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THE SDGS AND THE NUA AS ENGINES OF POST-CONFLICT RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION

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AĞDAM, AZERBAIJAN

AGENDA

5 October 2022, Ağdam city	
10:00 – 11:00	Registration
Opening Ceremony of Azerbaijan National Urban Forum, Ağdam	
11:00 – 11:15	High level representative of the Government of Azerbaijan
11:15 – 11:30	Maimunah Mohd Sharif Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme
11:30 – 13:50	Special session: Urban crisis response and recovery <i>Moderated by Neil Khor, Special Advisor to the Executive Director, UN-Habitat</i>
11:30 – 11:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Urban cinema. Urban crisis response and recovery in action: – short documentary on Ağalı smart village project and other liberated settlements' regeneration.
11:50 – 12:50	Speaking slot 1. Post-conflict rehabilitation of the territories – challenges to overcome and call for action: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Post-conflict rehabilitation of the liberated areas – building better future. (<i>Anar Guliyev, Chairman, State Committee on Urban Planning and Architecture of the Republic of Azerbaijan</i>)• From urban crisis to the challenges of recovery in post-conflict areas. (<i>Anna Soave, Human Settlements Officer, Iraq Program, UN-Habitat</i>)• From uricide to sustainable city: Development of master plan for Ağdam city. (<i>Emin Huseynov, Special representative of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan for the Karabakh Economic Region (except Shusha Region)</i>)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spatial planning in the liberated areas – horizons of development. (<i>Ilgar Isbatov, Deputy-chairman, State Committee on Urban Planning and Architecture of the Republic of Azerbaijan</i>) <p style="text-align: center;">Q&A session</p>
12:50 – 13:50	<p>Speaking slot 2. SDGs, NUA and demining – the intrinsic link peaking:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achievements of Sustainable Development Goals in Azerbaijan. (<i>Elnur Aliyev, First-deputy-minister, Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Azerbaijan</i>) • Sustainable Development Goals: roadmap for post-pandemic and post-conflict recovery. (<i>Vladanka Andreeva, United Nations Resident Coordinator in the Republic of Azerbaijan</i>) • Mine contamination as a main obstacle to achieve sustainable development. (<i>Samir Poladov, Deputy-chairman of the Board, ANAMA – Mine Action Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan</i>) • Ensuring safety and resilience in post-conflict areas. Dealing with challenges and best practices in achievements of SDGs localization. (<i>Georg Redlhammer, Founder, First League Communications company, Austria</i>) <p style="text-align: center;">Q&A session</p>
13:50 – 15:00	Lunch Break / Networking
15:00 – 15.40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of ongoing recovery projects in Ağdam city: site visit.
6 October 2022, ADA University, Baku city	
<p>Thematic exhibition on SDG achievements and urban planning practice in Azerbaijan with special focus on the results of the reconstruction activities undertaken in the liberated areas.</p>	
<i>At the entrance to the venue during the whole day.</i>	
09:00 – 09:30	Registration
09:30 – 11:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 1: Environmentally sustainable and resilient urban development <i>Moderated by Vladimir Gjorgjiev, Chief of Mission in Azerbaijan, International Organization for Migration (IOM)</i></p>

09:30 – 10:10	<p>Speaking slot 3. From desolation to green future:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Green planning tools for the sustainable urban development. (<i>Firdovsi Aliyev, Deputy-minister, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Azerbaijan</i>) ● Green and blue assets for livable cities: Zangilan and Kalbajar cities. (<i>Dunja Kovari, founding partner, “sa_partners” company, Switzerland</i>) ● National Urban Policies, spatial and economic strategies: transformative power for recovery process and transition enabler to green future. (<i>Duk Hwan Son, Senior Officer, Policy, Legislation and Governance Section, Urban Practices Branch, Global Solutions Division, UN-Habitat</i>) <p style="text-align: center;">Q&A session</p>
10:10 – 11:10	<p>Speaking slot 4. Green energy zone concept – towards achievements of SDGs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Strategies for sustainable transition to the green energy: Achievements, best practices, ongoing projects and targets for the future. (<i>Elnur Soltanov, Deputy-minister, Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Azerbaijan</i>) ● Towards achievement of SDGs: region of “green-growth”. (<i>Vahid Hajiyev, Special representative of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan for the Zangilan Region</i>) ● Green innovations and solutions in addressing climate change impacts in urban areas. (<i>Klas Groth, Senior Urban Planner, Urban Practices Branch, Global Solutions Division, UN-Habitat</i>) ● Urban Challenges in the Republic of Indonesia. (<i>Gabriel Triwibawa, Director General of Spatial Planning, Ministry of Agrarians Affairs and Spatial Planning/National Land Agency Republic of Indonesia</i>) <p style="text-align: center;">Q&A session</p>
11:00 – 12:20	<p>Session 2: Post-conflict recovery of cultural and historical heritage <i>Moderated by Amra Hadžimuhamedović, Director of Center for Cultural Heritage, Bosnia</i></p>
11:00 – 11:40	<p>Speaking slot 5. How to build a cultural capital - Master planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Restoration of cultural heritage as a catalyst of urban recovery. (<i>Anar Karimov, Minister, Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Azerbaijan</i>) ● Master Plan of Shusha city. (<i>Marcelina Zielinska, Director, “Chapman Taylor” company, United Kingdom</i>) ● Restoration projects implemented in the liberated areas. (<i>Shamil Azizov, assistant to the director of Heydar Aliyev Center, Azerbaijan</i>) <p style="text-align: center;">Q&A session</p>

