



MAKE IT HAPPEN IN CITIES

Venue: Trademark Hotel
Village Market, Nairobi, Kenya

Saturday 3 June 2023

PROGRAMME

- 1:30 - 2:00 pm **Arrival of participants**
- 2:00 - 2:30 pm **OPENING: Make it Happen in Cities**
- 2:30 - 4:00 pm **The Financing and Affordability DEBATE**
- 4:00 - 4:15 pm **Networking Break**
- 4:15 - 5:45 pm **The Urban Resilience SHOWCASE**
- 5:45 - 6:30 pm **Engagement STAGE followed by Media Appreciation**
- 6:30 - 7:30 pm **Networking COCKTAIL**

OBJECTIVES

The Business Roundtable will provide an opportunity for business leaders and stakeholders to:

- Discuss the potential and benefits for cities to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in the light of pressing global issues of climate change and the need to build resilience.
- Exchange on high-impact initiatives that have the potential to accelerate progress in the SDG implementation, highlighting the critical role of private sector players, innovators, and operators in cities around the world.
- Network with business leaders and UN-Habitat experts prior to the UN-Habitat Assembly to establish synergies towards future projects.

Financing and Affordability Debate:

- Exchange on the key challenges in attracting private resources towards financing sustainable urban development.
- Explore how recovery from crises is an opportunity to accelerate the transformation towards a more resilient urban development.
- Discuss the role of catalyzing green investments towards enhancing urbanization in cities which include green housing, sustainable transportation, and other related green initiatives.

- **Exchange on affordability in a multi-crises environment to ensure the resilience of cities and communities.**

Urban Resilience Showcase:

- **Highlight innovative solutions and best practices for building resilient and sustainable cities in the face of climate change.**
- **Exchange on successful climate action initiatives, including nature-based solutions, green infrastructure, and climate-smart urban planning approaches that can enhance cities' ability to adapt to climate risks and build resilience.**
- **Discuss urban infrastructure and place-making for creating inclusive and livable cities, delving into fostering social cohesion, economic development, and environmental sustainability in urban areas.**

Engagement Stage and Media Appreciation:

- **Announce commitments to UN-Habitat initiatives and activities in front of a global audience with special recognition before the UN-Habitat Assembly.**
- **Give an opportunity to the media to highlight their role in promoting sustainable cities and communities.**

Background

The Business Leaders Roundtable is an initiative of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) to bring together top business and industry leaders from around the world to discuss ways to achieve more resilient and sustainable cities (SDG 11). In particular, it seeks to explore how the private sector can be more effective in efforts of bridging the urban infrastructure/financing gap, and scale up resilience efforts to prepare cities and communities to face current and upcoming urban challenges.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is a global plan of action to end poverty, reduce inequalities, and protect the planet. The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are an ambitious call to action on the principle of “leaving no one behind”. In a world of global crises, such as the pandemic, climate emergency, conflict, and economic recession, countries need to work to make significant progress towards the achievement of the SDGs.

What is needed is thus a new approach to multilateralism that is both inclusive and effective, meaning that countries have a role to play in achieving the SDGs, regardless of their size or wealth. It requires a shift from traditional processes of international cooperation, which were often premised on the interests of the most powerful states. Instead, it should build a broader alliance and include the private sector, civil society, member states, philanthropists, and other stakeholders. Only by doing so can we ensure that the most vulnerable countries are not further marginalized and left behind.

The roundtable will bring together private sector leaders, philanthropists, development banks, investors, member states, and UN entities, with the goal of sharing concrete solutions to closing the financing gap and scale-up urban resilience solutions by drawing on the unique perspectives and expertise of a diverse audience. It will explore ways to leverage private sector expertise and resources to support the implementation of UN-Habitat’s New Urban Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals.



THE SESSION

14H00 OPENING SESSION: MAKE IT HAPPEN IN CITIES

Moderator: Mr. Dyfed Aubrey, Inter-regional Advisor, UN-Habitat

Opening remarks

- Mr. Michal Mlynar, Deputy Executive Director, UN-Habitat

Opening Presentation 'Make it Happen in Cities with UN-Habitat'

- Mr. Neil Khor, Director a.i., External Relations, Strategy, Knowledge and Innovation

14H30 FINANCING AND AFFORDABILITY DEBATE

Moderator: Mr. Dyfed Aubrey, Inter-regional Advisor, UN-Habitat

14h30 DEBATE - Panel speakers:

- Ms. Diane Hoskins, Co-CEO of Global Architecture and design firm, Gensler
- Hon. Gladys Wanga, Governor, Homabay County, Kenya
- Mr. James Donovan, Co-founder, and CEO, ADEC Innovations and Chairman, Global CEO Alliance (GCEOA)
- Mrs. Natalia Dias, Managing Director, Capital Markets, FundRaising & Investors Relations, BNDES
- Hon. Yücel Yılmaz, Mayor, Balıkesir Metropolitan Municipality, Türkiye
- Mr. Carlos de Freitas, Co-Director, FMDV Global Fund for Cities Development, Paris

15h50: Financing and Affordability Showcase :

The City Investment Facility: Lakefront Planning and Development Initiative

- Ms. Alice Odera, Joint Lakefront Planning and Development Initiative (JLPDI)
- Ms. Konstantina Karydi, Resilient Cities Catalyst (RCC)
- Mr. Oliver Schaper, Gensler

16H00 NETWORKING BREAK

16H30 URBAN RESILIENCE SHOWCASE

Moderator: Ms. Christine Auclair, UN-Habitat

16H30 Introduction Statement

- Mr. Jean Todt, UN Special Envoy for Road Safety, President of the FIA

16H35 UN-Habitat's resilient infrastructure initiatives

- Mr. Andre Dzikus, UN-Habitat

16H45 Resilient Infrastructure showcase

16H45 Panel 1: Designing and Building Resilient Cities

- Mr. Alex Francisco, Global Programme Manager, Shelter Programme, Arcadis
- Mr. Mohit Kapoor, CEO, Bamburi Cement PLC, Holcim Group
- Mr. Othman Benjelloun-Touini, CEO, Saint-Gobain Africa
- Ms. Ticiana Rolim de Quiroz, President, Somos Um and Partner, C. Rolim Engenharia

17H20 Panel 2: Mobility, Energy, Waste

- Mr. Magnus Ståhlberg, CEO, enrouteQ
- Mr. Paulin Buregeya, CEO, COPED Group
- Ms. Lydia Theuri, Programme Manager, Yunus Environment Hub
- Mr. Charles Anyama Ogalo, Project Coordinator, WeTu Hub

17H55 Conclusion

18H00 ENGAGEMENT STAGE

Moderator: Mr. Tam Hoang, UN-Habitat

18H00 Opening remarks

- Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director, UN-Habitat

18H05 Fireside chat

- Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif and Brazilian Investor, Ms. Luiza Trajano

18h15 Partners/donors' engagement

- Mr. Jean Todt, UN Special Envoy for Road Safety and FIA President
- Mr. Kubanychbek Kasymovich Omuraliev, Secretary-General, Organisation of Turkic States
- Mr. Alex Francisco, Global Programme Manager, Shelter Programme, Arcadis
- Mr. Melih Sukru Ecertas, Board Member, Turkish Airlines
- Mr. Malcolm Couch, CEO, HBD Principe Group
- Others to be confirmed

18H30 Photo Opportunity