

AZERBAIJAN NATIONAL URBAN FORUM 2

Resilient cities as a driving force of economic development and fighting inequalities

29 September – 01 October 2023
Zangilan and Baku, Azerbaijan

AGENDA

DAY 1

29 September 2023, Zangilan Conference Centre, Zangilan City

Departures from Marriott Hotel Boulevard to Zangilan City

06:30 – 09:10 **1st group**
*06:30 Departure from Marriott Hotel Boulevard
07:10 Arrival at Baku to Heydar Aliyev International Airport
07:40 Flight to Zangilan International Airport
08:30 Bus transfer to Conference Centre in Zangilan City*

06:50 – 09:30 **2nd group**
*06:50 Departure from Marriott Hotel Boulevard
07:30 Arrival at Baku to Heydar Aliyev International Airport
08:00 Flight to Zangilan International Airport
08:50 Bus transfer to Conference Centre in Zangilan City*

Refreshments

Opening Ceremony

Languages provided: English, Russian, Azerbaijani and Turkish

Master of Ceremony: **Mr Rufat Hamzayev**, Presenter of Azerbaijan State Television (AzTV)

11:00 – 11:10 Opening remarks by **High level representative** of the Government of Azerbaijan

11:10 – 11:20 Opening remarks by **Ms Maimunah Mohd Sharif**, UN-Habitat Executive Director

11:20 – 11:40 *Coffee Break / Networking (30')*

11:40 – 11:55 Opening remarks by **Mr Anar Guliyev**, Chairman of State Committee on Urban Planning and Architecture (SCUPA) of Azerbaijan

11:55 – 12:05 **Special video presentation**

NUFA Plenary Sessions

Rebuilding together - collaborative approaches for regional resilience and sustainable development

12:10 – 13:10

SESSION 1: Resilience and sustainable development: strategies, actions and international collaboration opportunities

Moderator: **Katja Schaefer**, Inter-Regional Advisor, UN-Habitat

- **Rebuilding lives – rehabilitation strategies for the liberated areas.** Speaker: **Mr Ramil Cahangirov**, Deputy Head, Department on Project Management of the Liberated Areas, State Committee on Urban Planning and Architecture (SCUPA) of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- **Moving together: enhancing regional development for sustainable connectivity and economic revival of the region** Speaker: **Mr Vahid Hajiyev**, Special Representative of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Jabrayil, Zangilan and Gubadli districts
- **Towards sustainable development and peace: role of international collaboration for post-conflict recovery.** Speaker: **Ms Vladanka Andreeva**, Resident Coordinator United Nations Azerbaijan

Q&A session

13:15 – 14:15

SESSION 2: From desolation to resilience: the path to a better future

Moderator: **Mr Sultan Hajiyev**, Azerbaijan Ambassador to Kenya and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the UN office in Nairobi

- **Fighting the hidden threat: mine contamination and its impacts on sustainable development.** Speaker: **Mr Samir Poladov**, Deputy Chairman of the Board, Mine Action Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan (ANAMA)
- **Resurgence of regional centres: cooperation opportunities in Karabakh.** Speaker: Asgar Alakbarov, Advisor to Minister, Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- **Master plan of Zangilan city – the way forward.** Speaker **Ms Dunja Kovari**, Co-founder, sa_partners company, Switzerland

Q&A session

14:15 – 15:45

Lunch Break / Networking

16:00

Departure by bus to Ağalı smart village

16:20 – 18:00

Site visit to Ağalı Smart Village

Cultural programme organised by **Mr Vahid Hajiev**, Special Representative of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Jabrayil, Zangilan and Gubadli districts

18:00 – 20:00

Transfer by bus to Zangilan International Airport
Departure to Baku Heydar Aliyev International Airport
Arrival to the hotel in Baku



DAY 2

30 September 2023, Marriot Hotel Boulevard, Baku city

08:30 – 09:30 Registration of participants and speakers

09:00 – 16:00 **Thematic Exhibition**, Hotel Entrance Foyer

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NUFA Plenary Session

Governance and financing for sustainable urban development

09:45 – 10:00 Master of Ceremony: **Mr Ramil Cahangirov**, Deputy head, Department on project management in the liberated areas, SCUPA

