

The H22 +50 Session and Dialogue of Eminent Experts on smart, sustainable, and inclusive cities

31 May and 1 June 2022, Tuesday and Wednesday

Venue:

31 May: Clarion Hotel SeaU, Kungsgatan 1, 252 21 Helsingborg

1 June: Elite Hotel Marina Plaza, Kungstorget 6, 252 24 Helsingborg

Language: English

Format: participation in-person and online

Registration required: Please register on the UNECE website at <https://unece.org/info/Housing-and-Land-Management/events/365622>

31 May 2022, Tuesday, from 09:00 to 15:00 Central European Time (CET) Stockholm

Introduction

The **H22 +50 Session** will focus on partnerships for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): how cities engage with national governments and other key stakeholders, including private sector, civil society and academia, in their efforts to accelerate the achievement of the SDGs.

Moderator for the whole session: Lydia Capolicchio, Journalist, Stockholm, Sweden

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| <p>9:00-9:20</p> | <p>Opening and welcome Welcome and objectives of the H22 +50 Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Danielsson, Mayor of Helsingborg, Sweden • Matilda Ernkrans, Minister for International Development Cooperation of Sweden • Gulnara Roll, Regional Adviser, Forests, Land and Housing Division at the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), Geneva, Switzerland |
| <p>9:20–9:30</p> | <p>Special keynote</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ihor Korkhovi, Deputy Minister for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine on European Integration (online) |
| <p>9:30-10:00</p> | <p>Keynote address “Prospects for achieving the SDG 17 “Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development” through innovative partnerships” the keynote follow up the Interactive session organized by Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fedra Vanhuyse, Head of Division, Societies, Climate and Policy Support at Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI), Stockholm, Sweden |
| <p>10:00-10:40</p> | <p>Session 1: The role of the private sector in achieving the SDGs What are the experiences in the private sector supporting cities in implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and what is demanded from cities to ensure? What are the examples, key challenges and good practices? What</p> |

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| | <p>are the recipes to form effective partnerships on a local level? What is demanded from the cities?</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesper Brodin, CEO, Ikea, Delft, Netherlands • Karin Ebbinghaus, CEO, Elonroad, Skåne, Sweden • Tomer Shalit, CPO and Founder, Climateview, Stockholm, Sweden <p>Discussion</p> |
| <p>10:40-11:00</p> | <p>Coffee Break (in the room)</p> |
| <p>11:00-11:50</p> | <p>Session 2: The role of the civil society in achieving the SDGs The role of the civil society in promoting achieving the SDGs at city level: what are the examples, key challenges and good practices?</p> <p>Contributors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noura Berrouba, President, National Council of Swedish Youth Organisations • Lotta Nummelin, Bärkraft Ax, Åland • Joel Ahlgren, Programme Director Sustainable Cities, Think Tank Global Challenge, Sweden • Ola Mattsson, Growth Director Save the children Sweden <p>Discussion</p> |
| <p>11:50-13:00</p> | <p>Lunch break</p> |
| <p>13.00–13:20</p> | <p>Summary of mornings discussion of setting the scene for the afternoon Lydia Capolicchio, Journalist, Stockholm, Sweden</p> |
| <p>13:20-14:20</p> | <p>Session 3: The role of international organizations in promoting partnerships for achieving the SDGs How do the UN agencies work to strengthen and enable multi-stakeholder engagement to support governments efforts to achieve the SDGs? What are the examples, key challenges and good practices?</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mario Samaja, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Paraguay • Gulnara Roll, Regional Adviser, Forests, Land and Housing Division at the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), Geneva, Switzerland |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carol Pollack, Inter-Regional Adviser for Implementation and Review of SDGs, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), New York City, United States • Shipra Narang Suri, Chief of Branch, Programme, Global Solutions Division at the UN-Habitat, Nairobi, Kenya Shipra <p>Discussion</p> |
| 14:20-15:00 | <p><u>Session 4: The role of cities in achieving the SDGs</u></p> <p>What are the cities' approaches to engaging stakeholders and partners into implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development? What are the examples, key challenges and good practices? What do we take with us from today's discussion. Connect this with #MayorsAction #MyAction</p> <p><u>Panellists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Klaus Luger, Mayor of Linz, Austria • Vladimir Svet, Vice Mayor of Tallinn, Estonia <p>Discussion</p> |
| 15:00-15:15 | <p><u>Conclusions and next steps towards the 2022 UN High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gulnara Roll, Regional Adviser, Forests, Land and Housing Division at the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), Geneva, Switzerland • Carol Pollack, Inter-Regional Adviser for Implementation and Review of SDGs, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), New York City, United States • Peter Danielsson, Mayor of Helsingborg, Sweden |

