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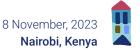
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In 2019, Member States elected Her Excellency Madame Marta Peralta Delgado, the Deputy Minister for Multilateral Affairs from the Union of the Mexican States, as the President of the United Nations Habitat Assembly. She successfully convened the first Assembly in May 2019. In the next four years, Madame Delgado continued to provide guidance, support and encouragement, helping to position the Assembly as the United Nations platform for sustainable urbanisation.

This pictorial tribute captures key moments in the first four years of the Mexican Presidency. It begins with the first session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly and is followed by important milestones in the UN-Habitat corporate calendar. Not forgetting of course, the many hours of virtual meetings during the Covid-19 pandemic whereby we continued to support cities and communities throughout the world.

Whenever possible, the President and I would share global platforms to jointly advocate for the mandate of UN-Habitat. I am particularly grateful to Madame Delgado for her support during the global observance of World Habitat Day and World Cities Day. She always have time for us. More importantly, the presence of the UN-Habitat Assembly President was most significant especially when conveying the declared actions at the World Urban Forum.

The strength of the United Nations is in its multilateral quality. The UN plays a neutral role particularly for UN-Habitat, whose mandate includes both normative and operational functions. During her presidency of the Assembly, Madame Delgado championed UN-Habitat with member states very often appealing to them to provide core funding. Her own government also made a substantial contribution and hosted World Habitat Day 2019.

In her region, the President of the Assembly, also participated in conferences and events that helped establish the UN-Habitat brand and technical support that was much appreciated by stakeholders, partners and the people we serve. This also includes platforms like the COP and the Latin America & Caribbean Habitat Summit.

Finally, I would like to use this opportunity to appreciate and thank Madame Delgado, whom I am very fortunate to call my sister, for her support throughout her tenure as the first President of the United Nations Habitat Assembly. I am also grateful that His Excellency the Honourable Ramon Falcon, who succeeded Madame Delgado as President of the Assembly in the second United Nations Habitat Assembly.

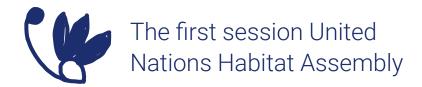
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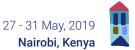
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Maimunah Mohd Sharif

Under-Secretary-General & Executive Director United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)









May 2019.

NAIROBI, KENYA



















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October 2019.

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February 2020.

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The Tenth Session of the World Urban Forum Abu Dhabi, UAE













October 2021.

LUXOR, EGYPT























Speech for the participation of the Undersecretary, Martha Delgado, on the occasion of the UN-Habitat High-Level Meeting in New York City



Vocatives

- H.E. Mr. Abdullah Shahid, President of the UN General Assembly
- H.E., Mr. Antonio Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations
- H.E., Ms. Veronika Remisová, Slovakia Deputy Prime Minister
- H.E. Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director of UN-Habitat
- H.E. Ms. Aminah Mohamed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations
- H.E., Mr. Collen Kelapile, President, ECOSOC

Message

- Thank you to the President General of the Assembly, the Secretary General, the Executive Director of UN-Habitat and the UN agencies that are with us today.
- I am encouraged by the actions and commitments presented by the Member States and by the
 representatives of all entities, at a time when our planet is facing a series of challenges such
 as the rapid urbanization experienced in different latitudes of the world and threats to planetary
 ecosystems, among others.
- The Coronavirus crisis (COVID-19) has exposed systemic inequalities and pre- existing urban problems, new vulnerabilities have been generated and hundreds of millions of people have been plunged back into poverty. In addition, the critical role of states in the provision of adequate public goods and basic services has becomeevident, the relevance of local fiscal capacity and inclusive multilevel governance has been demonstrated, and the importance of urban planning and design, the fundamental importance of the right to adequate housing, and the need to create more ecologically sustainable neighborhoods have been underscored.

- Therefore, we give special recognition to the Member States and their governmental institutions, civil
 society organizations, academia and companies that have set an example with their ideas, actions,
 agreements and alliances in the development of cities, with the main objective of ensuring that no
 one and no place is left behind.
- It is therefore important that, in order to accelerate the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, the United Nations Habitat Assembly serves as the preeminent intergovernmental platform for global urban policy.
- We must keep in mind that the cornerstone of the New Urban Agenda converges on different axes, which we must consider for the 2nd session of the Habitat assembly in June 2023, as well as to develop global urban policies on housing, urban climate action, urban crisis recovery and sustainable infrastructure financing.
- In which the objectives are clear:
 - a. Social inclusion and poverty eradication. Design solutions for improvement by cities to neighborhoods, establish housing programs for people without resources, as well as support immigrants and people with special abilities, finding a better human and urban balance.
 - b. Social, economic, and political inclusion of women in the cities. Strengthen their transcendental role in decision making, as well as equality in the family nucleus.
 - Growth of urban and inclusive prosperity. Create a sufficient level of labor, institutions, infrastructure and services that attract international investment and increase economic efficiency.
 - d. Environmental sustainability and resilience by following up on the "Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy", where more than 10,000 cities around the world have committed to reduce their carbon dioxide emissions by 24 billion tons by 2030.
 - e. Creation of a multilevel governance structure to involve the entire society in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda with a focus on the SDGs.