10:00 – 11:00 **SESSION 3. Governing for the future: unlocking sustainable urban development through effective governance mechanisms**

Moderator: **Mr Thomas Andersson**, Chairman, Urbinat

- **The role of governance and institutional capacities in driving urban sustainability.** Speaker: **Mr Ioane Menabde**, Head of Spatial and Urban Development Agency within the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development, Georgia
- **From funding to impact: optimizing funding and financing mechanisms for sustainable urban development.** Speaker: **Ms Ellen Hamilton**, Lead Urban Specialist, World Bank
- **Leveraging cultural heritage as a driving force for forward-looking urban development: in the city of Shusha.** Speaker: **Mr Aydin Karimov**, Special Representative of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan for Shusha
- **Disaster mitigation through spatial planning: Lessons learned from Indonesia.** Speaker **Ms Reny Windyawati**, Director of Spatial Planning, Ministry of Agrarian and Spatial Planning /National Land Agency of the Republic of Indonesia.

Q&A session

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee Break / Networking

11:30 – 12:30 **SESSION 4. Investing in a sustainable urban future: strategies for transformative development**

Moderator: **Mr Herman Jean Piennar**, Human Settlements Officer, Lead Urban Lab, UN-Habitat

- **Revitalizing cities: Partnerships for a green urban future.** Speaker: **Mr Mukhtar Babayev**, Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- **Off-site fabrication and sustainability: strategies for transformative urban development.** Speaker: **Ms Manuela Gatto**, Director, Zaha Hadid Architects
- **Managing the urban sustainability transition** Speaker: **Mr Alexandre B. Hedjazi**, Director, Global Environmental Policy Programme, University of Geneva

Q&A session

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch Break / Networking



NUFA Plenary Sessions

Environmental sustainability as the backbone of resilience

14:00 – 15:00

SESSION 5. Climate change and urban resilience: strategic approaches and solutions

Moderator: **Mr Tural Aliyev**, urban planner, post-doctoral researcher at Ewage (ETH) Switzerland

- **Transition from fossil to renewables: A key to resilient cities.** Speaker: **Mr Elnur Soltanov**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Energy of Azerbaijan
- **Smart approaches for the mitigation of climate change and natural disasters.** Speaker: **Mr Luigi Cipolla**, City planner and consultant on sustainable and resilient urban development
- **Pioneering innovative energy solutions for marginalized communities.** Speaker: **Mr Stanley Anigbogu**, Kigali, Rwanda, winner of Scroll of Honour 2022
- **Beyond Green: opportunities and challenges.** Speaker: **Mr Markus Appenzeller**, Founder of MLA+ Architects (TBC)

Q&A session

Leveraging technology and innovation for future cities

15:00 – 16:00

SESSION 6. The role of technologies and innovation in driving sustainable urban growth

Moderator: **Ms Leyla Seyidzade**, UNDP Communication Expert, Innovation Advisor

- **Smart technologies for resilient and people-centered urban economies.** Speaker: **Ms Zeina Nazer**, Co-Founder Cities Forum (UK), expert in Transportation, Technology & Innovation | Smart Cities | Road Safety | LiDAR.
- **Developing a framework for smart villages and cities in Azerbaijan.** Speaker: **Mr Eric Johnson**, World Bank Senior Social Development Specialist, author of the report “Smart Villages in Azerbaijan – A Framework for Analysis & Roadmap”
- **Establishing a geo-referenced system to support urban planning control in Azerbaijan.** Speaker: **Mr Royal Yolchuzada**, Project Officer on Establishing an Electronic System for Urban Planning Control
- **Digitalization in urbanism: Lessons learned and future visions.** Speaker: **Mr Aron Biro**, Lead Design Architect, BIM.group

