

## The recommendations of the Kuala Lumpur Declaration of Cities 2030

-  **Encourage** NUA implementation frameworks at all levels, including monitoring mechanisms and a coordinated space for effective contributions from all stakeholders.
-  **Support** the creation and consolidation of inclusive platforms for dialogue among all levels of government, decision makers and stakeholders to strengthen policy reviews and impact assessment.
-  Further **develop and advocate** for integrated territorial development, including integration of sectoral policies, institutions and investments, integration among the different spheres of government and spatial integration across the urban-rural continuum.
-  **Adapt** innovative mechanisms for the diversification and expansion of the means of implementation to cater for complex and integrated approaches promoted by the NUA.
-  **Adopt** collaborative governance mechanisms that actively engage all groups of society.
-  **Promote** multi-stakeholder constituency-based coalitions to use NUA implementation to better prevent, prepare for and respond to urban crises.
-  **Foster** a culture of creativity and innovation to be embedded in the way cities operate.
-  **Develop** monitoring and data collection mechanisms to enhance availability of information and promote informed decision making and policy formulation.
-  **Create** an enabling environment and develop capacities for scaling up of good practices.
-  **Adopt** accessibility and universal design as core principles in action plans.

Source: 9th World Urban Forum (WUF9) 2018

## VOICES OF THE DELEGATES

WUF9 has made an impact on delegates who came from all corners of the world.

-  **Ras Adiba Radzi@RasAdibaRadzi**  
#WUF9 makes clear that Accessibility forms a central role in urban development and it is fundamental to the success of the new urban agenda. @unHabitat @wuf9KL #WUF9
-  **Georgina Short@Climatefight**  
Reflecting on key messages from #WUF9: we need more, and more effective, partnerships, data-driven and inclusive policy-making processes, sustainable procurement and innovation to implement the #newurbanagenda and create #cities4all
-  **ADB Livable Cities@LivableCitiesAP**  
Thank you to @wuf9kl2018 for hosting this great event, and to all our partners for making our dialogues, side events, networking sessions, and training a success. Here's to building #LivableCitiesforAll! #WUF9
-  **CGLU Afrique@UCLGAfrica**  
And it's a wrap @wuf9kl2018 #WUF9! On behalf of @UCLGAfrica Secretariat, we want to congratulate @UNHABITAT team for the successful organization & for making possible for us to be in #kualalumpur where we were a rallying point for most African delegates but not only. #LocalAfrica

# TOWARDS BETTER LIVING



**Hive of activity:** Visitors flocked to the Urban Village built in Medan Pasar, Kuala Lumpur, during WUF9.

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**PETALING JAYA:** The ninth session of the World Urban Forum (WUF9) took its theme, Cities 2030, Cities for All: Implementing the New Urban Agenda (NUA), to heart.

Not only did WUF9 manage to gather the largest congregation of NUA stakeholders in the history of the WUF, it also marked the first time a declaration was made by the end of the forum's proceedings on Feb 13.

WUF9 concluded with the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Cities 2030, which acts as a show of commitment by WUF9 participants to increase the scale and localise the implementation of the NUA so that it can help accelerate the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

The declaration was presented at the closing ceremony of WUF9 in front of participants and various dignitaries.

Television personality and activist Ras Adiba Radzi and Youth delegation of Malaysia Jasmin Irisha Jim Ilham presented the declaration on behalf of all the participants.

The declaration was described as "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".

"Its adoption is supported by key enablers capable of unlocking positive transformation," the declaration stated.

A total of 10 recommendations were made in the declaration, touching on matters such as the need for dialogues between all stakeholders involved in creating sustainable and inclusive urbanisation, the need for data collecting and monitoring to enhance the decision-making processes, and the adoption of accessibility and universal design as core principles in the implementation of the NUA.

## WUF9 Urban Village

WUF9 was not confined within the grounds of the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, as an Urban Village was built to showcase how design can be used in urban interventions to create a better public realm for urban residents.

The Urban Village was built within the historical Medan Pasar area, which was chosen due to its easy accessibility by pedestrians and public transport.

One of the concepts showcased in the Urban Village was micro-housing, which reimaged what a neighbourhood could be.

Smaller, eco-friendly houses were set up amidst shared spaces such as an urban garden, an outdoor theatre and a play area.

The Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local



**Open spaces:** Kuala Lumpur mayor Tan Sri Mohd Amin Nordin Abd Aziz (in orange) visiting the Urban Village in Medan Pasar.



**Sustainable living:** A microhouse prototype set up in the Urban Village in Medan Pasar.

Government Ministry, in a statement, said the idea of communal living in urban areas was developed based on the idea of the kampung lifestyle of the past.

"It was based on the spirit of sharing and neighbourliness in a community environment, similar to the Malaysian kampung lifestyle of helping each other.

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

Residents typically make decisions together in a collaborative process," said the ministry.

Apart from shared communal spaces, co-working and commercial spaces can also be built into the integrated village model.

Another idea introduced along with the Urban Village was that of parklets and kerblents, referring to small seating areas or green spaces built on or alongside a pavement, often in a former roadside parking space, for public use.

In conjunction with WUF9, Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) converted several street level parking spaces into parklets, while Think City converted a parklet and two kerblents in the hopes that these installations would become permanent fixtures in the city.

These installations were also in line with DBKL's strategy of reducing the number of vehicles in the city centre and encouraging the use of public transport.

"They are designed to provide a public place for passers-by to relax and enjoy the atmosphere of the city, 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.

"A parklet is a low-cost intervention that takes over existing parking spaces on the street, turning them into small social spaces," said the ministry.