

Cities Shaping the Future

Programme

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 UN Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons, UNHCR and UNDP	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. Laura Thompson , Assistant Director-General, International Labour Organization (ILO) Mr. Mathieu Mori , Secretary General, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe Ms. Christina Kitsos , Vice-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)	Tempus
10:30-10:50	Keynote speech	



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	Ms. Ruth Dreifuss, Spokesperson of the 5th meeting of UN Forum of Mayors; Former President of Switzerland and founding member of The Global Commission on Drug Policy	
	Video message Ms. Anne Hidalgo, Mayor of Paris, France	
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) Video Message: Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, World Health Organization (WHO) Presenter: Ms. Nathalie Laure Roebbel, World Health Organization (WHO) Interventions by the Mayors Co-moderators: Ms. Christina Kitsos, Vice-Mayor of Geneva, Ex Officio member of the 2025 Forum of Mayors Bureau, President of the Global Cities Hub Mr. Sebastián Sichel, Mayor of Ñuñoa, Chile Closing remarks: Mr. Diego Aulestia, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) B. Gender equality (SDG 5) Presenter: Ms. Asya Varbanova, Deputy Chief of Humanitarian Action, UN Women Interventions by the Mayors Co-moderators: Ms. Susan Aitken (Glasgow), Chair of the UN Forum of Mayors Bureau Mr. Ziad Rihani, Deputy Mayor of Amman, Jordan	

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	Closing remarks: Ms. Sukaina Al Nasrawi , Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)	
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. Jean-François Klein, Employment Policy Advisor, International Labour Organization (ILO) Interventions by the Mayors Co-moderators: Mr. Eckart Würzner (Heidelberg), Vice Chair of the UN Forum of Mayors Bureau Mr. James Njoroge Muchiri, Deputy Governor of Nairobi, Kenya 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 Co-moderators: Mr. Gregor Macedoni (Novo Mesto), Vice Chair of the UN Forum of Mayors Bureau Ms. Arlene B. Arcillas, Mayor of Santa Rosa, Philippines 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	Salle des Pas Perdus

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DAY 2 – 7 OCTOBER 2025

08:30-09:45

Side event – Cooling and Building for Urban Resilience: Local Solutions, Global Impact

Global Cities Hub, UNECE and UNEP

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SESSION THREE

10:00-13:00

Opening remarks:

Ms. Anacláudia Rossbach, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director, UN-Habitat

Civil society views: **Dr. Nelya Rakhimova**, Regional Civil Society Engagement Mechanism at UNECE (ECE- RCEM), RAD Platform e.V.

V. Housing related challenges

Presenter:

Ms. Anacláudia Rossbach, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director, UN-Habitat

Interventions by the Mayors

Moderator:

Ms. Susan Aitken (Glasgow), Chair of the UN Forum of Mayors Bureau

Closing remarks: **Ms. Sorch Edwards**, Secretary General, Housing Europe

VI. Voluntary Local and Sub-national Reviews (VLRs, VSRs)

Presenter:

Mr. Carlos Mascarell Vilar, Head of the Forum of Regions, UCLG

Interventions by the Mayors

Moderator:

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	Closing remarks: Ms. Anh Thu Duong , Co-director of Global Cities Hub	
13:15-14:45	Side Event – High-Level Meeting of Mayors and Heads of International Organizations UNECE and Global Cities Hub	Tempus
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>	
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