



THE LARGEST AND MOST DIVERSIFIED
FEBRUARY

REPORT CARD

Highest and most diverse participation

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
 2018: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Cities 2030, Cities for All: Implementing the New Urban Agenda Over 35,000 participants	 2014: Medellin, Columbia Urban equity in development — Cities for Life Over 22,000 participants	 2010: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil The Right to the City: Bridging the Urban Divide Almost 13,800 participants	 2006: Vancouver, Canada Our Future: Sustainable Cities — Turning Ideas into Action Over 10,400 participants	 2012: Naples, Italy The Urban Picture Over 8,200 participants	 2008: Nanjing, China Harmonious Urbanisation: The Challenge of Balanced Territorial Development Almost 8,000 participants	 2004: Barcelona, Spain Cities: Crossroads of Cultures, Inclusiveness and Integration Over 4,300 participants	 2002: Nairobi, Kenya Sustainable Urbanisation Almost 1,200 participants



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak with delegates and guests at the opening of the forum.



The first-ever theme song for WUF9, 'Cities for All', is composed under the personal direction of Limkokwing University of Creative Technology president Tan Sri Dr Lim Kok Wing and performed by the Limkokwing International Choir.

WUF9 a big success

THE recently concluded Ninth session of the World Urban Forum (WUF9), held in Kuala Lumpur from Feb 7 to 13, holds the distinction of being the largest ever forum held in Malaysia and the world.

Organised by United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), with the Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government Ministry as the organising ministry, the forum was the largest UN conference on sustainable urban development and cities. It was themed Cities 2030, Cities for All: Implementing the New Urban Agenda.

Given the fact that 70 per cent of the world's population live in urban areas, the conference was particularly significant to discuss and come up with solutions to sustainable urban development.

A biennial event that began in 2002, this year's forum saw the highest and most diverse participation in the forum's history, with a record number of participants throughout.

There were 833 events held, with 23,458 accredited participants



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak speaking on Malaysia's efforts in managing the country's massive urban transformation.

(14,000 Malaysian) from 165 countries, including 100 ministers and deputy ministers as well as 30 UN agencies.

This was also the first forum that successfully produced a declaration, the Kuala Lumpur Declaration, which shared the participants' aspirations



China's Vice-Minister of Housing and Urban-Rural Development Ni Hong hoped to see more cooperation between Malaysia and China in the area of construction.



The delegation from the European Union, led by European Commissioner for Regional Policy, Corina Crețu, congratulated Malaysia for successfully hosting the forum.



Abu Dhabi Urban Planning Council director general Falah Al Ahbabi and the delegation from the United Arab Emirates hopes to emulate the success of WUF9 when organising WUF10, which will be held in Abu Dhabi in 2020.

WORLD URBAN FORUM EVER IN KL

7-13, 2018



Most participation

10,000
Participants and
non visitors

65
Participating
countries

90%
Malaysians
< 6,000

100
Ministers
Ministers

30
Agencies +
participants

Most productive forum

Cities 2030, Cities for All:

Implementing the New Urban Agenda

256
Invited
Speakers

1500
Open
Session
Speakers

- 833 Events
- 168 Side Events
- 142 Networking Events
- 136 Multi Programmes
- 8 Medan Pasar
- 93 Exhibitions
- 50 Training Sessions
- 39 One UN Room
- 32 Urban Library
- 29 Listen to Cities
- 23 Parallel Events
- 21 Special Sessions
- 17 Press Conference
- 17 Technical Visits
- 15 Stakeholders Roundtables
- 11 UN-Habitat in Action Planary Meetings
- 8 Dialogues
- 7 High Level Roundtables
- 6 Caucus Meetings
- 5 Assemblies
- 3 Urban Talks
- 1 Urban Journalism
- 1 Urban Cinema
- 1 Urban Run
- 1 Aerial Art



Raja Muda of Perlis Tuanku Syed Faizuddin Putra Jamalullail (second from right) with Kuala Lumpur mayor Tan Sri Amin Nordin Abdul Aziz (right), Netherland's Foreign Trade and Development Minister Sigrid Kaag (centre), and UN-Habitat executive director Maimunah Mohd Sharif (second from left) during Cycling Kuala Lumpur.



Global Ambassador for the Child Health Initiative, Zoleka Mandela at the opening session of the forum.



Newly-elected UN-Habitat executive director and former Penang Island City Council mayor Maimunah Mohd Sharif presenting her opening speech.



Prince of Wales Prince Charles, in a video message, urged participants at the forum to share and develop practical initiatives and working partnerships to make the new urban agenda a transformative reality.

The Raja Muda of Selangor, Tengku Amir Shah Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah and Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government Minister Tan Sri Noh Omar participated in the KL World Urban Run organised in conjunction with WUF9.

the future of Cities 2030 as cities for all, where no one and no place is left behind.

In his speech at the opening of the forum, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said Malaysia, with many parts of the world, faced the challenges of successfully managing a massive urban transformation, with a projected urbanisation rate of 85 per cent in 2050.

The global growth of urbanisation is expected to be in Asia and Africa, with Asia projected to have more than half of the world's megacities.

Najib outlined measures taken by Malaysia to seek a just, inclusive and sustainable society in which no Malaysian would be left behind.

"We are aided by the fact that our economic fundamentals are strong, and that the Economic Transformation Programme, put in place in 2010, has delivered 2.26 million jobs, over one million of which are high income jobs."

"The World Bank reports that the Malaysian economy is progressing from a position of strength, which puts us in a good place as we formulate our National Transformation 2050 initiative."

He said an extensive range of programmes had been put in place to provide hundreds of thousands of affordable houses, assistance to those with low incomes, cheap medical care, exemptions to the Goods and Services Tax for essential goods, training courses and initiatives, as well as incentives for businesses, especially small and medium enterprises.

Although our cities are known and loved across the globe, the government continues to ensure that Malaysians enjoy a good quality of life that is sustainable for future generations.

To this end, the government has invested in public transport projects, such as the Mass Rapid Transit and Rapid Transit System linking Singapore and Kuala Lumpur, as well as in projects such as the River of Life to clean up and beautify the Klang and Gombak rivers.

To allow the young to thrive, the government has allocated RM100 million to finance three Malaysia Youth Cities projects in Tanjung Malim, Perak; Tuaran, Sabah; and Lundu, Sarawak, to create an ecosystem for youths to develop their employability, skills and entrepreneurial edge.



Delegates from South Africa, Republic of Congo, the United States and Morocco are taken on a tour of public housing in Kuala Lumpur. Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government Ministry secretary-general Datuk Seri Mohammad Mentek is on hand to brief the delegates, who expressed their interest in Malaysia's policies and strategies in providing for affordable public housing and public waste management.