- f. Better planning and management of urban and territorial spatial development, as the pandemic has demonstrated that national urban policies can mobilize funds to support resilient, green and inclusive cities and generate spaces that lead to a higher quality of life.
- g. The construction of territorial mobilization plans in the cities that lead to better roads, railways, air and sea routes in order to interconnect not only cities, but also countries around the world.
- h. Use of technology in support of sustainable urban development, which facilitates human interconnection and brings us closer as a species and society in favor of human rights for men, women, children, the elderly, the LGBT community, and people with special abilities.
- i. In all of this, the participation of the Member States is necessary, without you, these objectives cannot be achieved effectively and based on the results we expect, and we must not give up on the humanitarian and economic aid that is possible.
- The effectiveness of urban financing depends on the adoption of more flexible fiscal decentralization methods and the capacity of local governments to mobilize
- endogenous resources, so that, if the various levels of government are integrated, investment in urban development will have a greater impact.
- I am committed to cooperate with UN-Habitat to achieve its core mandate, encouraging Member
 States to provide organizational and financial assistance, in which the government of Mexico
 decided to donate 3 million dollars to strengthen the programs that this agency carries out in favor of
 the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the 2030 Agenda so that more cities in the world
 can improve their practices.
- It is important that the United Nations continues to provide practical and evidence- based guidance
 on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and related dimensions of the 2030 Agenda
 for Sustainable Development in close consultation with Member States, local governments, and
 stakeholders for timely follow-up.
- And likewise, that all governments draw lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic to reorient and accelerate the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.

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- I invite you to consciously use this agenda to strengthen activities aimed at protecting our planetary ecosystems and to consider the possibility of implementing institutional mechanisms that involve local and regional governments in intergovernmental and national planning processes.
- The countries that advance transformative commitments and implement key drivers will be able to accelerate climate action, protect biodiversity and reduce pollution.
- Let us not forget that we are the only species in the world capable of evolving and transforming, in addition to having the responsibility to provide future generations with an egalitarian, balanced and sustainable urban, environmental and economic legacy.
- Thank you very much.

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April 2022.

NEW YORK, USA



























Latin america and Caribbean Habitat Summit, Guadalajara, México









August 2022.

GUADALAJARA, MÉXICO















The 2022 United Nations Climate Change Conference Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC (COP27) Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt











Speech by Undersecretary Martha Delgado at the inauguration of World Cities Day



Vocatives

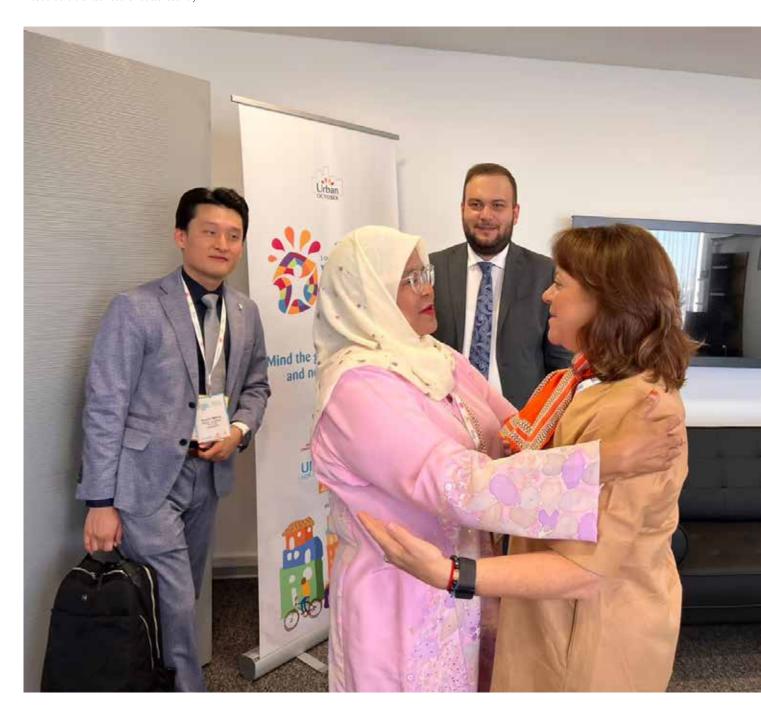
- · Hon. Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director of UN-Habitat
- Hon. Mr. Antonio Guterres, UN Secretary General
- Hon. Mr. Yang Xiong, Mayor of Shanghái, People's Republic of China
- Distinguished guests at World Cities Day

Message

- (Opening message in English) Desirable futures with present actions, is how we must act from the
 local to create scenarios that add to global urban practices. Today we celebrate World Cities Day and
 what better than a city that has been able to evolve over time, this quantum leap from the hybrid city
 to the global city, exemplifies the planning of economic development with the purpose of inserting
 the region in the world economy and allows this beautiful city to be a key node in the globalized
 market.
- I would like to thank Mr. Antonio Guterres, Secretary-General, the Executive Director of UN-Habitat, Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, the Mayor of Shanghai, Mr. Yang Xiong, as well as the Government of the People's Republic of China, for organizing and hosting one of the most important days in the global urban agenda for UN-Habitat, World Cities Day, in the People's Republic of China. Yang Xiong; as well as the Government of the People's Republic of China, for organizing and hosting one of the most important days in the global urban agenda for UN-Habitat as the World Cities Day, in which the work, discussions and agreements will be developed from virtual and face to face, following up on what was done last year in Luxor, Egypt, and in which this year the focus is "Act local to go global".

