The Eleventh Session of the **World Urban Forum** Katowice, Poland | 26-30 June 2022

WORLD URBAN FORUM ELEVENTH SESSION

Transforming our Cities for a Better Urban Future

ONE UN events

United Nations funds, programmes, and specialised agencies comprise a distinctly important constituency for the World Urban Forum (WUF) as they represent critical links to global agendas and commitments at the policy level to leave no one behind in the pursuit of sustainable development. Sustainable urbanization approaches driven by UN-Habitat place the world's cities and urban human settlements at the heart of that development.

WUF11's theme of 'Transforming our Cities for a Better Urban Future' presents a city-oriented, urban-grounded opportunity to deliver on commitments to accelerate progress toward the Global Goals, and a vibrant knowledge marketplace to explore the best ways to do it.

A dedicated space is being reserved for ONE UN events. These events hosted and co-hosted by UN agencies will showcase innovative and replicable practices to overcome challenges that could inhibit the necessary transformations for cities to become inclusive, equitable, and green human settlements.

We welcome the possibilities of coordination across the UN system to demonstrate our combined competitive advantage in turning the world's cities into engines of solutions.

Each ONE UN 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.

Eligible organisations are encouraged to align their applications to the WUF11 theme: 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 <u>HERE</u>.

To foster collaboration and shared experience, we encourage event organisers to identify cohosts 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 ONE UN events is 7 March 2022. No incomplete applications, or applications in any language other than English, will 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

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All costs associated with ONE UN 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 <u>unhabitat-wuf@un.org.</u>