



## The Global Future Cities Programme during Urban October

Each year, the world celebrates Urban October, a month of exciting meetings, discussions and events focusing the world's urban issues and sustainable development. In 2021, Urban October will commence on Monday 4 October with World Habitat Day and end on Saturday 31 October with World Cities Day. This year's theme will focus on the climate crisis which is also the theme of UN-Habitat's campaign *ClimateAction4Cities*. These topics are particularly relevant in light of the upcoming COP-26, scheduled to take place in November in Glasgow, UK.

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](#).

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■ Knowledge Sharing Session ■ Global Event ■ City-to-City ■ Turkey ■ Southeast Asia

Friday, 01 October 2021. 14:00 - 16:30 (UTC+7)

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### Integrated planning and data management in Vietnam

UN-Habitat recognizes the necessity to consult with the public, especially with researchers, academia and professionals working on integrated planning. This workshop will be an opportunity for open discussion for the parties to share their views and practical experience, to identify problems as well as to propose solutions for planning management towards integrated planning, and sustainable development in the future. UN-Habitat Vietnam Office is organizing this event, with with representation from the GFCP.

Friday, 01 October 2021. 15:00 - 16:30 (UTC+3)

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### Solutions for Sustainable Cities: Case Studies from Ankara, Bursa and Istanbul

The event is organised by UN-Habitat and British Embassy in Turkey as part of the Marmara Urban Forum (MARUF). The five GFCP projects in Turkey will be presented by the Delivery Partner (ARUP) and the GFCP approach and principles in urban planning, transport and resilience areas to achieve sustainable urbanisation will be discussed by the partner cities.

Tuesday, 05 October 2021. 10:30 - 12:30 (UTC+3)

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### Innovative Methods to Decarbonise Planning and Mobility from the Global Future Cities Programme

Aligned with World Habitat Day's theme, in this event UN-Habitat, FCDO, delivery partners, cities and subject matter experts will come together to share innovative methods to successfully tackle decarbonisation in mobility, from community outreach to technology, urban planning and evidence-based decision making

Wednesday, 06 - Friday 08 October 2021.

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### ASEAN Sustainable Urbanisation Forum

The ASEAN Sustainable Urbanisation Forum (ASUF) serves as a platform to promote connectivity, knowledge sharing, and learning opportunities for ASEAN Member States, ASEAN cities, and ASEAN people. The forum includes a high-level roundtable, special sessions, ASUS Thematic Dialogues and Training sessions that will be relevant to Southeast Asian cities participating in the GFCP. Sessions where the GFCP is represented include:

- Wednesday, 06 October 2021. 14:00 - 15:00 (UTC+7)  
ASUS Thematic Dialogue - Sustainable Urban Mobility
- Thursday, 07 October 2021. 11:30 - 12:30 (UTC+7)  
Special Session on Promoting Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion in Cities
- Thursday, 07 October 2021. 09:00 - 10:00 (UTC+7)  
ASUS Thematic Dialogue - Housing & Home
- Friday, 08 October 2021. 13:45 - 14:45 (UTC+7)  
ASUS Thematic Dialogue - Urban Resilience: Development Flood Management Systems



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Monday, 11 - Friday 15 October 2021.

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### Innovate4Cities

UN-Habitat and the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy are hosting a global event that will bring together bring together science and innovation, policy and practice with the objective of enabling cities to take accelerated and more ambitious climate action. Topics include post-pandemic recovery, climate justice and green strategies. *Session where the GFCP is represented:*

- Tuesday, 12 October 2021. 13:40 (UTC +2)  
[Use of open source tools and innovative methodologies for public and green space assessments and strategies](#)
- Friday, 15 October 2021. 08:00 (UTC +2)  
[Advancing Inclusive Climate Action in Urban Projects through the SDG Tool](#)
- Friday, 15 October 2021. 17:00 (UTC +2)  
[Human and Water Flows: managing rainwater, flooding and migration with Urban planning instruments](#)

Thursday, 14 October 2021. 08:00 - 12:00 (UTC+1)

[Register to attend the session](#)

### City-to-City Knowledge Exchange Series - Session 3

The aim of the City-to-City Knowledge Exchange will be to enable cities to share their experiences, to learn from one another, to help build relationships with one another. In this session, we will have presentations from the following cities and projects:

- Bandung, Indonesia: Development of an Integrated Public Transport System in Bandung
- Bangkok, Thailand: Integrated Data Hub for Bangkok Metropolitan Administration
- Bangkok, Thailand: Flood Management Decision Support System
- Bangkok, Thailand: Transit Development Plan for Khlong Bang Luang Area

Friday, 15 October 2021. 14:00 - 16:30 (UTC+7)

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### Youth speak on public spaces and creative hubs

As the youth plays a vital role as key agents of change in building and realizing a comprehensive Creative Strategy for cities, UN-Habitat is organizing a youth speak workshop on public spaces and creative hubs with students and lecturers from local universities and experts from various organizations as a platform for them to understand the vision and contribute their perspectives..

Wednesday 20 - Friday 22 October 2021.

[Register to attend the conference](#)

### International Conference on Human Settlements Planning and Development

The University of the Philippines Los Baños will be hosting the 2nd International Conference on Human Settlements Planning and Development (ICHSPD) with the theme, "Pursuing Resilient and Sustainable Human Settlements amid Global Risks." UN-Habitat will deliver the keynote address and special message at the conference, and will also lead two organized sessions on "Marine Litter and the New Urban Agenda", and "Developing the Resilient Human Settlement Framework"

Thursday 21 October 2021. 15:00 - 17:30 (UTC +7)

[Register to attend the event](#)

### Smart and Sustainable City Planning in Malaysia

BCSD Malaysia wishes join this effort together with British High Commission in Malaysia and the Embassy of Italy in Malaysia, to raise awareness of COP26 mission and objectives. This event will provide insights on the concept of smart, resilient and liveable cities.

Monday 25 - Friday 29 October 2021.

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### Climate Action Week

As a run-up to CoP26, the British Malaysia Chamber of Commerce (BMCC) and the British High Commission in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (BHCKL) are hosting Malaysia Climate Action Week. The week will entail webinars on key climate action themes with prominent thought and business leaders on leading-edge climate action initiatives and the transition to a zero-carbon future



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Thursday 28 October 2021. 14:00 - 16:30 (UTC +7)

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### Stakeholder Engagement Strategy

This webinar is part of the monthly webinars, organized by Mott MacDonald, for the development of a GIS for drainage in Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam. The session will present various stakeholder engagement strategies, including experiences from the GFCP.

Friday, 29 October 2021. 09:00 - 11:30 (UTC+7)

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### Climate Action for Cities in Vietnam

This event, aligned to World Cities Day, is organized by UN-Habitat Vietnam Office, and will focus on adapting cities for climate resilience.

Friday, 29 October 2021. 10:30 - 12:30 (UTC+3)

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### Adapting Cities for Climate Resilience: Innovative Practices from the Global Future Cities Programme

Aligned with World Cities Day's theme, UN-Habitat, FCDO, delivery partners, cities and outside subject matter experts will come together to discuss how GFCP projects are adapting for climate resilience and share challenges and innovative, inspiring practices for urban resilience.

Friday 29 October - Saturday 30 October 2021.

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### SDG Cities International Conference: GFCP Expert Group Meeting

As part of the "SDG Cities International Conference", the Global Future Cities Programme will implement an Expert Group Meeting (EGM) where a diverse set of experts from the private sector, financing institutions, and international organizations, will debate on current practices to effectively implement the SDGs in urban projects, and discuss the future opportunities that arise from an SDG-oriented project design.

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