- It is important to continue to point out that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 goals offer the best framework for addressing the world's most far-reaching development challenges.
- With almost 70% of the world's population living in cities by 2050, I am not afraid to say that the future of humanity is entirely urban. As such, although we know that the current crises are global in nature; their development and major impacts have important local dimensions and repercussions.
- In most countries, local and regional governments are responsible for coordinating and delivering basic services, which are essential to ensure the well-being and development of local communities.
- Because of their proximity to and better understanding of the needs and aspirations of local
 communities, subnational governments are best positioned to represent them at national and
 international decision-making tables. Solutions and ideas to promote solidarity are provided by local
 governments themselves.
- As such, local and regional governments have been working to protect their communities even in current times that have been complicated by economic crises, pandemics, and wars, but always seeking to safeguard the most vulnerable people, working to address inequalities, providing gender-based responses and making cities more inclusive.
- Therefore, localization and action in cities on the Sustainable Development Goals will always refer to
 a process of transformation of the goals at the local level, in coherence with national frameworks and
 strategies and in accordance with the priorities of the communities. It is a two-way process in which the
 local meets the national and global, and vice versa.
- To be successful, localization must be anchored in the principles of inclusiveness, multi-stakeholder
 participation and multi-level governance. In addition to these principles, the New Urban Agenda must
 be understood and applied as an action-oriented global framework for localizing the Sustainable
 Development Goals.
- Therefore, it is important that citizens participate in the actions from their neighborhoods in order to
 permeate to other communities and replicate the good practices of water care, the regulation of public
 spaces, better schools for our children, better jobs and actions that make an evolutionary change that as
 human beings we are obliged to give, for the wellness of our planet.
- Then, since the SDGs refer to all dimensions of environmental, economic and social development, their localization implies transformative changes at many levels. However, the last 7 years of implementation have shown that local and regional governments have initiated the localization process by revising their strategic plans in light of the SDGs and integrating them into all their plans and actions.

- For this reason, we recognize the work that has been carried out in cities such as Mwanza, Tanzania; Tampere, Finland; Saint Louis, Senegal; the Greater Amman Municipality, Jordan; Bogota, Colombia and Shanghai, China itself, where from the local level they have made significant changes that have impacted not only their cities, but their countries in the implementation of projects and social programs that cover the 17 SDGs and have been reflected positively on issues of security, inclusion, economic prosperity and one of the most important issues such as combating Climate Change.
- And where I have said that from my country, Mexico continues in this transformative process of digitalization and technological innovation, creating solutions such as inclusive mobility in Nayarit, developing Smart Cities in Chihuahua, creating sustainable jobs in Sinaloa and promoting Urban Laboratories in Queretaro with the aim of promoting and fulfilling the 2030 Agenda, As well as from the Undersecretary for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights that I head, we continue to work joined with UN-Habitat in the project we are carrying out, which is "Interconnecting Smart Cities" in which we prevail that from the technological development we promote the opinions of citizens in proposals for local solutions and that this leads to better urban planning and benefits to citizens.
- UN-Habitat's work led by Ms. Sharif in localizing the SDGs has been guided by a partnership-based territorial approach anchored on the principles of leaving no one and nowhere behind, multi-level governance and multi-stakeholder partnerships.
- That is why this World Cities Day takes on great relevance in the short, medium and long term for what
 we want to build in our cities and in which it is necessary to point out that time is shortening for the year
 2030 and in which we are all obliged to give a positive account to future generations and to the world
 and that is what we want to leave our children and grandchildren as a legacy.
- We cannot forget that local actions and leadership are critical to address the current global crises and to foster sustainable recovery and development.
- Success in addressing current and future challenges and reorienting our world towards more sustainable paths will depend on increasing the capacities of local and regional governments.
- (Closing message in English) Thanks to each and everyone who constantly contributes to global actions, for this reason, it is time to close the gaps that separate us from the cities we live in with the cities we love, and the best example that explains this is the City of Shanghai, with an ancient history and culture that make it an urban melting pot. As President of the Assembly of UN-Habitat, I wish this day to be very successful for everyone, that what is expressed here, serve as local action to contribute significantly to our global environment, for more prosperous cities, let's join forces and build interconnected cities; Thank you very much.





Speech by Undersecretary Martha Delgado at the inauguration of World Habitat Day.



Vocatives

- · Hon. Ms. Sümeyye Ceylan, TRT World, Master of Ceremonies
- Hon. Mr. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director of UN-Habitat
- Hon. Mr. Antonio Guterres, UN Secretary General
- Hon. Mr. Jean Todt, Special Envoy of the Secretary General for Road Safety
- Hon. Mr. Yücel Yilmaz, Mayor of Balikesir, Turkey
- Hon. Ms. Ermine Erdoğan, First Lady of the Republic of Turkiye
- · Distinguished participants at World Habitat Day

Message

- I would like to thank the Mayor of Balikesir, Mr. Yücel Yilmaz, and Mrs. Ermine Erdogan for the
 warm welcome they have given to all of us here today on a special day, as the World Habitat Day, in
 which different representatives of the 193 Member States have gathered to discuss and to promote
 positive initiatives in favor of the world's cities.
- It is necessary, on this transcendental day, that cities and local governments continue to play a key
 role in responding to crises and emergencies, as well as in planning for an inclusive, sustainable,
 resilient, and green future. In order to prepare and rebuild urban areas for future scenarios, we
 must start with the territories. Therefore, local action and the implementation of the Sustainable
 Development Goals at the local level are more important than ever.

- The pandemic and recent conflicts have eroded years of progress in the fight against poverty, resulting in emerging more segmented, underserved and, perhaps in many territories with marginalized populations. According to UN-Habitat's World Cities Report, the number of people affected were between 119 and 124 million in 2020; and between 143 and 163 million in 2021. The fight against poverty and urban inequalities has become an urgent global priority, where we are all responsible for moving forward with clear actions towards positive results in the short term.
- This World Habitat Day takes on greater relevance and strength, as we are obliged to create new
 opportunities for prosperity for our people and it is necessary that we can move towards new
 practices, new designs of intelligent governance that bring together women, children, and men alike.
- It is important to emphasize and focus special attention on combating discrimination faced by
 vulnerable groups, including women and girls, children and youth, people with disabilities, people
 living with vulnerable health or disease, older adults, indigenous peoples and local communities,
 slum dwellers and informal settlements, street dwellers, small farmers and fishermen, refugees,
 returnees, internally displaced persons, and migrants, regardless of their migration status.
- At UN-Habitat, we have taken it upon ourselves to engage women in civic life and within
 local governments. Women's participation in governance is on the rise, especially following
 decentralization trends; women, today more than ever, are setting the tone for improvements within
 their own neighborhoods, as well as supporting and developing programs to provide other women
 with access to credit, land titles and financial resources.
- Without the formal resources to participate in the economy at large, women will not be able to
 advance their status in urban areas. We therefore call on all nations of the world to continue this hard
 work, which we have no doubt will bring the expected results and transform societies to become
 more aware of and involved with their urban environments.
- But the challenges are not over; all countries are still accountable to the commitments of the 2030
 Agenda and, therefore, I urge all participants and decision-makers to take advantage of this space,
 and the context of World Habitat Day, to continue to reflect on the results achieved, to share good
 practices with other countries, to strengthen partnerships within and outside our communities, to
 continue to sign sustainable economic treaties that promote care for the environment, to promote
 and invest in science and, above all, in science and technology, to continue to promote sustainable
 development and environmental

