

Cities Shaping the Future

Draft programme

(as of 25 July 2025)

DAY 1 – 6 OCTOBER 2025		
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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	Mr. Mathieu Mori, Secretary General, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe Ms. Christina Kitsos, Deputy Mayor of Geneva, Ex Officio member of the 2025 Forum of Mayors Bureau, President of the Global Cities Hub Ms. Emilia Saiz, Secretary General, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)	
10:30-10:50	Keynote speech Speaker (TBC)	
10:50-11:00	Group Photo II. Adoption of the Agenda	
11:00-13:00	III. Key SDG themes under review at HLPF 2025 A. Good health and well-being (SDG 3) Presenter: Ms. Nathalie Laure Roebbel, World Health Organization (WHO) Interventions by the Mayors Moderator: Ms. Christina Kitsos, Deputy Mayor of Geneva, Ex Officio member of the 2025 Forum of Mayors Bureau, President of the Global Cities Hub Closing remarks: Mr. Diego Aulestia, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) B. Gender equality (SDG 5) Presenter: Mr./Ms. ..., UN Women (TBC) Interventions by the Mayors Moderator: Ms. Susan Aitken (Glasgow), Chair of the UN Forum of Mayors Bureau Closing remarks: Ms. Sukaina Al Nasrawi, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)	



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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	III. Key SDG themes under review at HLPF 2025 C. Decent work and economic growth (SDG 8) Presenter: Mr./Ms., International Labour Organization (TBC) Interventions by the Mayors Moderator: Mr. Eckart Würzner (Heidelberg), Vice Chair of the UN Forum of Mayors Bureau Closing remarks: Ms. Atkeyelsh Persson, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) IV. Climate Finance Mechanisms Presenter: Mr. Dario Liguti, Director, Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE Interventions by the Mayors Moderator: Mr. Gregor Macedoni (Novo Mesto), Vice Chair of the UN Forum of Mayors Bureau Closing remarks: Mr. Curt Garrigan, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)	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	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 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	Tempus
13:15-14:45	Side Event – High-Level Meeting of Mayors and Heads of International Organizations UNECE and Global Cities Hub	Room TBC
SESSION FOUR		
15:00-16:45	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	Tempus
16:45-17:15	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>	

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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