

15th Annual Session of the Global Forum on Human Settlements: Sustainable Cities and Human Settlements (GFHS 2020)

**Theme: Post-Pandemic Recovery and Transformation:
Resilient Cities, Healthy Planet**

15–16 October, 2020

Tentative Programme

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Day 1: Thursday, 15 October 2020

Time (CET)	Main activity	Leading Organization
08:30–09:30	Opening Session	GFHS, etc.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury, Chairman of GFHS, Former UN Under-Secretary-General and High Representative ◆ Prof. Petteri Taalas, Secretary General, World Meteorological Organization ◆ Malcolm Johnson, Deputy Secretary General, International Telecommunication Union ◆ Dr. Shamshad Akhtar, former UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific ◆ Dr. Bambang Susantono, Vice President for Knowledge Management & Sustainable Development, Asian Development Bank 	

09:35–11:05	<p style="text-align: center;">Keynote speech</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Preserving and sustainably managing biodiversity and guaranteeing ecological security</p>	GFHS IUCN
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ ZHANG Xinsheng, President, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) ◆ Marco Lambertini, Director General, WWF International ◆ Haifeng Lu, Secretary General, Global Forum on Human Settlements (GFHS) ◆ Chen Jiakuan, Distinguished Professor of Fudan University, Member of China National Committee for International Union of Biological Sciences (IUBS), Director of Shanghai Ecological Conservation Redline Expert Committee ◆ Dr. Josef Settele, Research Scientist, Department of Community Ecology Helmholtz-Centre for Environmental Research - UFZ 	
11:10–12:40	<p style="text-align: center;">High-level Dialogue</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Building urban resilience to climate change</p>	ESCAP
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Anna Davies, Professor of Geography, Environment and Society, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland, Governing Board Member, International Science Council ◆ Prof. Jürg Luterbacher, Director, Science & Innovation, and Chief Scientist, World Meteorological Organization (WMO) ◆ Paola Deda, Director, Forests, Land and Housing Division, UNECE ◆ Loretta Hieber-Girardet, Chief for the Asia-Pacific region at the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) ◆ Dato' Nor Hisham Ahmad Dahlan, Mayor, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia ◆ Cllr Susan Aitken, Leader of Glasgow City Council, United Kingdom 	
13:30–15:00hrs	<p>Thematic Forum 1A: Using international standards to build smart sustainable cities and tackle climate change</p>	ITU

13:30–15:00	<p>Thematic Forum 1B: Blue economy and healthy ocean</p> <p>Welcome and Introduction Antonella Vassallo, Managing Director, IOI – Panel Moderator</p> <p>Beyond COVID-19 and the Challenges to Coastal Cities Awni Behnam; Honorary President, International Ocean Institute; Malta</p> <p>Blue Economy Business and Investment Leadership for Sustainable, Resilient Cities and a Healthy Ocean Paul Holthus; Founder, World Ocean Council (WOC)</p> <p>Coastal Tourism, impacts on Vulnerable Populations and Options for Recovery David Vivas Eugui; Legal Officer, UNCTAD, Claudia Contreras; Economic Affairs Officer, UNCTAD,</p> <p>Aligning the Sustainable Development Goals to the Small-Scale Fisheries Guidelines for Coastal Communities Alicia Said; Director for Fisheries, Ministry for Fisheries, Agriculture and Animal Rights, Malta</p> <p>Why should Financial Institutions care about a Healthy Ocean? Denis Fritsch; Member of the Secretariat and Coordinator, UNEP FI Sustainable Blue Economy Finance Initiative</p> <p>Q&A</p>	<p>UNCTAD IOI WOC UNEP-FI</p>
15:05–16:35	<p>Thematic Forum 2A: Financing for resilient urban infrastructure</p>	<p>UNEP-FI</p>
	<p>Thematic Forum 2B: Energy-efficient and sustainable housing</p>	<p>ECE</p>

Day 2: Friday, 16 October 2020

Time (CET)	Main Activity	Leading Organization
08:30 – 10:00	Thematic Forum 3A: Integrated climate, hydrology and environment services for sustainable cities	WMO
	Thematic Forum 3B: International Green Model City Initiative: inclusive, resilient, and smart cities	GFHS
10:05 – 11:35	Thematic Forum 4A: Blockchain technology and smart urban governance	GOBA
11:40 – 13:10	Thematic Forum 5A: Will healthy and anti-fragile cities emerge from the crisis	ISC
	Thematic Forum 5B: Strategies for fighting epidemics: adaptable buildings and resilient cities	GFHS
13:15 – 14:00	Summary and Recommendation	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Executive Secretary of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity ◆ Satya Tripathi, UN Assistant Secretary-General and Head of New York Office, UN Environment Programme 	
14:20 – 15:30	Sustainable Cities and Human Settlements Awards Ceremony 2020	GFHS



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