- care, to promote and invest in science and, above all, in the environment, strengthen alliances
 within and outside our communities, continue to sign sustainable economic treaties that promote
 environmental care, promote and invest in science and above all in local talent, supporting our young
 people, who are the heirs of what has been achieved to date.
- We must keep in mind our duty to indigenous communities, from whom we still have much to learn, as well as our obligation to preserve the flora and wildlife species, stopping uncontrolled predation and with regulations analyzed from innovation and technology; always creating a circular economy that leads to prosperity and respecting the planet earth.
- I encourage the construction of a city identity based on values of inclusion and celebration of diversity, with migrants, refugees, internally displaced persons, and ethnic minorities. To support communities and NGOs in the creation of spaces that allow for increased dialogue, intercultural encounters, and cultural celebration.
- It is also important that we continue to strengthen the significant work carried out by UN-Habitat, headed by its Executive Director, Maimunah Mohd Sharif, to whom I publicly acknowledge this task of integrating and interconnecting the world's cities, at a time when human diversity has expanded rapidly in all cities. Therefore, let us continue building and planning sustainable and egalitarian territories from the New Urban Agenda; and from my country, Mexico, I express that our position is to build, from international diplomacy and multilateralism, projects, and alliances with all the communities of the world that promote the benefits that our peoples deserve.
- Thank you.

October 2022.

BALIKESIR, TURKIYE











Intervention by Undersecretary Martha Delgado within the round table discussion: The New Urban Agenda, a road map and an instrument to help shape the new social contract, on World Habitat Day.



Vocativos

- Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director of UN-Habitat
- Ms. Christine Auclair, Head of Advocacy and Campaigns, UN-HABITAT
- Hon. Mr. Hakan Bahadir, Mayor of Bahcelievler, Turkey
- Mr. Uğur İbrahim Altay, Mayor of Konya y Co-president of CGLU
- Ms. Sri Husnaini Sofjan, Huairou Commission, Chair of the World Urban Campaign
- Mr. Mahmoud AlBurai, Middle East Cities Institute, The American University of Dubai
- Ms. Zuzanna Tatara, Secretary General, URBAN Intergroup, European Parliament
- · Prof. Siraj Sait, University of West London

Questions and Main Messages

- From your point of view, how can the New Urban Agenda serve as a roadmap and instrument to help shape the new social contract?
- On this day, I would like to thank the Mayor of Balikesir, Mr. Yucel Yilmaz, for the great reception he
 has had with the UN-Habitat community and hosting the World Habitat Day, where specialists in
 Habitat issues have gathered here to discuss, express and conjugate transcendental issues for all
 the cities of the planet.
- I want to start by expressing concretely that the New Urban Agenda offers clear definitions and
 practical applications to make the global framework more accessible and user-friendly for policy
 makers and urban practitioners; both within government and across the broad range of actors such
 as academia, civil society organizations, business, the general public and within the UN. We need a
 more practical approach to scale and accelerate our actions.

- The new social contract must be defined on the future of cities, taking into account their transformation and analyzing the economic and social fracture we are experiencing. The reflection of today's society is the tacit agreement between citizens, and today more than ever, people give up some of the most fundamental freedoms in exchange for rules, common practices, and public services. In this sense, it is necessary to adapt, transform and interconnect as a society.
- The greatest conflict to be resolved is not the new social contract, but rather the creation of an
 alliance for the human species, the prosperity of yours and mine, the agreement on revolutionizing
 the territories and generating life on the planet, that will be the Universal Social Contract.
- The New Urban Agenda, as a tool, can deepen an urban paradigm shift based on the science of cities, which establishes standards and principles for the planning, construction, development, management, and improvement of urban areas along its five main pillars: national urban policies, urban legislation and regulations, urban planning and design, territorial economics and finance, and local implementations. These will be the critical axes of transformation from traditional cities to Sustainable Cities, all accompanied by innovation, technology, and knowledge.
- The New Urban Agenda is an instrument for implementing pathways and processes towards equality and accessibility for all people, providing benefits that cities can offer. The Agenda has as a pathway for change that human settlements evolve into inclusive and "participatory" cities, promote collaboration and civic empathy; generate a sense of belonging and ownership among all their inhabitants, fostering social and intergenerational interaction, cultural expressions and political participation, as appropriate, and promote social cohesion, generating pluralistic societies, where the needs of all inhabitants are met, recognizing the specific needs of those in vulnerable situations.
- What are the key principles and drivers of change contained in the New Urban Agenda that can best guide the new social contract?
- In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the decisive role of States in the importance of the provision of appropriate public goods and basic services has become much more evident; the relevance of local fiscal capacity and multilevel and multisectoral inclusive governance has been demonstrated; the importance of urban planning and design, the fundamental importance of the right to adequate housing and the need to create, from the local level, more adequate spaces from the point of view of sustainable habitat have been underscored. This is what the New Urban Agenda encompasses and has demonstrated the capacity of human beings to be resilient and take great measures in the face of great challenges.