Q&A session

16:00 – 16:15

Coffee Break

16:15 – 17:15

SESSION 7. The importance of data for the future of cities

Moderator: **Klas Groth**, Senior Urban Planner, UN-Habitat

- **Innovation and smart data management for efficient and inclusive governance.** Speaker: **Mr Rashad Khaligov**, Deputy Chairman, Innovation and Digital Development Agency, Ministry of Digital Development and Transportation of Azerbaijan
- **The role of Big Data and AI-based tools in planning resilient cities in data scarce environments.** Speaker: **Ms Dorota Kamrowska-Zaluska**, Assistant professor and Program Director, Department of Urban Design and Regional Planning, Faculty of Architecture, Gdansk University of Technology, Poland
- **Advanced digital technologies in the construction sector.** Speaker: **Mr Adam Mathews**, Head of Strategy & Engagement for Digital Construction International / Digital Catapult, UK
- **Production of statistical data on SDGs' indicators.** Speaker: **Ms Arzu Taghiyeva**, Head of Sector, State Committee on Statistics of Azerbaijan

Q&A session

19:00 – 21:00

Cultural program:

Classic Music Concert at the Azerbaijan State Academic Philharmonic Hall (upon invitation)

DAY 3

01 October 2023, Marriot Hotel Boulevard, Baku city

09:00 – 09:30 **Registration of participants and speakers**

09:00 – 16:00 **Thematic Exhibition** at the entrance to the venue.

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NUFA Plenary Sessions

Ensuring access to services for all

09:30 – 10:30 **SESSION 8: Inclusive Urban Development**

Moderator: Ms Shams Mustafayeva, Sustainable Development Policy Advisor, Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (GEWE) Specialist

- **Migration, urban inclusion, and sustainable development: building cities for all.** *Speaker: Ms Audrey Hickcox, International Organization for Migration, migration expert*
- **Social perspectives in the urban context: Multi-stakeholder participation for innovation, value generation and co-creation** *Speaker: Ms Ingrid Andersson, Vice President Global Forum & Senior Associate of IKED*
- **Affordable housing: the Egypt case.** *Speaker: Dr Khaled Abdulhalim, Executive Director of the Local Development Observatory at the Egyptian Ministry of Local Development and Advisor to the Ministry of Reform; focal point for WUF2024*
- **Interconnecting smart cities.** *Speaker: Mr Hugo Daniel Isaak Zepeda, General Urban International Coordinator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Mexico*

Q&A session

10:30 – 11:30 **SESSION 9. Importance of urban mobility in driving sustainable urban development**

Moderator: Ms Anna Soave, Programme Manager, UN-Habitat Azerbaijan

- **Urban transportation modelling: challenges and solutions.** *Speaker: Mr Arshad Huseynov, Transport Expert and Director of the law firm "Digesta".*
- **Integrated transportation systems and mobility for all.** *Speaker: Mr Anar Rzayev Chairman, Azerbaijan Land Transport Agency*
- **Integrated urban mobility for sustainable and liveable cities in the context of Jabrail Masterplan.** *Speaker: Ms Marcelina Zielinska, Director, Chapman Tailor (UK)*
- **Public open spaces for urban resilience.** *Speaker: Ms Eleni Myrivili, UN-Habitat Heat Island officer, Senior Advisor for resilience and sustainability to the City of Athens*

Q&A session

11:30 – 12:00

Coffee Break

12:00 – 12:45

SESSION 10. Healthy and thriving communities: enhancing quality of life in cities through public open spaces.

Moderator: Mr Marino Bonaiuto, Professor in Social Psychology, Sapienza Università di Roma

- **Healthy cities, happy citizens: promoting well-being through urban planning and design.** *Speaker: Tomasz Pniewski, Kurylowicz & Associates*
- **Leveraging technology and innovation for future cities: cultural placemaking and innovation for Karabakh using innovative urban design at different scales.** *Speaker: Ali Mangera of Mangera Yvars Architects, United Kingdom*
- **Greening urban landscapes.** *Speaker: Martin Knuijnt, OKRA Landscape Architectures, from Utrecht, Netherlands*
- **The rise of the public space in the brave new world.** *Speaker: Dr Müge Özkan Özbek, Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University/Faculty of Architecture, Urban Design Department, Türkiye*

Q&A session

12:45 – 13:00 **Closing remarks** by SCUPA leadership



16:00 **Cultural program:**
State Historical-Architectural Reserve "Icherisheher"

18:30 Marionette Theatre (upon invitation)

