



## **Voices from Cities events**

Central to any transformation strategy for an established or emerging urban human settlement is the strong and enthusiastic participation of the most valuable constituents in debate around sustainable urbanization: those who represent city residents at the association or local government levels. Whether in governance or a grassroots or community representative, whether a public service union or a private sector entrepreneur, it's those Voices from Cities that we are aiming to value and celebrate through these series of events.

The ultimate goal of these events is to foster wide-ranging and broad discussion about the challenges confronting cities and the home-grown solutions to resolve them, and how those solutions can be adapted and tailored to a multitude of urban environments. All these events will aim to support city to city collaboration both now and for the future as we accelerate momentum towards the Sustainable Development Goals through the lens of the New Urban Agenda.

Each Voices from Cities event will last 1.5 hours and can accommodate up to 100 people. Hosts can draw on technical support that includes audio visual equipment, projectors, laptops and presentation screens. Additional costs are assessed for interpretation.

Eligible organisations are encouraged to align their applications to the WUF11 theme: Transforming Cities for a Sustainable Urban Future, and to one of the six dialogue sub-themes. Transforming our Cities for a Better Urban Future, and to one of the six dialogue sub-themes. For more information about the context and thematic approach of WUF11, click [HERE](#).

To foster collaboration and shared experience, we encourage event organisers to identify co-hosts to include in your applications. If two applications are similar, we may suggest a collaboration to ensure a broad spectrum of partnerships among stakeholders for networking and other events.

To apply online, please register first and find the link within your profile dashboard. Application deadline for Voices from Cities events is 7 March 2022. Incomplete applications or applications in any language other than English will not be considered. Successful applicants will be notified from 30 March 2022 onwards.

An independent panel will assess each application based on the following criteria:

- Thematic link and relevance to the WUF11 theme or dialogues
- Intended aim and outcomes of the event, applying results-based management approach
- Quality of the proposal in terms of event content
- Innovation in outreach/mobilisation strategy to promote attendance
- Past organisational experience at WUF
- Inclusivity and gender balance among organising entities and panelists

All costs associated with Voices from Cities events will be borne by event organising entities. Event organisers will be required to self-report on the event to UN-Habitat within a month after the end of WUF11.

For questions or clarifications, please write an email to the WUF11 organisers at [unhabitat-wuf@un.org](mailto:unhabitat-wuf@un.org).