- That is why from my perspective as President of the UN-Habitat Assembly the drivers of change that are needed on the planet and that we must address are:
 - a. Social inclusion
 - b. The economics of technology
 - c. Food sufficiency in the territories
 - d. Production of wealth and redistribution mechanisms
 - e. Urban prosperity through regional integration
 - f. Data and the future of privacy
 - g. Education for the digital era
 - h. Environmental sustainability and urban resilience
 - i. Creation of a digital governance structure
 - j. Improved urban and territorial spatial development planning and management
- Therefore, it is important that, in order to accelerate the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, the United Nations Habitat Assembly serves as an intergovernmental platform for regional urban policy.
- The governments of the world must take citizens into account, make them part of the decisions, get them involved in their communities, invest more in training and education on waste recycling and local circular economy, build better spaces for coexistence and entertainment in the cities and above all that they are free spaces for women, men, children, seniors and people with special abilities, and it is important to emphasize that they are accessible public spaces, regardless of the social status of the people.

Can you highlight solutions that have been successful in your country/region that can help shape a new social contract?

- Mexico's foreign policy has undergone a positive transformation, as we have sought to ensure that
 cities and citizenship, with a value of inclusion and equality, predominate within our objectives.
 Today, one of the fundamental axes that Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrard has entrusted us with is
 that cities become a transversal axis inside and outside Mexico and that Civil Society Organizations,
 Academies, International Agencies, and the relationship of Local and International Governments can
 interconnect creating alliances in urban, economic, health, education, security and the fight against
 climate change.
- Specifically I can give several examples of what has been achieved from the Undersecretariat for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights which I have the honor to lead, and have been: the implementation through the project "Interconnecting Smart Cities" a model of citizen participation developed by Artificial Intelligence called "National Urban Consultation" in which has been collected from six axes such as: Mobility, Security, Quality of Life, Education, Health and Economy, important information and the opinion of my compatriots in what are the local needs of each city, in which we have implemented the "Urban Regional Forums" and local problems have been detected and in which Subnational Governments, Civil Society Organizations, Urban Specialists, Entrepreneurs and Academia have propitiated medium and long term solutions in favor of the cities.
- This has also led to the involvement of UN-Habitat to sign cooperation and advisory alliances with
 various municipalities in Mexico for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, the timely followup to the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as a major long-term agreement with the National
 Housing Fund Institution (INFONAVIT) with the aim of supporting various communities in Mexico to
 create sustainable and inclusive housing.
- I would also like to highlight The Prospective Territorial-Industrial Atlas of Mexico that identifies five strategic sectors where Mexico can strengthen its local and national value chains to integrate them into the international market: Wind energy: wind turbine manufacturing, Pharmaceuticals, Aerospace, Agro-industrial (chocolate-vanilla) and Applications of petrochemical by-products.
- Having said all this, we want Mexico to be an open country, to contribute to the Escazu and Paris
 agreements and to be able to count on social participation, transparency and access to information
 that will boost Mexico's position and exchange experiences with cities in other parts of the world.

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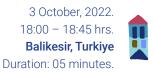








Speech by the undersecretary Martha Delgado at the closing event of World Habitat Day.



Vocatives

- Hon. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director of UN-Habitat
- Hon. Yücel Yilmaz, Mayor of Balikesir, Turkiye
- Distinguished guests to World Habitat Day

Message

- Good afternoon, I allow myself to start in my native language, which is Spanish: Todos somos el
 hábitat; lo constituye niñas, niños, jóvenes, adultos, adultos mayores; se construye cada día, se vive
 en todo momento. "El hábitat es un ecosistema que define nuestros tiempos." Es una época que
 nos exige más cómo especie humana; por ello, es fundamental que cada espacio de esta tierra sea
 próspero y lleno de acciones positivas; acciones donde el hábitat sea la unión de los pueblos y la
 guía para futuras generaciones.
- I want to thank again Mayor of Balikesir, Hon. Yücel Yilmaz, and Hon. Maimunah Mohd Sharif for the
 extraordinary accomplishment of World Habitat Day here in this great city that is Balikesir, Turkiye. A
 place where we have made different reflections, where we have received great news in the follow-up
 of our New Urban Agenda by various Member States; but above all, where we have observed great
- sources of inspiration, remarking that the correct path for our countries and for the world it is to
 continue facing from order and planning, the challenges that our territories claim and that the route
 that we are developing will lead us to a much more promising future.

- But we cannot stop here, since it is necessary to recognize that we are entering a new era, in which it is inevitable that innovation and technology play a much more transcendental role in the survival of our planet to combat Climate Change; from here, new economic models begin to govern where the hand of people, digitalization and nature converge in favor of having sustainable and inclusive spaces, in which citizen participation plays an important role in the decisions of our cities.
- I also celebrate the fact that since I assumed the honorary position of President of the Assembly, each year more countries have apprehended the important work that UN-Habitat has been conducting over the years and that the work of our Executive Director has been perceived in several parts of the planet. In addition, the role of women and youth reveal tangibles in creating much more orderly and equal territories for everyone.
- Cities are here to stay, and the future of humanity is undoubtedly urban; the evolution of the world will
 continue to urbanize in the next three decades, from 56% in 2021 to 68% in 2050. This translates into
 an increase of 2.2 million urban residents, mostly living in Africa and Asia.
- That is why UN-Habitat shares the concern and awareness of the participants in the eleventh session of the World Urban Forum, as well as on this day about continuing progress towards the SDGs and the Paris Agreement, urgently calling for increasingly transformative action; in which more people and places are at risk of being left behind. Climate and biodiversity emergencies, pandemics, violence and conflict, and other human disasters converge on cities and surrounding territories. We must be prepared and overcome these crises and it is a task that becomes a precondition to transforming towards a better urban future.
- UN-Habitat has established an Urban Initiatives Council to focus on approaches to transformational
 change and investigate examples of cities that have reached a tipping point and turned the corner by
 instituting innovative and progressive policies with planning regimes. Increasing action is no longer
 enough. COVID-19 has shown that substantial short-term change is possible, but the challenge is to
 achieve long-term and sustainable change.

