



85th session of the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management
Item 4: Matters arising since the last Committee session

**Recent developments in the United Nations and
the Economic Commission for Europe**
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on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management

Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the ECE Region (Geneva, 13-14 March 2024)

Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the Economic Commission for Europe region in times of multiple crises:

The effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions



- High-level policy dialogue; Peer learning round-tables and side-events
- **VNR-VSR-VLR Studio: Unveiling Best Practices for Multilevel Governance in Localizing SDGs**
- Hybrid side event organized by UNECE in cooperation with UN DESA, UN-Habitat, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)
- Updates on VLRs and Practical examples (Bonn, Praga, Tbilisi), Promotion of data-driven dialogue; and multilevel collaboration

High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (New York, 8-17 July 2024)

Reinforcing Agenda 2030 and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crisis



- How does the Forum of Mayors contribute to transforming global governance and reinvigorating the multilateral system?
- Event co-organized by Global Cities Hub and UNECE, hosted by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland



Summit of the Future (New York, 22- 24 September 2024)

Adoption of the “Pact of the
Future”



**Summit of
the Future**

Our Common Agenda

- **Forum of Mayors, 4th meeting, «Cities Summit of the Future» (Geneva, 30 September – 1 October 2024)**
- Highlighted cities’ role and commitment in implementing the Pact
 - Statements by city leaders
 - Adoption of an outcome statement
- **Decision on Forum of Mayors’ mandate and revised ToR**
 - Emphasizes the Pact’s action 55(e)

12th World Urban Forum

(Cairo, 4-8 November 2024)

*It All Starts at Home:
Local Actions for Sustainable Cities
and Communities*



Side events

- Global launches of VLRs for Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan), Dushanbe (Tajikistan) and Niš (Serbia).
- “Financing strategies to strengthen urban economic resilience for inclusive responses to and recovery from crisis”
- “Ukraine Path to Recovery, Economic Growth and Housing Reformation in Kharkiv and Mykolaiv”
- “Mapping the Way Forward Urban Cadastre Development Integral to Ukraine’s Reconstruction”
- “Multilateral city diplomacy in crisis situations: improving multilevel governance”
- ONE UN Event “United for Quality of Life in Cities: An Inter-regional Approach,”

2024 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP29) (Baku, 11-22 November 2024)

In Solidarity for a Green World.

*- UNECE Executive Secretary will attend
several city-related events*



Open-Ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Adequate Housing for All (1st meeting, Nairobi, 9–11 December 2024)

- **Inputs for a background document on 29 UNECE housing related deliverables and their financing (2020-2025):**
 - Country profiles
 - Key guidance documents/publications (Housing2030, Regional Action plan, Green financing principles, etc.)
 - Survey on housing affordability
 - Urban development and economic resilience projects
 - Recommendations and declarations of the Forum of Mayors
 - Smart sustainable cities profiles
 - Etc.



Preparations for the 71st UNECE Commission session (Geneva, 9-10 April 2025)



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CLIMATE ACTION AND RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE
FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

- High-level theme: *“Climate action and resilient infrastructure for a sustainable future”*
 - High level dialogue, roundtables, a high-level statement
- Report on activities on 70th session theme: *“Digital and green transformations for sustainable development in the UNECE region”*
- Decisions related to sectoral committees, incl. on additional resources for the Forum of Mayors



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