

World Urban Forum

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WUF Objectives

*The United Nations General Assembly in its resolution 69/226 recognizes the WUF as **the foremost global arena** for interaction among policymakers, local government leaders, non-governmental organisations and expert practitioners of **sustainable urban development and human settlements.***



Raise **awareness of sustainable urbanisation** among stakeholders and constituencies, including the general public



Improve the **collective knowledge of sustainable urbanisation** through inclusive open debates, sharing of lessons learned and the exchange of best practices and good policies



Increase **coordination and cooperation** within the **UN System** and with different **stakeholders** and constituencies for an effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the urban dimension of the SDGs



Provide **substantive and strategic inputs** from multilateral organisations, national and subnational governments and stakeholders into the **reporting** of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda

Open & inclusive gathering

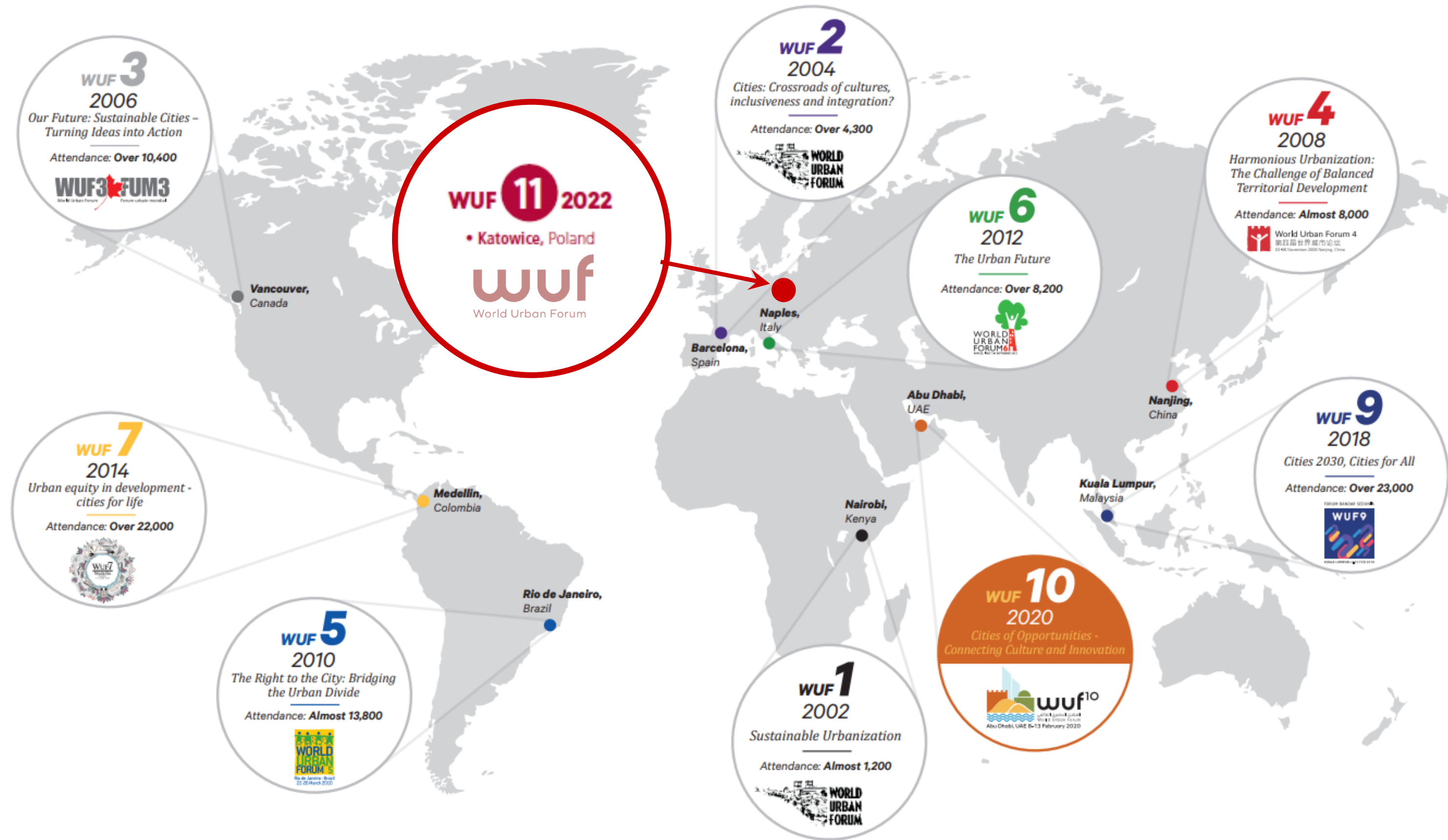
Inviting all who share the vision for better and smarter cities of the future

