

# Cities Shaping the Future

## Draft programme

(as of 25 July 2025)

DAY1 – 6 OCTOBER 2025		
08:00-10:00	<b>Badge Accreditation</b>	Pregny Gate
08:30-09:45	<b>Side Event - Local Leadership in Preventing and Addressing Internal Displacement</b> UNHCR	H 200 H-Building
SESSION ONE		
10:00-10:30 (A3 min)	<p><b>I. Opening and Welcome</b></p> <p><i>Opening of the meeting</i></p> <p><b>Ms. Susan Aitken</b>, Chair, 2025 UN Forum of Mayors Bureau, City Leader of Glasgow Council, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland</p> <p><i>Welcoming remarks</i></p> <p><b>Ms. Tatiana Molcean</b>, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)</p> <p><i>Opening speeches</i></p> <p><b>Ms. Tatiana Valovaya</b>, Director-General, United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG)</p> <p><b>Ms. Anaclaudia Rossbach</b>, Executive Director, UN-Habitat, On behalf of Secretary-General of the United Nations</p> <p><b>Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus</b>, Director-General, World Health Organization (WHO) (tbc)</p> <p><b>Ms. Laura Thompson</b>, Assistant Director-General, International Labour Organization (ILO)</p> <p><b>Ms. Sofia Calltorp</b>, Director of the Geneva Office and Chief of Humanitarian Action, UN Women</p>	Tempus



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	<p><b>Mr. Mathieu Mori</b>, Secretary General, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe</p> <p><b>Ms. Christina Kitsos</b>, Deputy Mayor of Geneva, Ex Officio member of the 2025 Forum of Mayors Bureau, President of the Global Cities Hub</p> <p><b>Ms. Emilia Saiz</b>, Secretary General, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)</p>	
10:30-10:50	<p><b>Keynote speech</b></p> <p>Speaker (TBC)</p>	
10:50-11:00	<p><b>Group Photo</b></p> <p><b>II. Adoption of the Agenda</b></p>	
11:00-13:00	<p><b>III. Key SDG themes under review at HLPF 2025</b></p> <p><b>A. Good health and well-being (SDG3)</b></p> <p>Presenter:</p> <p><b>Ms. Nathalie Laure Roebbel</b>, World Health Organization (WHO)</p> <p><b>Interventions by the Mayors</b></p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p><b>Ms. Christina Kitsos</b>, Deputy Mayor of Geneva, Ex Officio member of the 2025 Forum of Mayors Bureau, President of the Global Cities Hub</p> <p>Closing remarks: <b>Mr. Diego Aulestia</b>, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)</p> <p><b>B. Gender equality (SDG5)</b></p> <p>Presenter:</p> <p><b>Mr./Ms. ...</b>, UN Women (TBC)</p> <p><b>Interventions by the Mayors</b></p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p><b>Ms. Susan Aitken</b> (Glasgow), Chair of the UN Forum of Mayors Bureau</p> <p>Closing remarks: <b>Ms. Sukaina Al Nasrawi</b>, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)</p>	



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13:15-14:45	<b>Side Event – Woman and Mayor: Empowering Urban Leadership for a Sustainable Future</b> UNECE and Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations in Geneva	H 200 H-Building
SESSION TWO		
15:00-18:00	<p><b>III. Key SDG themes under review at HLPF 2025</b></p> <p><b>C. Decent work and economic growth (SDG 8)</b></p> <p>Presenter: <b>Mr./Ms. ....</b>, International Labour Organization (TBC)</p> <p><b>Interventions by the Mayors</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Mr. Eckart Würzner</b> (Heidelberg), Vice Chair of the UN Forum of Mayors Bureau</p> <p>Closing remarks: <b>Ms. Atkeyelsh Persson</b>, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)</p> <p><b>IV. Climate Finance Mechanisms</b></p> <p>Presenter: <b>Mr. Dario Liguti</b>, Director, Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE</p> <p><b>Interventions by the Mayors</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Mr. Gregor Macedoni</b> (Novo Mesto), Vice Chair of the UN Forum of Mayors Bureau</p> <p>Closing remarks: <b>Mr. Curt Garrigan</b>, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)</p>	Tempus
18:15-19:45	<b>Cocktail Reception</b> By the city of Glasgow, United Kingdom	Hall 14 (TBC)
DAY2 – 7 OCTOBER 2025		
08:30-09:45	<b>Side event – Environmental Challenges for Cities</b> Global Cities Hub, UNECE and UNEP	H 200 H-Building



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SESSION THREE		
10:00-13:00	<p><b>V. Voluntary Local and Sub-national Reviews (VLRs, VSRs)</b> Presenter: <b>Ms./Mr. ...</b>, UCLG (TBC) <b>Interventions by the Mayors</b> Moderator: <b>Mr. Gregor Macedoni</b> (Novo Mesto), Vice Chair of the UN Forum of Mayors Bureau</p> <p>Closing remarks: <b>Ms. Anh Thu Duong</b>, Global Cities Hub</p> <p><b>VI. Housing related challenges</b> Presenter: <b>Ms./Mr. ...</b>, UN-Habitat (TBC) <b>Interventions by the Mayors</b> Moderator: <b>Ms. Susan Aitken</b> (Glasgow), Chair of the UN Forum of Mayors Bureau</p> <p>Closing remarks: <b>Mr. Marco Corradi</b>, President of ACER Reggio Emilia, Member of the Board of Directors, Housing Europe</p>	Tempus
13:15-14:45	<p><b>Side Event – High-Level Meeting of Mayors and Heads of International Organizations</b> UNECE and Global Cities Hub</p>	Room TBC
SESSION FOUR		
15:00-16:45	<p><b>Final negotiation of the outcome document of the Forum of Mayors</b> Moderator: <b>Ms. Susan Aitken</b> (Glasgow), Chair of the UN Forum of Mayors Bureau <b>Interventions by the Mayors on the recommendations</b> <b>Approval and adoption of the outcome document</b></p>	Tempus
16:45-17:15	<p><b>Elections of Chairpersons for the 2026 meeting</b> 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	<b>Suggestions from the Mayors for the 2026 meeting</b>	
17:50-18:00	<b>Closing</b> <b>Ms. Susan Aitken</b> (Glasgow), Chair of the UN Forum of Mayors Bureau <b>Ms. Paola Deda</b> , Director, Forests, Land and Housing Division, UNECE	
18:15-21:00	<b>Side Event – Action-Oriented Plans for Implementing Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs) &amp; followed by a reception</b> Global Cities Hub	Villa Rigot
<b>8 OCTOBER 2025</b>		
10:00-18:00	<b>Ministerial meeting on Housing affordability and sustainability, 86<sup>th</sup> session of the UNECE Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management</b>	Tempus
12:30-16:00	<b>Mayors' event at the World Economic Forum on public-private partnership for financing local innovation &amp; Networking receptions with fellow Mayors and the private sector (by invitation only).</b> World Economic Forum and the Global Cities Hub	WEF Headquarters