

Cities Shaping the Future

Draft programme

(as of 16 July 2025)

| DAY 1 – 6 OCTOBER 2025 | | |
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| 08:00-10:00 | Badge Accreditation | Pregny Gate |
| 08:30-09:45 | Side Event - Local Leadership in Preventing and Addressing Internal Displacement 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 | | |
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| 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: Mr. Marco Corradi, President of ACER Reggio Emilia, Member of the Board of Directors, Housing Europe</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 |