11:40 – 12:20	<p>Speaking slot 6. Urban recovery framework- historical monuments as legacy of centuries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Post-war reconstruction of Warsaw and its long-term potential for implementation of SDGs. (<i>Tomasz Majda, President, The Society of Polish Urban Planners, Poland</i>) ● Mobilization and allocation of resources, involvement of communities for the restoration and preservation of cultural and historical heritage process (<i>Lorant Perenyi, Deputy secretary of State Ministry of Construction and Investment, Hungary</i>) ● Eco-cites and landscape architecture (<i>Ali Mangera, MYA architects</i>) <p style="text-align: center;">Q&A session</p>
12:20 – 13:20	<p>Lunch Break / Networking</p>
13:20 – 15:10	<p>Session 3: Going smart, going green – innovation in action <i>Moderated by Anar Valiyev, ADA University</i></p>
13:20 – 14:15	<p>Speaking slot 7. People-centered smart cities: meeting socio-economic challenges for more sustainable settlement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Challenge driven innovations in building inclusive, people-centered smart cities. (<i>Farid Ahmadov, Deputy-minister, Ministry of Digital Development and Transport of the Republic of Azerbaijan</i>) ● Interoperability and integratory participation as a driver of digital transformation and key enabler in building smart cities. (<i>Pontus Westerberg, Programme Management Officer, External Relations, Strategy and Innovation Division - Innovation Section, UN-Habitat</i>) ● People-centered cities towards liveable city (<i>Alias bin Rameli, General Director, Federal Department of Town and Country Planning, Ministry of Housing and Local Government Malaysia</i>) ● The idea of creating 15-minute cities and urban neighborhoods. (<i>Tomasz Pniewski, Architect, Kurylowicz&Associates Company, Poland</i>) <p style="text-align: center;">Q&A session</p>
14:15 – 15:10	<p>Speaking slot 8. Leaving no one behind: gender, youth and disabled:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Placemaking and wellbeing: inclusive, resilient and green sustainable approach in a response of forced displacement, a refugee and IDP crisis. (<i>Ivana Unluova, Coordinator of UN-Habitat Sub-Programme 4 on Effective Urban Crisis Prevention and Response, Programme Development Branch, Global Solutions Division and Emergency Director, UN-Habitat</i>) ● Addressing inequalities through resilient urban governance in smart cities: Children, youth and disabled friendly urban policies and actions. (<i>Davud Rahimli, President of Union of Disabled People Organizations (UDPO) of the Republic of Azerbaijan</i>) ● Refugees, internally displaced people (IDP) and urban areas: challenges to overcome. (<i>Guido Ambroso, Head of mission, UNCHR-Azerbaijan</i>)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Addressing inclusion of children and adolescents with disabilities through education and skills (<i>Leyla Hasanova, Education specialist, UNICEF-Azerbaijan</i>) <p style="text-align: center;">Q&A session</p>
15:10 – 15:30	Coffee Break
15:30 – 17:20	Session 4: Circular green economy <i>Moderated by Kaan Basaran, Operation management specialist, FAO-Azerbaijan</i>
15:30 – 16:25	<p>Speaking slot 9. SDGs and circular economy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Urban-rural partnership as a promoter for green transition and circular economy. (<i>Dr. Kristian Mjoen, Co-founder of United cities organization, Norway</i>) ● UN-Habitat SDG cities initiative towards achievement of Agenda 2030. (<i>Dr. Goshtasb Mozaffari, Interim Director in Turkey, Urban Economy Forum</i>) ● Building circular cities and economies through data-informed decision making. (<i>Wandia Riunga, Programme Management Officer, Data and Analytics Section, External Relations, Strategy and Innovation Division, UN-Habitat</i>) ● EBRD: “Green cities programme” and sustainable urban development (<i>Tea Melikadze, Senior Banker, Sustainable infrastructure group, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Georgia</i>) <p style="text-align: center;">Q&A session</p>
16:25 – 17:20	<p>Speaking slot 10: Modern innovations and competitive human capital</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The creative industries, human capital and urban transformations: Towards best practices. (<i>Vasif Eyvazzade, Chairman of Azerbaijan Creative Industries Federation, Azerbaijan</i>) ● Urban Transformation: Creation of livable urban areas. (<i>Pinar Caglin, Urban Lab, Planning, Finance and Economy Section, Urban Practices Branch, Global Solutions Division, UN-Habitat</i>) ● New business models for ensuring sustainable development. (<i>Natig Hasanov, deputy-chairman of the Management Board, The Small and Medium Business Development Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan</i>) ● Innovation projects as urban catalyst (<i>Peru Canada, Bilbao Arch!tecture Team</i>) ● Challenges and opportunities for entrepreneurship in Azerbaijan – observations from Baku based start-up. (<i>Emin Ilyas, CEO, Bioropean company, Azerbaijan</i>) ● Jelgava –sustainable and smart city (<i>Andris Ravins, Mayor of Jelgava city</i>) <p style="text-align: center;">Q&A session</p>

17:20 – 17:50	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel discussion: Localization of SDGs and sustainable resettlement <i>Moderated by Sultan Hajjiev, representative of Presidential Apparatus of the Republic of Azerbaijan</i></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Financing SDGs in cities: UN-Habitat offerings for Cities – City Investment Facility. <i>(Katja Schaefer, Inter-Regional Advisor Urban Practices Branch, Global Solutions Division, UN-Habitat)</i> ● Ensuring circularity and resource efficiency for sustainable development and rehabilitation of urban areas. <i>(Aydin Kerimov, Special representative of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan for Shusha Region)</i> ● Accelerating the localization of the SDGs for the future of cities. <i>(Zamin Badirkhanov, Head, Territorial rehabilitation and development department, Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Azerbaijan)</i>
17:50 – 18:00	Closing remarks