

## SESSION STRUCTURE

### Accelerating Progress on Urban Development

Monday 18 September 15:00 - 16:15  
Convene 730 Third Ave, Tribeca Hub

Inclusive, resilient cities are critical to achieving the SDGs, but creating such urban centres requires new models, technology and coalitions. How can the private sector, civil society and public institutions step up their collaboration to transform urban communities?

*Reporting press: Not Allowed.*

*Session duration: 75 minutes.*

*This session is held under the Chatham House Rule.*

The session will include:

Introduced by

- **Cheryl Martin (Invited)**, Head of Industries, Member of the Managing Board, World Economic Forum

Discussion Leader

- **Ana Marie Argilagos (Invited)**, Senior Advisor, Ford Foundation, USA
- **Vivian Balakrishnan (Invited)**, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister in Charge of the Smart Nations Initiative of Singapore
- **Alicia Bárcena Ibarra (Invited)**, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Santiago
- **Michael Berkowitz (Invited)**, President, 100 Resilient Cities, Rockefeller Foundation, USA
- **Aisha Bin Bishr (Confirmed Pending Registration)**, Director-General, Dubai Smart City, United Arab Emirates
- **Eugenie Ladner Birch (Confirmed Pending Registration)**, Nussdorf Professor and Co-Director, Penn Institute for Urban Research, University of Pennsylvania, USA
- **Benjamin S. Carson (Invited)**, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, US Department of Housing and Urban Development, USA
- **Joan Clos (Invited)**, Undersecretary-General and Executive Director, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT), Nairobi
- **Bill de Blasio (Invited)**, Mayor of New York City, USA
- **Douglas Durst (Confirmed)**, Chairman, Durst Organization, USA
- **Börje Ekholm (Confirmed)**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Ericsson, Sweden
- **Mark Green (Invited)**, Administrator, USAID - US Agency for International Development, USA
- **Abha Joshi-Ghani (Confirmed Pending Registration)**, Senior Adviser, Public-Private Partnerships, World Bank, Washington DC
- **Naomi Koshi (Confirmed)**, Mayor of Otsu City, Japan; Young Global Leader
- **Mitchell J. Landrieu (Invited)**, Mayor of New Orleans, USA
- **Edwin M. Lee (Invited)**, Mayor of San Francisco, USA
- **Robert Muggah (Invited)**, Research Director, Igarapé Institute, Brazil
- **Maria Soledad Nuñez Mendez (Confirmed)**, Minister of Housing and Habitat of Paraguay; Young Global Leader
- **Priti Patel (Invited)**, Secretary of State for International Development of the United Kingdom
- **Jonathan Reckford (Invited)**, Chief Executive Officer, Habitat for Humanity International (HFH), USA

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- **Kasim Reed (Confirmed)**, Mayor of Atlanta, USA
  - **Libby Schaaf (Invited)**, Mayor of Oakland, USA
  - **Achim Steiner (Invited)**, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), USA
  - **Malek Sukkar (Invited)**, Chief Executive Officer, averda, United Kingdom

Moderated by

- **Raj Kumar (Invited)**, President and Editor-in-Chief, Devex, USA

With

- **Penny Abeywardena (Invited)**, Commissioner for International Affairs, Mayor's Office, City of New York, USA
- **Cary Adams (Invited)**, Chief Executive Officer, Union for International Cancer Control (UICC), Switzerland
- **Steven Adler (Invited)**, Chief Data Strategist, IBM Corporation, USA
- **Minna Aila (Invited)**, Vice-President, Corporate Affairs, Nokia Corporation, Finland
- **Anne Nafi Aussi (Invited)**, Minister of Construction and Housing of Iraq
- **Suparno Banerjee (Invited)**, Vice-President, Public Sector Programmes, Hewlett Packard Enterprise, USA
- **Muriel Bowser (Invited)**, Mayor of Washington, DC, USA
- **Winnie Byanyima (Invited)**, Executive Director, Oxfam International, United Kingdom
- **Kathy Calvin (Invited)**, President and Chief Executive Officer, United Nations Foundation, USA
- **Luis Carranza (Invited)**, Executive President, CAF - Development Bank of Latin America, Caracas
- **Gregory Curtin (Invited)**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Civic Resource Group, USA
- **Ingolf Dietrich (Invited)**, Commissioner for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany
- **Mark Draper (Invited)**, Head of Public Affairs and Sustainability, Danfoss, Denmark
- **Mahmoud Hesham El Burai (Confirmed)**, Chief Executive Officer, Dubai Real Estate Institute, Dubailand, United Arab Emirates
- **Stephen Engblom (Invited)**, Senior Vice President, AECOM Global Cities Director, AECOM, USA
- **Patricia Espinosa Cantellano (Invited)**, Executive Secretary, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Bonn
- **Khaled Fahmy (Invited)**, Minister of Environment of Egypt
- **Imad Najib Fakhoury (Invited)**, Minister of Planning and International Cooperation of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
- **Greg Fischer (Invited)**, Mayor of Louisville, City of Louisville, USA
- **Yoav Galant (Invited)**, Minister of Construction and Housing of Israel
- **Eric Garcetti (Invited)**, Mayor of Los Angeles, USA
- **Molly Gavin (Invited)**, Vice-President, Government Affairs and Sustainability, Qualcomm, USA
- **Alain Gendre (Invited)**, Senior Vice-President; Head, Group Human Resources, Kudelski Group, Switzerland
- **Barry M. Gosin (Invited)**, Chief Executive Officer, Newmark Grubb Knight Frank, USA
- **Elizabeth Hausler (Invited)**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Build Change, USA; Schwab Foundation Social Entrepreneur
- **Pia Heidenmark (Invited)**, Acting Chief Sustainability Officer, IKEA Group, Netherlands
- **Celine Herweijer (Invited)**, Partner, PwC, United Kingdom; Young Global Leader

