



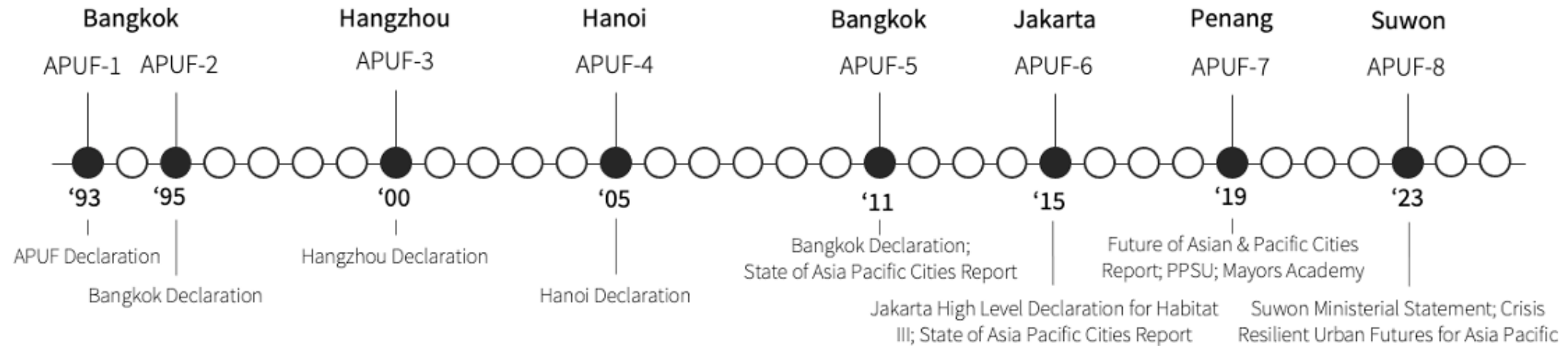
Update on preparations for the 8th Asia-Pacific Urban Forum

23-25 October 2023, Suwon, Republic of Korea

Urban-Act Output 2 Meeting
August 9 2023

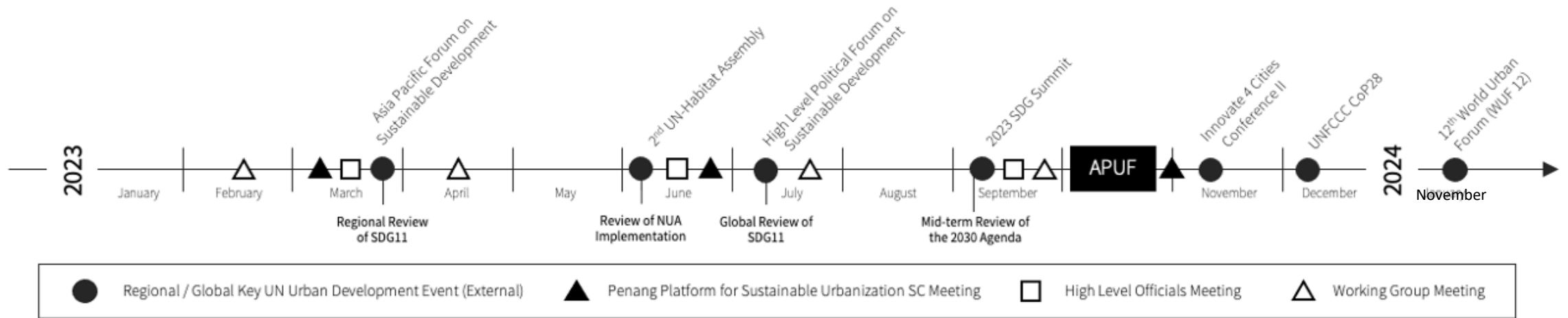
<https://apuf8.org>

30th Anniversary of Asia-Pacific Urban Forums (1993-2023)



- APUF is the longest standing regional multistakeholder urban forum globally
- Mandate: A decision from the 1994 Commission Session first agreed the Asia-Pacific Urban Forum should be convened periodically which was followed by:
- Resolution 70/12 (2014) on *Strengthening efforts on human settlements and sustainable urban development for the Asia-Pacific region*
- Resolution 79/7 (2023) on *Advancing regional cooperation for sustainable urban development and localization of the Sustainable Development Goals in Asia and the Pacific*

Alignment with key events and urban processes, 2023-2024



- ***Outcomes of Subregional urban forums (i.e. Pacific) and national urban forums (Philippines, Lao PDR, etc.) to feed into APUF-8***
- ***SDG 11 under review globally in 2023***
- ***12th World Urban Forum and Summit of the Future in 2024***

