



THE LARGEST AND MOST DIVERSIFIED WORLD URBAN FORUM EVER IN KL
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WUF9 concludes with Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Cities 2030

THE recently concluded ninth session of the World Urban Forum (WUF9) saw consensus from all participants on the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Cities 2030, a commitment to localise and scale up the implementation of the New Urban Agenda as an accelerator to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

The declaration is a call for the deployment of all efforts, means and resources available towards the operationalisation of the concept of cities for all, ensuring that all inhabitants, of present and future generations, without discrimination of any kind, are able to inhabit and produce just, safe, healthy, accessible, affordable, resilient and sustainable cities and human settlements to foster prosperity and quality of life for all.

The participants of the WUF9 generated a host of ideas and encouraged the acceleration of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda through 10 recommendations:

• **ENCOURAGE** the formulation of implementation frameworks for the New Urban Agenda at all levels, including monitoring mechanisms, providing a coordinated space for

an effective contribution from all stakeholders, aligning to the efforts and actions of the 2030 Agenda and other international, regional, national, subnational and local development frameworks.

• **SUPPORT** the creation and consolidation of inclusive platforms and agendas for dialogue among all levels of government, decision makers and stakeholders such as regional, national and local Urban Forums and committees that can strengthen policy review and assessment of impacts. These can also foster exchange of experiences and cooperation, as well as scaling up voluntary commitments and actions from all partners.

• **FURTHER** develop and advocate for integrated territorial development, which includes integration of sectoral policies, institutions and investment; integration among the different spheres of government; spatial integration across the urban-rural continuum; improved coordination across actors; and enhanced alignment of national, subnational and local policies with international agendas.

• **ADAPT** innovative and robust mechanisms for the diversification and

expansion of the means of implementation, to cater for complex and integrated approaches promoted by the New Urban Agenda. Technological innovations and improvements, research, capacity building, technical assistance and partnership development, among others, may require enhanced resourcing.

• **ADOPT** multiple collaborative governance mechanisms that actively engage national, subnational and local governments, all groups of society, including youth, women and grassroots organizations and particularly the excluded, vulnerable and disadvantaged groups. This work in solidarity is critical to promote more buy-in and co-responsibility in the activities towards sustainable urban development, and to ensure the sustainability of the results.

• **PROMOTE** multi-stakeholder constituency-based coalitions to use the implementation of the New Urban Agenda to better prevent, prepare, and respond to urban crises.

• **FOSTER** a culture of creativity and innovation to be embedded in the way cities and human settlements operate.

• **DEVELOP** monitoring and data collection mechanisms, including community generated data, to enhance availability of information and disaggregated and comparable data at city, functional urban areas and community levels. This would promote informed and evidence-based decision making and policy formulation, assessing progress and impact at all levels.

• **CREATE** an enabling environment and develop capacities for scaling up of good practices including municipal finance, sustainable private and public investments in urban development and job creation, and generating value while advancing the public good.

• **ADOPT** accessibility and universal design as core principles into national, subnational and local action plans for implementing the New Urban Agenda through inclusive, accessible and participatory processes and consultations.



WUF9 VILLAGE

MEDAN Pasar is a significant area in Kuala Lumpur. Situated strategically at the starting point of history of Kuala Lumpur City Centre, it is highly accessible by pedestrians and public transport which makes it an important place for people to engage.

The WUF9 Urban Village puts greater focus on Medan Pasar, with numerous urban interventions showcasing the city's commitment to creating better public realms for its citizens.

MICRO-HOUSING THE COMMUNAL LIVING: A SOCIAL EXPERIMENT

The idea of communal living was developed based on the spirit of sharing, a sense of neighbourliness in a community environment, similar to the Malaysian kampung lifestyle of working together and helping each other.

Communal living offers a balance of private and common spaces designed specifically to encourage community interaction.

Homes can also be designed to be environmentally friendly and residents share certain community resources, such as tools or office equipment. The residents also share outdoor spaces, such as urban garden and farm, outdoor theatre, event space, play area, and spaces for community to socialise, which is the key part of communal living. Co-working and commercial space can also be incorporated into the integrated model.

PARKLETS AND KERBLETS

Malaysians have among the highest rates of vehicle ownership in the world. This dependency has naturally translated to a significant amount of land allocation for parking spaces, particularly within urban areas.

Recently there has been an emphasis on the importance of the pedestrian and sidewalks. Part of this includes the design and installation of parklets — a small seating area or green space created as a public amenity on or alongside a pavement, often in a former roadside parking space.

They are designed to provide a public place for passers-by to relax and enjoy the atmosphere of the city around them, in places where either public open spaces are lacking or where the existing sidewalk width is not large enough to accommodate vibrant street life activities.

For WUF9, DBKL converted several street level carpark spaces into parklets and Think City supported with the conversion of one parklet and two kerblets with the hope that these will become permanent fixtures within the city.



Television personality Ras Adiba Radzi reading out the Kuala Lumpur Declaration 2030 at the closing of the WUF9.



KL mayor Tan Sri Amin Nordin Abd Aziz during the launch of the Urban Village at Medan Pasar.

#HASHTAG

The world's urban population is expected to grow by 2.5 billion by 2050, so the world needs low-carbon, resilient cities. The **GUN** is stepping up action. Details from **#WUF9** in Kuala Lumpur.

GLOBAL GOALS UN

"**#WUF9** makes clear that Accessibility forms a central role in urban development and it is fundamental to the success of the new urban agenda".

RAS ADIBA RADZI

We've enjoyed World Urban Forum 9 over the

last few days in Kuala Lumpur. Great talkative audience for our side event today on urban experimentation. Thanks to all for coming to that, and thanks to all the organisers of this gigantic event (22,000 delegates)!

SMART ECO CITIES

Thank you **@wuf9kl2018 @UNHABITAT** for a great event which has significantly enabled the connecting of many initiatives into a more focused and energetic whole.

PETER HEAD

Amazing **#WUF9** is over, thank you **@wuf-**

9kl2018 & #Malaysia for being a great host.

JO BERG

Today, more than 50% of humanity lives in cities. By 2050 it will be 70%. Developing truly sustainable cities is a MUST. Let's use the power of education, sciences, culture and communication to build **#cities4all!**

UNESCO

We're honoured to have been part of **#WUF9** alongside **@UNESCAP @eclac_un @UNESCWA @RECA_OFFICIAL @UNHABITAT** + so many others. Looking forward to carrying on the good work at **@UNECE** Regional Forum for

#SustainableDevelopment in 2 weeks.

RTPI INTERNATIONAL

Thank you Kuala Lumpur for a warm welcome and a great **#WUF9 @wuf9kl2018** Petronas Towers care of **@ArchDaily** architectural Valentine competition

NADIA BAKHURJI

Thank you **@wuf9kl2018** for a successful week of **#WUF9** discussions of building sustainable and communities for all toward the **#GlobalGoals!**

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