

Sustainable Development Goal 11

*An Expert Group Meeting in preparation for HLPF
2023: Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus
disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the
2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels
Bilbao, Spain, 8-9 February 2023*

Programme

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Wednesday 8 February	
14:30 – 14:45	Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Lotta Tähtinen, Chief, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs• Mr. Raf Tuts, Director, Global Solutions Division, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (online)• Ms. Francine Pickup, Deputy Director, Bureau of Policy and Programme, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) (online)• Representative of the Basque Government
14:45 – 15:30	From 2018 to 2023 – overview of the review process and key trends <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Riina Jussila, Sustainable Development Officer, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)• Mr. Robert Ndugwa, Head, Global Urban Observatory (GUO) Unit, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) <p><i>Rapid fire updates from the Regional Commissions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Curt Garrigan, Chief, Sustainable Urban Development Section, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.• Ms. Gulnara Roll, Secretary to the Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)• Ms. Neda Jafar, Head, Statistical Policies and Coordination United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)• Ms. Angela Kiconco, Statistician, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)• Ms. Georgina Alcantar, Chief, Environment and Climate Change Statistics Unit, United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) (online)

15:30 – 17:00	<p>Tackling intersecting crises – navigating the new world</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Minerva Novero, Global Policy Specialist on Local Governance and Digital Solutions, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Eeva Furman, Finnish National Commission on Sustainable Development • Mr. Puvendra Akkiah, IDP Manager, eThekweni Municipality • Ms. Monika Kuffer, Associated Professor, Faculty of Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation, University of Twente (online) • Ms. Claudia Mahler, Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons of the United Nations Human Rights Council (online) <p><i>Key questions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How has the COVID-19 pandemic impacted progress towards SDG 11? - How can cities navigate the intersecting challenges of pandemics, conflict, impact of climate change, inequality and other challenges? - What are the best tools for building local resilience?
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Thursday 9 February

09:00 – 9:45	<p>Building on other processes – key messages from the World Urban Forum 11</p> <p>Moderator: Ms Edlam Yemeru, Chief, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Jane Katz, Global Urban Development (online) • Mr. Dennis Mwamati, World Urban Forum Team, UN-Habitat (online) • Ms. Olena Ovchynnikova, Technical Officer, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) • Ms. Sharon Gil, Cities Unit, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) (online) <p><i>Key questions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How can the 2023 HLPF review of SDG 11 build on the outcome of WUF11? - What other events, such as the UN 2023 Water Conference, can be leveraged?
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09:45 – 10:15	<p>Building on other processes – SDG 11 and the Science, Technology and Innovation Forum (STI Forum)</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Lotta Tähtinen, Chief, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Anita Gurumurthy, Founding member and Executive Director, IT for Change (online) • Mr. Huadong Guo, Chairman of Academic Committee, Institute of Remote Sensing and Digital Earth, Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), Director-General of the International Research Center of Big Data for Sustainable Development Goals (online) <p><i>Key questions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What messages regarding the SDG 11 should be highlighted at the upcoming Multi-Stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs? - How can science, technology and innovation best accelerate progress towards SDG 11? What are some of the main gaps and opportunities?
10:15 – 11:15	<p>Maximizing the impact of Voluntary Local Reviews</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Shipra Narang Suri, Chief, • United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Stefano Marta, Coordinator, A Territorial Approach to SDGs, OECD • Ms. Ntombizami Ncube, City Planner, Victoria Falls City Council, Zimbabwe (online) • Ms. Carol, Pollack, Inter-Regional Advisor, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) (online) <p><i>Key questions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are some of the key messages arising from the Voluntary Local Reviews? - How can we use the VLRs of early-adopter cities to catalyze global impacts? - How can the VLRs contribute to national planning and budgeting?
11:15 – 11:30	<p>Coffee break</p>
11:30 – 13:00	<p>Assessing progress since 2018 – breakout groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Breakout Group A: (with online participation possible)</i> Transforming urban planning and disaster management to fit the new normal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Michele Melchiorri, Disaster Risk Management Unit, European Commission's Joint Research Centre

	<p>- Mr. Ronald Jackson, Head, Disaster Risk Reduction and Recovery Team (DRT) for Building Resilience, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Breakout Group B:</i> Enhancing the quality of life of urban dwellers and tackling inequalities <p>- Mr. Hannes Lagrelius, Programme Officer, World Blind Union</p> <p>- Mr. Stephen Devereux, Institute of Development Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Breakout Group C:</i> Seeking diverse funding sources, capacity development and other support to expedite the recovery <p>- Ms. Anna Calvete, Research Officer, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)</p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Benefitting from the interlinkages and managing trade-offs– breakout groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Breakout Group D:</i> Cities ensuring access to clean water and sanitation <p>- Mr. Abishek Narayan, PostDoctoral Researcher, Department of Sanitation, Water and Solid Waste for Development, Eawag – Swiss Federal Institute of Aquatic Science and Technology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Breakout Group E: (with online participation possible)</i> Cities ensuring access to sustainable energy <p>- Ms. Hend Yaqoob, REN21 Network Secretariat</p> <p>- Mr. Christopher Dekki, Director, Global Advocacy and Engagement, SLOCAT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Breakout Group F:</i> Cities developing resilient infrastructure and supporting sustainable industries <p>- Mr. Hassan Radoine, Professor, Director of the School of Architecture, Planning and Design, Mohammed VI Polytechnic University</p> <p>- Mr. Robert Krueger, Professor, Head of Social Science and Policy Studies Department, Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI)</p>

15:30 – 16:15	Key messages to the HLPF Moderator: Ms. Riina Jussila, Sustainable Development Officer, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) Report back in the plenary <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rapporteurs from each of the breakout groups (3 mins each) Open discussion
16:15 – 16:30	Closing of the workshop Short closing remarks by representatives of DESA, UN-Habitat and UNDP