WUF brings together national leaders, ministers, UN representatives, women groups, mayors & governors, youth, academics, diplomats, community and business leaders, parliamentarians, local government groups, urban activists, and more.



WUF Alumni cities

- 2002 – Nairobi
- 2004 – Barcelona
- 2006 – Vancouver
- 2008 – Nanjing
- 2010 – Rio de Janeiro
- 2012 – Naples
- 2014 – Medellin
- 2016 – Habitat III
- 2018 – Kuala Lumpur
- 2020 – Abu Dhabi
- 2022 – Katowice**



CONTINUOUS ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN

Roadmap to WUF10



WUF IMPACTS

- Global platform to contribute to the **Decade of Action** for Agenda 2030 to bring up innovation, commitments and actions from a wide range of actors
- Unique role and relevance of WUF as an *inclusive platform* supporting the implementation of the **New Urban Agenda** and achievement of **SDGs**
- Raising awareness of sustainable urbanisation to catalyse transformative change in cities and human settlements so as to leave no one behind
- Provide technical and substantive inputs to the UN-Habitat **Strategic Plan 2020-2023** as a continuous learning process across the biennial cycles

ABU DHABI DECLARED ACTIONS

WUF10 began with a call to action and concluded the Abu Dhabi Declared Actions

Abu Dhabi Declared Actions bring together voluntary actions and diverse commitments by different partners and stakeholder groups in support of the New Urban Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals

Voluntary declared actions can be registered at <https://wuf.unhabitat.org/page/wuf10-declared-actions-voluntary-contributions>



LOGIN

ABOUT

ENGAGEMENT ▾

ACTION

KNOWLEDGE ▾

URBAN AGENDA COMMUNITY ▾

SEARCH



Welcome to the Urban Agenda Platform

The global platform for sharing progress, action and knowledge on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda to achieve sustainable urban development

KNOW MORE



WUF10 REPORT

The Report captures:

- Role of culture in sustainable urbanization
- Decade of Action and role of cities
- Highlights of discussions
- Call for Declare of Action
- Thematic debates - advancing together the global urban agenda through innovation, creativity and culture
- Key statistics of participation

<https://unhabitat.org/report-of-the-tenth-session-of-the-world-urban-forum>



WUF LEGACY

- Voluntary Local Reviews

Given the Voluntary Local Review Declaration, in total **17 cities** committed and signed the Voluntary Local Reviews to be presented at the United Nations High-Level Political Forum

- Launch of the WUF Alumni & Exhibition
- Cities Investment Platform
- Public Art for Abu Dhabi
- Living Legacy - Tree Planting





NATIONAL URBAN FORUM

- In the road to WUF10, **over 25 National Urban Forums** were organized for setting and monitoring **commitments** and **actions** to national urban development agendas.
- **Expert Group Meeting** on National Urban Forum to be held on 20-21 October to revisit the **objectives/expected outcomes** as an important platform for advocacy and action
- Next steps to create a **global network** of National Urban Forums connected to the **global equivalent** in the run-up to **WUF11** in Katowice, Poland

ROAD TO WUF11

- Advancing communication and coordination with Poland & Katowice to elevate WUF11 in the Decade of Action and create opportunities for **strategic engagement**
- Ongoing discussion on the **theme** of WUF11 in alignment with knowledge and priority areas of work of UN-Habitat
- Continue promoting inter-sessional advocacy – **National Urban Forums**, and **WUF Alumni**
- Continue monitoring the implementation of the **Abu Dhabi Declared Actions** and WUF10 legacy with the **Urban Agenda platform**