Agenda

Dialogue of Eminent Experts on smart, sustainable, and inclusive cities

1 June 2022, Wednesday, from 09:00 to 12:45 CET/Stockholm time

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| <p>Introduction</p> <p>The Dialogue will provide a platform for leading experts from different cities, countries and sectors; including representatives of international organizations, to discuss effective innovative approaches to accelerate achieving the SDGs at the city level, including those related to data collection and analysis, governance, city engagement and fostering innovative urban financing.</p> | |
| 09:00-09:10 | <p>Opening and Welcome</p> <p>Welcome and objectives of the Dialogue Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gulnara Roll, Regional Adviser, Forests, Land and Housing Division at the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), Geneva, Switzerland • Mikael Kipowski, Development Director at City of Helsingborg, Sweden |
| 09:10-10:00 | <p>Session 1: VLRs-VNRs: experiences of national and local governments in promoting vertical coordination and cross-sectoral cooperation – benefits and challenges</p> <p>Moderator: Åsa Ström Hildestrand, Head of Communications Nordregio and Project Manager Agenda 2030 in Nordic cities and regions</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daryna Mendela, Head of the Communication Programme at the City Institute in Lviv, Ukraine • Tove Andréasson Derner, Project Coordinator, Think Tank Global Challenge, Stockholm, Sweden • Line Vind, Chief Consultant at Gladsaxe Kommune, Denmark • Melisa Gorondy-Novak, Director General of Articulation and Institutional Affairs of the Ministry of Coordination, Provincial Government of Cordoba, Argentina • Munyaradzi Motsi, Ministry of Local Government, Public Works and National Housing, Zimbabwe <p>Discussion</p> |
| 10:00-11:00 | <p>Session 2: Evidence-based approaches to developing the VLRs: how data and knowledge are used for the development of the VLRs and review of achieving the SDGs at city level.</p> <p>Moderator: Spiro Pollalis, Head of Zofnass Programme, Harvard University, Cambridge, USA</p> <p>Panellists:</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ville Taajamaa, Project Manager - VLR protocol & SDG work, The City of Espoo, Finland • Jacob Wisén, Project Manager at Research Institute of Sweden (RISE), Skåne, Sweden • Alice Siragusa, Project Leader Joint Research Centre, European Commission, Seville, Spain • Juan Valle Robles, Consultant on urban planning and housing policy at the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), Madrid, Spain • Shipra Narang Suri, Chief of Branch, Programme, Global Solutions Division at the UN-Habitat, Nairobi, Kenya <p>Discussion</p> |
| 11:00-11:30 | Coffee break |
| 11:30-12:30 | <p>Session 3: Raising citizen awareness about the SDGs, engaging communities, women and youth for more inclusive cities</p> <p>Moderator: Åsa Ström Hildestrand, Head of Communications Nordregio and Project Manager Agenda 2030 in Nordic cities and regions</p> <p>Panellists: Presentations of concrete case studies and projects by URBACT and others.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Krista Kampus, Head European Union and International Cooperation Executive, and Director European Green Capital, Tallinn, Estonia • Lisbeth Iversen, Senior Advisor, Leader of the inclusive city strategy “With a heart for Arendal”, Norway • Lamin Kunjabi, focal person for the preparation of VLRs, Kuntaur Area Council, Gambia • Tove Levonen, Project Manager and Her City Focal Point at Think Tank Global Challenge, Stockholm, Stockholm, Sweden <p>Discussion</p> |
| 12:30-12:45 | <p>Conclusions and next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gulnara Roll, Regional Adviser, Forests, Land and Housing Division at the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), Geneva, Switzerland • Åsa Bjerling, International Relations H22 City Expo, Helsingborg, Sweden |

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