- We must consider the UN-Habitat World Cities Report 2022 on the vision of the future of cities, and
 the report on pandemics that provides concrete policy recommendations to induce the necessary
 change. The participants in the eleventh session of the World Urban Forum have declared their own
 commitment and actions; For this reason, it is important that the Katowice Declarations have a
 concrete follow-up and lead to immediate results.
- From my position as Undersecretary for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights of the Government of
 Mexico and President of the Assembly, my country, Latin- American and the Caribbean will always be
 open to listening and learning from the good practices of other countries; just as we open the doors
 to the whole world to continue adding efforts in these years, before rendering accounts in the results
 of the 2030 Agenda, the work and projects in favor of our planet continue to be consolidated.
- I reiterate my great gratitude and congratulations to the government of Turkiye, for providing this venue as a place to express concerns, but then also to create ideas and projects that will provide solutions to the problems that diverge in the habitat that we are building. We will continue to be vigilant in building urban ecosystems that definitely feed the essence of UN-Habitat: bridging gaps, finding solutions to leave no one and no place behind.
- I would like to conclude by saying to all of you: La vida está en el hábitat, y este, es el medio que
 determina la relación de todas las especies y la evolución de cada ecosistema, en la medida
 que sigamos mejorándolo podremos generar un ambiente equilibrado y suficiente, el hábitat se
 establece desde lo local y nos exige los mejores resultados.
- En la cuarta revolución del conocimiento, invito y convoco a cada ser humano a mejorar cada rincón del planeta; el cambio inicia en lo individual, permítete hacerlo crecer para que se vuelva un impacto social. "Mira a tu alrededor y te darás cuenta que podemos crear un súper hábitat".
- Thank you very much.







Speech for participation of the undersecretary, Martha Delgado in the dialogue "Future Urban Economy and Finance" in the framework of WUF11

29 June, 2022 10:00 - 12:00 hrs (local time zone) Venue: **Spodek Arena** 05 minutes participation per question

Vocatives

- Ms. Edlam Abera Yemeru, Director, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
- Mr. Sanjay Kuma, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Housing
- · and Urban Affairs, Government of India
- Mr. Zami Bardirkhanov, Head of the Department of Territorial Recovery and Development, Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- Distinguished guests at the World Urban Forum 11

Greetings

In my capacity as President of the Assembly, I would like to thank the kind invitation from UN-Habitat
for allowing me to share this great space, which serves as a space for reflection and exchange of
better ideas on economic issues for Cities and the Planet. I enthusiastically greet all the attendees of
the World Urban Forum in its eleventh edition.



How can we better connect urban and economic policies and investments to achieve accelerated and inclusive economic growth? Can you share any concrete examples in this regard?

Answer:

- I think it is important to point out that before the pandemic, 55% of the world's total population
 lives in cities, which are the ones that host and support the economic income of countries;
 and therefore generate development changes in the territories. Because activities from multiple
 economic sectors converge in the city, focusing efforts to generate better infrastructure for housing,
 commerce, environment, mobility and recreation has a direct proportional impact on the generation
 and interconnection of resources, catalyzing the economic development of our cities.
- Therefore, our objective is clear: Mexico is developing cutting-edge tools to promote inclusive
 and sustainable industrial development, in which all economic progress takes into account local
 urban, social and environmental characteristics; and in which the generation of decent, prosperous
 and inclusive jobs by sector and territory is encouraged.
- Therefore, the use of information technologies applied to our cities is a determining factor in the
 creation of intelligent territories, allowing for inclusive governance, greater resource efficiency
 and decision-making based on real and current data. It was under this perspective that the
 Undersecretariat for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights, which I head, conceived the Industrial
 Territorial Prospective Atlas to attract investment and thus plan the distribution of wealth.
- In the case of our territories, every effort invested must be accompanied by a multidimensional
 vision to enable replicable and scalable results in different economic sectors, which is why
 the interconnection of information and knowledge between regions, industries, academia and
 governments is a strategy to which our actions must be directed.
- So... Why is the Atlas an example of your question? Because it begins by identifying and
 interrelating sectors with great potential for future development. However, the Atlas' vision goes
 beyond that. Its approach is also built around institutional factors of governance, environmental
 impact, urban services, innovation and education, and, I am proud to emphasize, a gender
 perspective at its core.

- That is why the application of this roadmap reaffirms the idea of leaving no one behind anywhere, so that each action in urban development catalyzes and enables others in the various sectors.
- In our case, the ambition to promote investment in the territorial development of our country, allowed
 us to identify sectors and industrial clusters present throughout Mexico, and that have potential for
 development, such as:
 - a. Wind turbine manufacturing in the northern sector of our country Development of the Pharmaceutical sector in central and pacific Mexico
 - b. Aerospace development in central and northern Mexico
 - c. Agro-industrial development, in the southeast of the country
- Thanks to this logic, the proposed industrial clusters respond to the challenges in the global value chains that the COVID-19 pandemic unleashes and contribute to the Mexican Foreign Ministry's commitment to meet the Sustainable Development Goals.



As the world economy continues to be hit by crises of enormous impact, what are the implications for cities and urbanization?