- **Betsy Hodges (Invited)**, Mayor, City of Minneapolis, USA
- **Keiko Honda (Invited)**, Executive Vice-President and Chief Executive Officer, Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA), Washington DC
- **Amadou Hott (Invited)**, Vice-President, Power, Energy, Climate and Green Growth, African Development Bank (AfDB), Abidjan; Young Global Leader
- **Mokena Makeka (Confirmed)**, Creative Director and Managing Director, Makeka Design Lab, South Africa; Young Global Leader
- **Yusuke Masuda (Invited)**, President, JAG Energy; Director, Japan Asia Group, Japan
- **Luis Fernando Mejía Alzate (Invited)**, Minister of National Planning of Colombia
- **Luis Alberto Moreno (Invited)**, President, Inter-American Development Bank, Washington DC; Member of Board of Trustees of the World Economic Forum
- **Takayuki Morita (Invited)**, Executive Vice-President; Chief Global Officer, NEC Corporation, Japan
- **Luis Gilberto Murillo (Invited)**, Minister of Environment of Colombia
- **Takehiko Nakao (Invited)**, President, Asian Development Bank, Manila
- **Bianca Nijhof (Invited)**, Global Sustainability Programme Manager, Arcadis, Netherlands
- **Per Olsson (Invited)**, Global Sustainability Officer, Skanska, Sweden
- **Henk H.W.J. Ovink (Invited)**, Special Envoy for International Water Affairs of the Netherlands
- **Mahadev Raman (Invited)**, Arup Fellow; Director, Arup University, Arup Group, USA
- **Jennifer Roberts (Invited)**, Mayor of Charlotte, City of Charlotte, USA
- **Clare Short (Invited)**, Chair of the Board, Cities Alliance, Belgium
- **Jens Martin Skibsted (Invited)**, Founding Partner, Skibsted Ideation, Denmark; Young Global Leader
- **Erik Solheim (Invited)**, Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Nairobi
- **Christian Sossouhounto (Invited)**, Minister of Environment, Housing and Urbanism of Benin
- **Andrew Steer (Invited)**, President and Chief Executive Officer, World Resources Institute, USA
- **Markus Berthold Strangmüller (Invited)**, Vice-President, Sustainability Management, Siemens, Germany
- **Tom Szaky (Invited)**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, TerraCycle, USA; Schwab Foundation Social Entrepreneur
- **Jean Christophe Taret (Invited)**, Senior Vice-President, Strategy, Veolia, France
- **Conrad van Oostrom (Invited)**, Chief Executive Officer, OVG Real Estate, Netherlands; Young Global Leader
- **Scott Vaughan (Invited)**, President and Chief Executive Officer, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), Canada
- **Harry Verhaar (Invited)**, Head, Global Public and Government Affairs, Philips Lighting, Netherlands
- **Marty J. Walsh (Invited)**, Mayor of Boston, USA
- **Ted Wheeler (Invited)**, Mayor of Portland, City of Portland, USA

### Context

The world is experiencing an unprecedented transition from predominantly rural to chiefly urban living. The share of the world's population living in urban areas is expected to increase to 66% by 2050, adding 2.5 billion people to the urban population, with about 90% of the increase concentrated in Asia and Africa. If left unchecked urban population growth can lead to vast unsustainable urban sprawl, or the creation of dense slums with poor living standards. Cities will need to accommodate more people without increasing their urban footprint; increasing density, without decreasing quality of life.