APUF-8

Themes and four tracks

Reforging Post-pandemic Pathways to
Sustainable Urban Development

Urban and
Territorial
Planning

Inclusive Urban
Digitalization

City Climate
Action

Urban Finance



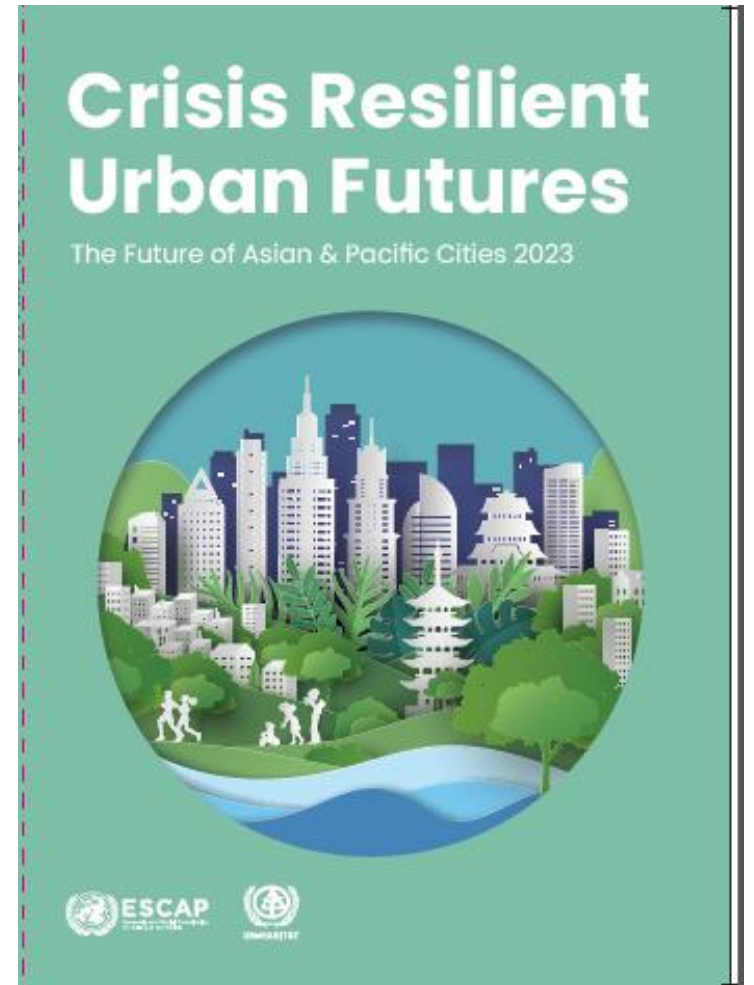
Programme at a glance

	22 October 2023 Sunday	23 October 2023 Monday (Day 1)	24 October 2023 Tuesday (Day 2)	25 October 2023 Wednesday (Day 3)	26 October 2023 Thursday	
07:00	Registration Associated Event: Stakeholder Assemblies on - Business - Grassroots - Local Government - Women - Youth Exhibition set up	Registration				
09:00-10:30		Opening Session and Launch of Flagship Report	Plenary High-Level Panel 2 (City Climate Action)	Plenary High-Level Panel 4 (Urban Finance)		
10:30-11:00		Exhibition Opening	Networking Break	Networking Break		
11:00-12:30		Plenary High-Level Panel 1 (Urban and Territorial Planning)	Parallel Sessions 2 (City Climate Action)	Parallel Sessions 4 (Urban Finance)		
12:30-13:30		ESCAP-MoLIT VIP Lunch (by invitation) Lunch / Exhibition Events	Lunch / Exhibition Events	Lunch / Exhibition Events	Associated Event: Asia-Pacific Housing Forum	
13:30-15:00		Parallel Sessions 1 (Urban and Territorial Planning)	Plenary High-Level Panel 3 (Inclusive Urban Digitalization)	SDG City Awards, Voluntary Commitments, Declaration and Closing Session	Site visits	
15:00-15:30		Networking Break	Networking Break		Exhibition tear down	
15:30-17:00		High-level Session (open to ministers and senior officials)	Parallel Sessions 1 con.	Parallel Sessions 3 (Inclusive Urban Digitalization)	Exhibition Events	
17:00-18:00		Exhibition Events	Exhibition Events			
18:00		Suwon City Gala Dinner (by Invitation)		Social events	Social events	



Focus and Expected Outcomes

- **Engaging diverse stakeholders: A High-Level segment of ministers and senior officials** responsible for urban portfolios; **five stakeholder assembly** sessions for local and regional governments, civil society, women, youth and business
- **ESCAP / UN-Habitat flagship report**, 'Crisis Resilient Urban Futures for Asia and the Pacific'
- **Voluntary commitments of stakeholders** on sustainable urban development
- **Regional messages** to upcoming milestones in 2024: 12th World Urban Forum, APFSD11 and CED-8
- **Strengthening the existing platforms** in support of localization of SDGs



Participation and Associated events

Over 35 high level speakers confirmed, including ministers, mayors, governors and CEOs

2,000 + participants in Suwon
919 international registrations (as of 15 Aug)

49 parallel sessions (i.e. side events) – applications received from over 35 organisations

Over 15 organisations have applied to host exhibition booths in the 'urban solutions space'

Associated events being organized: stakeholder assemblies for local governments, women, grassroots, youth and business; 9th Asia-Pacific Housing Forum; CityNet Executive Committee

SUWON | 23-25 OCTOBER 2023



Asia-Pacific Urban Forum 8

<https://apuf8.org>