

A UN Forum of Mayors side event at WEF



URBAN FUTURES DIALOGUE

Organized by United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), Global Cities Hub, and World Economic Forum



FORUM OF
MAYORS 2025

PROGRAMME

12:30 - 16:00 CET, 8 October 2025

Villa Mundi, located within the World
Economic Forum Head Quarters,

In person only upon invitation



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OVERVIEW

The exclusive side event organized by the World Economic Forum focuses on how mission-oriented local governments can collaborate with the private sector to drive innovation and sustainable development at the local level. The discussion will feature leading thinkers alongside mayors and global business leaders and subject-matter experts.

By fostering dialogue on multilateral and multistakeholder cooperation, this event seeks to spotlight the pivotal role of cities in addressing some of today's most pressing global challenges – ranging from climate resilience in the built environment to sustainable access to financing and innovative approaches to construction and engineering.

The sessions will complement the broader agenda of the UN Forum of Mayors, enriching the international experience of participating mayors and reinforcing the strategic connections between cities and global institutions.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

A diverse lineup of distinguished speakers from the public sector, business, and civil society will share their perspectives on the theme “Driving Public-Private Collaboration for future-ready Cities”.

AUDIENCE

Participants at the event will represent a broad range of geographies and subnational governments, alongside key industry leaders from sectors such as real estate, finance, construction and materials production, engineering, and spatial planning. The meeting will also include representatives from international organizations, development banks, NGOs and academia, aiming at a cross-sectoral dialogue and sharing global perspective.

RSVP CONFIRMATION

This event is by invitation only. To confirm your participation or request any further information, please answer to the invitation by email you receive individually and copy charlotte.boutboul@weforum.org.

Tentative Agenda

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12:30 - 14:00 **Arrivals & Networking lunch**

14:00-14:15 **Welcome & remarks by World Economic Forum & Global Cities Hub**

14:15 -14:45 **Guest speaker presentations**

14:45 -15:45 **Strategy Sessions**

15:45 - 16:00 **Closing Remarks**

16:00 **Networking and Closing**