In an effort to pave a path towards more sustainable development, the UN agreed the Sustainable Development Goals with 193 Member States in September 2015, with the SDGs coming into effect in January 2016. In recognition of the importance of focusing on cities to achieve sustainable development, SDG 11 is specifically dedicated to cities and has the objective to “Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable”.

However, it will be under the auspices of cities where we will succeed or fail in achieving the SDGs of poverty eradication, equality, climate change reduction, and ensuring healthy lives. It will be the cities that determine if we achieve inclusive economic growth or yield to greater inequality. It is in cities where people will seek opportunities for higher education and employment and it will be cities that determine if we will continue our steadily increasing usage of the world’s resources or if we can realize a more sustainable path. In recognition of the role of cities, Mayors who were present at the historic agreement of the SDGs pledged to “play a defining role in embracing, endorsing, implementing, and monitoring these goals”.

In October 2016, under UN Resolution 66/207, and in line with the bi-decennial cycle (1976, 1996 and 2016), the United Nations General Assembly convened the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III ) in Quito, Ecuador, to reinvigorate the global commitment to sustainable urbanization over the next 20 years. 193 Member States agreed the New Urban Agenda outcome document, which will guide the next 20 years of efforts around sustainable urbanization. The New Urban Agenda has placed a particular emphasis on:

1. Urban Rules and Regulations
2. Urban Planning and Design
3. Municipal Finance

Mayors believe that in an increasingly urbanized world, cities and human settlements will be the key to achieving the implementation of the SDGs and the New Urban Agenda. However, if significant progress is to be made, national governments will need to find the political will to empower cities and assist them in building capacity and resources and cities will need to create the environment to enable vital cooperation between the public and private sector and wider civil society to create the financial and delivery models required to deliver sustainable development.

This one-hour session will bring together Ministers, Mayors, Business Leaders in the fields of infrastructure, urban development, energy, mobility, investment, health and ICT, Multilateral banks, Development Agencies and Civil Society to identify their collaborative role in the implementation of the SDGs and New Urban Agenda.

### **Session Purpose**

The purpose of the ‘Accelerating Progress on Urban Development’ session is to provide an enabling platform for senior level representatives from business, national and city government and civil society to discuss how national and city governments can work more effectively to respond to the challenges of urbanization, and better coordinate efforts and resources to implement smart and sustainable urban development solutions over the next 20 years. In addition, it will enable cities and the private sector to discuss how to create the environment to enable vital cooperation between the public and private sector and wider civil society to create the financial and delivery models required to deliver sustainable urban development.

### **Objectives**

- Create a trusted community of Ministers, Mayors, business leaders, leaders of international organizations and civil society, who can openly and effectively exchange ideas on sustainable urban development, with a particular emphasis on the implementing of the SDGs and New Urban Agenda.
- Debate the policies and actions required to address the challenges and opportunities brought by urbanization, with a particular focus on creating public private cooperation the governance, finance and design and build mechanisms required to deliver sustainable urban development.

### **Format**

- Participants: Ministers, Mayors, Business Leaders, Leaders of International Organizations, International Development Agencies, Academia and Civic Leaders will be seated in a fishbowl layout to enable an interactive discussion.
- Reporting press: Not Allowed. This session is held under Chatham House Rules.
- Session duration: 90 minutes

### **Session Flow**

15:00-15:07

**Cheryl Martin**, World Economic Forum will welcome participants and introduce the Moderator (**Raj Kumar (Invited)**, President and Editor-in-Chief, Devex, USA). The Moderator will welcome participants and will outline the meeting context highlighting why public private cooperation is vital to implementing the SDGs and New Urban Agenda and realizing sustainable urban development. The Moderator will highlight that the meeting will explore:

- Public private cooperation mechanisms required to deliver the SDGs and New Urban Agenda in our cities
- Smart and sustainable governance, finance and design and build models required to deliver sustainable urban development

15:07-15:12

The Moderator will call upon a selected UN agency to highlight the requirements of the SDGs and New Urban Agenda, how more effective public-private cooperation can support implementation of sustainable urbanization and the smart and sustainable governance, finance and design and build models that can be leveraged.

