the 2026 meeting In accordance with the Forum's Terms of Reference: <i>"the next session Chairpersons will be elected by the Forum of Mayors until the end of the following session."</i></p>	

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17:15-17:45	Suggestions from the Mayors for the 2026 meeting	
17:50-18:00	Closing Ms. Susan Aitken (Glasgow), Chair of the UN Forum of Mayors Bureau Ms. Paola Deda , Director, Forests, Land and Housing Division, UNECE	
18:15-21:00	Side Event – Action-Oriented Plans for Implementing Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs) & followed by a reception Global Cities Hub	Villa Rigot
8 OCTOBER 2025		
10:00-18:00	Ministerial meeting on Housing affordability and sustainability, 86th session of the UNECE Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management	Tempus
12:30-16:00	Mayors' event at the World Economic Forum on public-private partnership for financing local innovation & Networking receptions with fellow Mayors and the private sector (by invitation only). World Economic Forum and the Global Cities Hub	WEF Headquarters