Answer:

- I would begin by emphasizing the leading role of cities in the global economic dimension, which, by concentrating more than 50% of the global population and generating scale and agglomeration effects, are a driving force for economic activities.
- Cities are characterized by their capacity for productivity, diversity and innovation; in fact, a
 spatial/temporal coincidence of urbanization processes with economic development has been
 demonstrated, since a sustainable economy is based on income, which in turn allows for urban
 development and growth.
- However, under the diverse global contexts we live in today, it is worth asking, how is the urban
 economy affected by unprecedented crises? We must take into account that the COVID-19 crisis,
 the climate crisis and its socioeconomic repercussions are also urban crises.

- Efforts to curb the spread of the pandemic and the effects of climate change, together with the
 challenges of each region, place cities at the forefront, building a collective leadership that will be
 decisive in facing the period of deep recession and economic crisis that we are entering. A period
 that will redefine crucial sectors for the urban economy, completely altering them and modifying
 the ways of life in our territories, increasing the risk of vulnerability, inequality, and poverty for the
 populations.
- Accompanied by this, today we identify the logical need to address economic recovery processes, not only minimizing the aforementioned risks, but also strengthening efforts to rethink how we should rebuild resilient and smart cities in the future.
- It is clear that for this to happen, cities will have to be able to define strategies aimed at providing
 comprehensive responses to the challenges posed by the new reality. Imposing the idea of
 prosperity as the ultimate goal of economic activity. A prosperity that, post COVID-19, cannot be
 separated from the protection of the most vulnerable and social cohesion, and even less so from the
 climate emergency.
- This vision underpins the actions of the Undersecretariat that I have the honor to lead, in which
 Mexico's multilateral vocation works to advance in the fulfillment of our country's international
 commitments, particularly the 2030 Agenda, and to ensure that its benefits reach those who need it
 most.
- So we set ourselves the task of finding methodologies that would fulfill this purpose, aware that, if they did not exist, we had to create them. We therefore decided to take two decisive steps:
- First, we promoted the creation of an economic promotion agency that would leverage the experience and reach of Mexico's extensive network of diplomatic representations around the world.
- The second major step was, of course, the conception of the Industrial Territorial Prospective
 Atlas for the attraction of investments, whose function and promotion is coordinated from our new
 Global Economic Impulse Directorate.

- In an exercise that lasted more than two years, the Mexican Foreign Ministry, with the technical
 assistance of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the United
 Nations Human Settlements Agency (UN-Habitat) generated a methodology that changes the
 paradigm of how we attract investments to the country, by adopting the economic-industrial and
 urban-territorial perspectives as pillars.
- In this way, Mexico can stimulate sustained and sustainable economic growth by promoting
 the development of new sectors in territories that already have all the ideal conditions for their
 development.
- The relationship of the Atlas with the various global sustainable development agendas is an implicit factor in its design. It was created to address Mexico's commitments in these forums and to ensure that its benefits reach those who need them most.
- However, the Atlas goes further. Linking its benefits with the country's strategic infrastructure
 projects, such as the Transisthmian Railway, whose objective is to favor world trade routes,
 seeking shorter and more efficient access routes between producers and consumers in the
 different continents, towards the North American and European markets.
- The Atlas and similar efforts are the basis of our Global Impulse strategy: to promote Mexico's
 potential in industries that strengthen our commercial interaction at the regional level and foster
 the diversification of our economy with the rest of the world.
- This confirms the complexity that modern, far-reaching economic strategies must have in order for their implementation to offer prosperity to all, and to respond to Mexico's multilateral commitments.
- I am proud to be part of this effort launched by Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrard, and therefore I
 invite you to get to know the Atlas in detail, so you will also know all that Mexico has to offer
- Thank you

June 2022.

KATOWICE, POLAND













































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The Declared Actions of the Eleventh Session of the World Urban Forum (WUF11) were introduced at the event's closing ceremony on 30 June, the culmination of five days of debate and discussion in Katowice, Poland. Announced by **H.E Madame Martha Delgado**, **President of the UN-Habitat Assembly**, the Declared Actions will carry the sustainable development agenda forward to the next World Urban Forum in Cairo, Egypt in January 2024, and beyond.

Dozens of commitments have already been received, but city planners, mayors, governments, civil society and community groups have until 31 July, 2022 to submit their actions on the Urban Agenda Platform www.urbanagendaplatform.org on the WUF11 theme of 'Transforming Our Cities for a Better Urban Future'

Reading from the introduction to the Declared Actions, Ms Delgado said that participants in WUFF11 were "concerned by the lack of progress towards the SDGs and the Paris Agreement and call for urgent transformative action".

"We need to focus on increasing the inevitable urban crises. The climate emergency, pandemics, the biodiversity crisis, other natural and man-made disasters, all converge in cities. Being prepared for and overcoming these crises becomes a precondition to transform towards a better urban future," she said, quoting the document.

The Declared Actions concluded with an appeal for greater funding for UN-Habitat, which convenes the World Urban Forum every two years and co-organizes the event with a host country and city.

At the closing ceremony, Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director of UN-Habitat, declared that the expression of interest for the Thirteenth Session of the World Urban Forum officially opened.

Previous hosts have been: Nairobi, Barcelona, Vancouver, Nanjing, Rio de Janeiro, Naples, Medellin, Kuala Lumpur and Abu Dhabi.



