Programme
The 14th Annual Session of Global Forum on Human Settlements (GFHS 2019)

Date: September 5th – 6th, 2019
Venue: The United Nations Conference Center in Addis Ababa (UNCC-AA)
Theme: Sustainable Development of Cities and Human Settlements in the Digital Era

Day 1: Thursday, September 5, 2019

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Chair: Mr. Andrew Rugege, Regional Director for Africa, ITU

Welcoming Remarks:
• Mr. Oliver Chinganya, Director, African Center for Statistics and Officer-in-Charge, UN Economic Commission for Africa

Opening Speeches:
• Mr. Haifeng Lu, Secretary General, Global Forum on Human Settlements (GFHS)
• Mr. RoiChiti, Project Leader, World Urban Campaign, UN-Habitat
• Prof. Oudom Wang, Deputy Permanent Representative of Vanuatu to UN, Permanent Representative of Vanuatu to UNESCAP, Chairman of Global One Belt One Road
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| 11:00 - 12:30| **Plenary Session 1**  
Digital Revolution Challenges and Opportunities for Sustainable Cities and Human Settlements - Inspirational Developments | CR2      |
|              | Chair: Mr. Arab Hoballah, Senior Sustainability Expert, former Chief, Sustainable Lifestyles, Cities and Industry Branch, UNEP |          |
|              | Ceremony of Making Commitments to SDGs                                |          |
|              | Speakers:  
• H.E. Jenipher Kacha Namuyangu, Minister of State for Local Government, Uganda  
• Mr. Andrew Rugege, Regional Director for Africa, International Telecommunication Union (ITU)  
• Mr. Vicente Guallart, Founder, Institute for Advanced Architecture of Catalonia; Former Chief Architect of Barcelona City Council  
• Mr. Serge Salat, President, Urban Morphology and Complex Systems Institute, Paris, France, Leading Expert of International Green Model City Standards 3.0  
• Mr. Shang Yaohua, Vice President of LONGi Green Energy Technology Co., Ltd. |          |
| 12:30 - 13:30| Lunch Break                                                           | Ground   |
| 13:30 - 15:15| **Plenary Session 2**  
Safe, Inclusive, Resilient and Sustainable City – Policies, Technologies and Practices | CR2      |
|              | Chair: Mr. Choudhury Rudra Charan Mohanty, Coordinator of Environment Programme, UNCRD/UN DESA |          |
|              | Background Presentations:  
• Prof. Maarten Hajer, Member, International Resource Panel, UNEP, Professor of Urban Futures, University of Utrecht |          |
### Panel Dialogue:
- Dr. Amos Makarau, Director, Regional Office for Africa, World Meteorological Organization
- Ms. Pam O'Connor, Former Mayor, Santa Monica Director, Metrolink, Southern California Regional Rail Authority, USA
- Mr. Adjei Tawiah, The Municipal Chief Executive of Korley Klottey, Accra Metropolis, Ghana
- Mr. Shen Tao, Deputy Director, Changjiang New Town Administration Committee, City of Wuhan, China
- Mr. Meshack Van Wyk, Councilor for Housing, Metropolitan Municipality Council, Johannesburg, South Africa

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Speakers:
- Mr. Zhang Keping, Visiting Professor, Tsinghua University, former Chief of Information and Radio Bureau, Wuxi City, China
- Mr. James Njeru, Co-Rapporteur Q1/2, ITU-D Study Group 2
- Mr. John Smiciklas, Lead Verifier, U4SSC - United 4 Smart Sustainable Cities
- Ms. Helen Nakiguli, Chair, ITU-T Study Group 5 Regional Group for Africa
- Mr. GrumKetema, Chief Technology Officer, dVentus Technologies
- Mr. Sibasish Dasgupta, Project Director, Udaipur Smart City, India

Discussant:
- Prof. Li Minquan, Chief Planner, Shenzhen Better City Institute

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17:30 - 18:45
Closed-door meeting (invited only)
Programme Details Provided Separately
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Day 2: Friday, September 6, 2019

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| 09:00 - 10:30 | **Parallel Session 4a**
The World Urban Campaign: Connecting Global Sustainability Agendas and Private Sector Local Actions | CR2 (1F)        |

Chair: Mr. RoiChiti, Project Leader, World Urban Campaign, UN-Habitat

Speakers:
- H.E. Grace Kwiyucwiny, Minister of State for Northern Uganda
- Mr. MulukenAyehu, Mayor of Bahir Dar, Ethiopia
- Ms. Annie Kairaba, Director Rwanda Initiative for Sustainable Development
- Mr. Adeniyi Oluwasanmi Adekanye, Head of Department
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| 09:00 - 10:30 | **Parallel Session 4b**  
Smart Green Building, Renewable Energy, and Urban Resilience | Mr. Arab Hoballah, Senior Sustainability Expert, former Chief, Sustainable Lifestyles, Cities and Industry Branch, UNEP | Mr. Craig Perkins, President & Executive Director, The Energy Coalition, USA  
Mr. Mick Pearce, well-known architect, expert on biomimicry  
H.E. Dr. Mrs. Ipalibo Banigo, DSSRS, Deputy Governor of Rivers State, Nigeria  
K. Jim Jem, Bio-Plastics Chief Scientist, China Prosperity Green Industry Foundation, Senior Advisor of GFHS  
Mr. Jordi Colomí, Mayor, Torroella de Montgrí L’Estartit, Spain | Mr. Qu Yang, Sino-Sun Architects & Engineers Co., Ltd. | 11:00 - 12:30 Coffee Break |  

