The Global Future Cities Programme during Urban October

Each year, the world celebrates Urban October, an opportunity for all of us to contribute to the conversation about sustainable urbanization. In 2020, Urban October will commence on Mon, 05 Oct with World Habitat Day and end on Sat, 31 Oct with World Cities Day. Throughout the entire month, national and local governments, NGOs, civil society organisations, academic institutions, private firms and many others will hold events to raise awareness about urbanization issues and discuss opportunities to jointly shape a better urban future.

The Global Future Cities Programme will contribute to Urban October through the following events, and through active communication on the Global Future Cities Knowledge Platform.

Make sure you are signed up on the Platform and involved on the Community Forum for updates!

- Global Knowledge Sharing Session
- Global Launch
- Indonesia
- South Africa

Date and time TBC
Gender and Social Inclusion in Cities in the time of COVID-19
This online Seminar will help to further identify issues and find possible innovative solutions from the communities on inclusive housing for all using the on-going examples from the three current projects of the Global Future Cities Program in Surabaya and Bandung, Indonesia. Participation by UN-Habitat, British Embassy in Indonesia, Mott Macdonald and City of Surabaya

Thursday, 08 October 2020. 08:00 - 09:00 (East African Time)  Register to attend the session
Launch of the Urban Agenda platform: Reporting progress and sharing knowledge in the Decade of Action
UN-Habitat is launching a multi-stakeholder global platform and forum to capture collective work to achieve these goals and to encourage dialogue and exchange. The Global Future Cities Programme Knowledge Platform is a project partner of the Urban Agenda platform, and has partnered with the team to share knowledge, best practices, and dialogue.

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Urban Festival 2020 - Fourth Industrial Revolution and Mobility
Hear about the latest work on 4IR for transport in South Africa, and the projects currently developed by Future Cities South Africa (FCSA) Participation by Future Cities South Africa (FCSA)

Monday, 12 October 2020. Time TBC  Stay posted on the platform
Global Future Cities Knowledge Sharing Session on Integrated Planning and Housing to Create Future Cities for All
This knowledge session will share challenges and innovative, inspiring practices for urban regeneration, slum upgrading and housing provision. It will be used to discuss the role of projects in contributing to housing for all, achieving affordability, urban regeneration and slum upgrading, importance of data and evidence-based planning, and many others. Participation by UN-Habitat, UK FCDO, Delivery Partners and relevant Civil Society Organisations

Thursday, 22 October 2020. 08:00 - 09:00 (East African Time)  Stay posted on the platform
Urban Festival 2020 - Data for Development Panel
Hear about the projects currently developed by Future Cities South Africa (FCSA) as part of a panel discussing data for development Participation by Future Cities South Africa (FCSA)

Thursday, 29 October 2020. 09:00 - 10:00 (East African Time)  Stay posted on the platform
Urban Festival 2020 - Just Digital Transitions Panel
This panel will seek to unpack and probe what a just ‘Digital’ Transition would look like in South African cities with prevailing digital divide and its value for Civic Technologies to promote citizen engagement for all. Participation by Future Cities South Africa (FCSA)

Friday, 30 October 2020. Time TBC  Stay posted on the platform
Global Future Cities Knowledge Sharing Session on Planning for and with Communities to Create Future Cities for All
This knowledge session will share challenges and innovative, inspiring practices for community engagement and ownership. It will be used to discuss how projects engage communities through identification and engagement of vulnerable and marginalized communities, innovative community engagement approaches during COVID-19, and common GESI issues related to the development of GFCP projects Participation by UN-Habitat, UK FCDO, Delivery Partners and relevant Civil Society Organisations

Stay up to date on the GFCP Platform & Community Forum!