Katowice Declared Actions

Transforming Our Cities for a Better Urban Future

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- 2. Together, we gathered here in Katowice, Poland, to dialogue on the theme "Transforming our Cities for a Better Urban Future." Now, at the conclusion of this World Urban Forum we declare our voluntary actions and commitments for the next two years and beyond. We call for more international, multi-stakeholder and inter-generational cooperation and collective actions in support of the speedy implementation of the New Urban Agenda and to reposition the New Urban Agenda strategically as a road map for accelerating sustainable development, climate action, and building peace.
- 3. We welcome the increased use of Declared Actions from Member States and other relevant stakeholders as set out in the Annex of Declared Actions, committed to by Member States at the United Nations High-Level Meeting (April 2022) on the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda, convened by the President of the General Assembly, and in the Global Stakeholder Declaration (Nairobi, April 2022) and other global fora.
- 4. We are concerned by the lack of progress towards the SDGs and the Paris Agreement and call for urgent transformative action. We need to focus on pathways to transformative change and investigate examples of cities that have reached a tipping point and turned the corner by instituting innovative and progressive policies and planning regimes. Urban leaders must move from incrementalism and work to achieve fundamental shifts in urban environments, systems of governance and forms of habitation, in line with human rights treaties. COVID-19 has shown that substantial change is possible in the short term, but the challenge is in delivering long-term and sustainable change.

- 5. We need to focus on increasingly imminent urban crises. The climate and biodiversity emergencies, pandemics, violence and conflicts, and other natural and man-made disasters, all converge in cities and surrounding territories. Being prepared for and overcoming these crises becomes a pre-condition to transform towards a better urban future.
- 6. We welcome the use of an Urban Crises Track during WUF 11 to galvanize the exchange of knowledge and practices between stakeholders in all countries dealing with or affected by conflict and disaster, including from countries newly affected by conflict and disaster, such as Ukraine.
- 7. We, the participants of WUF 11, reconfirm that culture, as a core component of local identity including heritage, creativity and diversity, is an integral part of the solution to the challenges of urbanization, including urban crises, and to achieving the New Urban Agenda.
- 8. We recognise that WUF 11 set a new standard of accessibility, and reconfirm that accessibility and universal design are an integral part of the solution to the challenges of urbanisation, including urban crisis, and constitutes the agent of transformative action for a more equitable urban future.
- 9. We encourage all development actors gathered in Katowice to mobilize their respective capacities in this Decade of Action. We will continue to call for actions and mobilisation and track progress through a monitoring and reporting mechanism. We make an urgent appeal to all governments to better fund UN-Habitat to ensure that its elevated mandate is met by enhanced resources and capacity of UN-Habitat.
- 10. We call upon all stakeholders to continue submitting their Declared Actions for the next 30 days (till 31 July 2022) as part of the World Urban Forum 11 through the Urban Agenda Platform, highlighting the transformative nature of their commitments. The current list is as such only tentative and the Urban Agenda Platform should contain all detailed Declared Actions, aligned with the thematic areas that emerged from the High-Level Meeting on the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda in New York. We encourage participants to further develop their Declared Actions to make them measurable.
- 11. We thank the Government of Poland and the City of Katowice, and UN-Habitat for convening the Forum. And we commit to providing continuous cooperation to the next hosts, the Government of Egypt and the City of Cairo.

Katowice, 30 June 2022

Katowice Declared Actions: Transforming our Cities for a Better Urban Future





Closing Ceremony of the eleventh session of the World Urban Forum



Undersecretary for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights at the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs President of the UN-Habitat Assembly for the period 2019-2023

Mr. Prime Minister Nuno Gomes Nabiam,

Minister Grzegorz Puda,

Madam Minister Malgorzata Jarosinska-Jedynak,

Honorable Mayor Marcin Krupa,

Mr. President of ECOSOC, Your Excellency Collen Vixen Kelapile

Ministers

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen.

All participants,

Let me first start by thanking the Government and the people of Poland for being such a wonderful and gracious host.

Let me in particular thank the city of Katowice and Mayor Marcin Krupa.

Mayor Krupa, you have a lovely city.

My sister Maimunah, surely, this could have not been possible without your spirit, your zeal, your passion and your energy. We are fortunate to have you as our ED. Thank you especially, and your team, for a wonderful WUF.

It is a pleasure to see all of you here today to say goodbye to a very wonderful week.

I almost envy all of you that I only got to spend only a few days at this wonderful gathering.

You have all been great in your participation and this has made WUF 11 a magnificent and fantastic Forum

Barely a week ago, we were all scrambling to set up structures, wondering how WUF 11 is going to be and sometimes in the rush for some of us our luggages did not arrive with us but I notice it did not change anything.

Do you know why?

Because WUF is where the truth is told.

And when the truth is told, your mind is at peace and all weight is off your shoulder.

So, what we have done at this WUF is to tell the truth and let our policy makers know what we are concerned about. We hope as difficult as these concerns may be, we all, in our own individual ways, begin to take steps towards addressing some of these concerns.

In my capacity as President of the UN-Habitat Assembly, I am committed to advocate for the development of global urban policies on these priority areas of sustainable urbanization, including policies on housing, urban climate action, urban crisis recovery, and financing sustainable infrastructure.

You would recall that Member States prioritized key aspects of sustainable urbanization in New York when we participated in the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda.

I am happy to see that this message was clearly carried forward to Katowice and heard at this World Urban Forum. To accelerate the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, I will do my best as President to ensure that the United Nations Habitat Assembly serves as the preeminent intergovernmental platform for global urban policy, especially during its second session in Nairobi, Kenya in June 2023.

I hope to see you all of you there.

Excellencies

Distinguished Delegates,

It is now my distinct pleasure to introduce the "Katowice Declared Actions: Transforming Our Cities for a Better Urban future".

In the eleven declared actions that we have before us, all of you, representing vulnerable groups, international organizations, national governments, indigenous groups, local and regional governments, , people with disabilities, private sector, grassroots groups, among others, have highlighted voluntary actions and

commitments for the next two years and beyond in support of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda (NUA) in order to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in this Decade of Action.

If you allow me, I will now read paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of the Declared Actions:

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