**Q&A**
Speakers:
- Ms. Christine He, Deputy Secretary General of Global Forum on Human Settlements, Coordinator of International Green Model City Initiative
- Mr. Desmond Bikoko, Mayor, Lilongwe, Malawi
- Mr. Alexander R. Jachnow, Head of Urban Strategies and Planning, Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam
- Dr. Kelly Wang, Deputy General Manager of Overseas Division, Country Garden Group
- Mr. Li Qiang, Party Member and Deputy Head, People’s Government of Tongnan District, Chongqing, China
- Mr. Gorka Urtaran Agirre, Mayor, City of Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain
- Ms. Jessica Mu, Board Member and Marketing Director, Nanning Qianyi Daguan Investment Co., Ltd.

Discussants:
- Mr. Zhou Chunpeng, General Manager, SPD Planning Design Corporation, China
- Mr. Chen Zekun, Invited Director, Sustainable Cities Committee of China Research Society of Urban Development, Vice Chairman of Jingzhou Artists Association, China

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11:00 - 12:30
Parallel Session 5b
Financing for Sustainable Urban Infrastructure

Chair: Ms. Wakesho Sonje, Africa Network Coordinator, UNEP Finance Initiative

Speakers:
- Mr. William Sun, Vice Chairman of Belt and Road African Studies Alliance
- Mr. Abebe Girmay Tesema, Engineer, The Tigray Region Investment Commissioner
- Ms. Virginie Ticha, President of International Federation of Consular Chambers for Africa
- Mr. Kasirim Nwuke, Chief, Green Economy, Technology and Innovation Section, UNECA
- Ms. Mukiri Muthuri, Head of Credit Analysis, Commercial Bank of Africa
- Mr. Dinkneh Tefera, Urban Development Specialist, World
## Bank Group
- Ms. Dorothy Maseke, Group Manager, Risk and Compliance, ICEA Lion Group

### Discussants:
- Dr. Gebrehiwot Ageba, Director of Research, The Horn Economic and Social Policy Institute (HESPI)
- Mr. Melaku Mulualem, Head, Foreign Policy Analysis Department- The Ethiopian Foreign Relation Strategic Studies Institute
- Mr. Lemma Degefa, Director of Center for Investment Networking in Ethiopia (CINE)

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### Chair:
Prof. Oudom Wang, Deputy Permanent Representative of Vanuatu to UN, Permanent Representative of Vanuatu to UNESCAP, Chairman of Global One Belt One Road Association (GOBA)

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- Dr. Allen Yaobian WU, Vice Chairman of World Block Chain Alliance, CEO of Bin Zayed Group Asian Investment Ltd.
- Prof. Crispus Kiamba, former Vice Chancellor, University of Nairobi, former Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology, Kenya
- Arch. Rafi Rich, CEO, SUiTS Smarter Urban iT& Strategies LTD, Israel
- Mr. Ahmet Atac, Mayor, Eskisehir Tepebasi Municipality, Turkey
- Dr. Zhou Yueling, Vice Chairman of World Block Chain Alliance, Chairman of World Council of the Belt and Road, Inc.

### Discussant:
- Mr. Wang Zhijun, Inspector, Human Resources and Social Security Department, Sichuan Provincial Government, Senior Advisor, Sustainable City Committee, China Urban Development Research Institute

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| 13:50 - 15:20| **Parallel Session 6b**  
**Family Values and Happiness in Cities**  
**Chair:** Mr. Fredrick Wakhisi, Executive Director, Universal Peace Federation (UPF), Kenya  
**Speakers:**  
- Mr. Dharam Singh Chaggar, UPF Kenya Chairman, renown member of Lions Club International, and Architect  
- Rev. Mwalagho Kililo, Family Federation Kenya Chairman, Certified Public Accountant  
- Bishop Joseph Kanuku, Bishop Emeritus, Anglican Church of Kenya  
- Sutinder Singh Jabbal, Spiritual Leader Sikhism, Quantity Surveyor  
- Dr. Jeane Wachira, Psychology Professor, University of Nairobi  
- Dr. Taj Hamad, International Vice President, Universal Peace Federation International  
**Q&A** | CR5  
| 15:20 - 15:35| **Break**  
| 15:35 - 16:35| **Closing Session**  
**Fostering Innovation and Partnerships for Better Quality of Life in Cities and Communities – The Way Forward**  
**Chair:** Dr. Taj Hamad, Vice Chairman of Global Forum on Human Settlements, International Vice President, Universal Peace Federation International  
**Summaries from the parallel sessions**  
**Recommendations - Addis Ababa Declaration**  
- Mr. Andrew Rugege, Regional Director for Africa, International Telecommunication Union (ITU)  
**Special Remarks**  
- H.E. Raila Odinga, former Prime Minister of Kenya, High Representative for Infrastructure Development at the African Union Commission  
**Reception & Sustainable Cities and Human Settlements Awards Ceremony 2019 (invitation only)**  
Programme Details Announced Separately | CR2  
| 18:30 - 20:30| **Banquet Hall**  
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