**(1 of the following UN USG's is expected to attend – awaiting UN final response)**

**Joan Clos (Invited)**, Undersecretary-General and Executive Director, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT), Nairobi

**Achim Steiner (Invited)**, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), USA

**Alicia Bárcena Ibarra (Invited)**, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Santiago

15:12-16:10

The Moderator will enable an Interactive Discussion by calling on select Ministers, Mayors, Business Leaders, Leaders of International Organizations, International Development Agencies, Academia and Civic Leaders to provide brief remarks to the following topics (2 minutes each), and after these remarks ask participants to respond directly (1 minute each):

1) The role of **Government** in creating the public private cooperation mechanisms and smart and sustainable governance, finance and design and build models to deliver the SDGs and New Urban Agenda? The Moderator will invite selected Ministers to provide some brief remarks (2 minutes each). The Moderator will then invite participants to respond (1 minute each).

**(2 of the following Ministers are expected to attend – awaiting final confirmation)**

**Maria Soledad Nuñez Mendez (Confirmed)**, Minister of Housing and Habitat of Paraguay; Young Global Leader

**Vivian Balakrishnan (Invited)**, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister in Charge of the Smart Nations Initiative of Singapore

**Benjamin S. Carson (Invited)**, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, US Department of Housing and Urban Development, USA

**Priti Patel (Invited)**, Secretary of State for International Development of the United Kingdom

2) What are the practical implications of the SDGs and New Urban Agenda at city-level, and how **Mayors (or equivalent) and Cities** can work more effectively to create the public private cooperation mechanisms and smart and sustainable governance, finance and design and build models to deliver the SDGs and New Urban Agenda? The Moderator will invite selected Mayors to provide some brief remarks (2 minutes each). The Moderator will then invite participants to respond (1 minute each).

**3 Mayors or Cities confirmed and 2 further US Mayors expected to attend – awaiting final confirmation)**

**Naomi Koshi (Confirmed)**, Mayor of Otsu City, Japan; Young Global Leader

**Aisha Bin Bishr (Confirmed Pending Registration)**, Director-General, Dubai Smart City, United Arab Emirates

**Kasim Reed (Confirmed)**, Mayor of Atlanta, USA

**Bill de Blasio (Invited)**, Mayor of New York City, USA

**Mitchell J. Landrieu (Invited)**, Mayor of New Orleans, USA

**Edwin M. Lee (Invited)**, Mayor of San Francisco, USA

**Libby Schaaf (Invited)**, Mayor of Oakland, USA

3) The role of the **Multilateral banks and International development** agencies in creating the public private cooperation mechanisms and smart and sustainable governance, finance and design and build models to deliver the SDGs and New Urban Agenda? The Moderator will invite selected Multilateral banks and International development agencies to provide some brief remarks (2 minutes each). The Moderator will then invite participants to respond (1 minute each).

**(2 of the following expected to attend – awaiting final confirmation)**

**Abha Joshi-Ghani (Confirmed Pending Registration)**, Senior Adviser, Public-Private Partnerships, World Bank, Washington DC

**Mark Green (Invited)**, Administrator, USAID - US Agency for International Development, USA

4) The role of the **private sector** in creating the public private cooperation mechanisms and smart and sustainable governance, finance and design and build models to deliver the SDGs and New Urban Agenda? The Moderator will invite selected business leaders to provide some brief remarks (2 minutes each). The Moderator will then invite participants to respond (1 minute each).

**(3 of the following CEOs expected to attend – awaiting final confirmation)**

**Börje Ekholm (Confirmed)**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Ericsson, Sweden

**Douglas Durst (Confirmed)**, Chairman, Durst Organization, USA

**Malek Sukkar (Invited)**, Chief Executive Officer, averda, United Kingdom

5) The role of **civil society** in creating the public private cooperation mechanisms and smart and sustainable governance, finance and design and build models to deliver the SDGs and New Urban Agenda? The Moderator will invite selected Civil Society Leaders to provide some brief remarks (2 minutes each). The Moderator will then invite participants to respond (1 minute each).

**(2 of the following Civil society representatives are expected to attend – awaiting final confirmation)**

**Eugenie Ladner Birch (Confirmed Pending Registration)**, Nussdorf Professor and Co-Director, Penn Institute for Urban Research, University of Pennsylvania, USA

**Ana Marie Argilagos (Invited)**, Senior Advisor, Ford Foundation, USA

**Michael Berkowitz (Invited)**, President, 100 Resilient Cities, Rockefeller Foundation, USA

**Robert Muggah (Invited)**, Research Director, Igarapé Institute, Brazil

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16:10-16:15

The Moderator will Wrap-up the Discussions by summarizing the key takeaways and advising of Next Steps and will thank participants for their active participation.