

# Advocacy Track

## **VOLUNTARY LOCAL REVIEWS**

in Eastern European and Central Asian Countries in Transition

# High-Level Political Forum and the SDG Summit 2023

- ❑ Meets in July
- ❑ provides political leadership, guidance and recommendations for sustainable development
- ❑ follow up and review progress in the implementation of sustainable development commitments
- ❑ Conducts an in-depth review of some goals plus SDG 17 every year
- ❑ 2023 HLPF reviews SDG 6, 7, 9, 11 and 17
- ❑ **SDG Summit** in September 2023

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



# UN-Habitat Assembly & Urban October



*2nd UN-Habitat Assembly (5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> June)*



*Urban October  
World Habitat Day (1<sup>st</sup> October)  
World Cities Day (31<sup>st</sup> October)*

# World Urban Forum

WORLD  
URBAN  
FORUM



*12<sup>th</sup> edition World Urban Forum  
(February 2024, Egypt)*

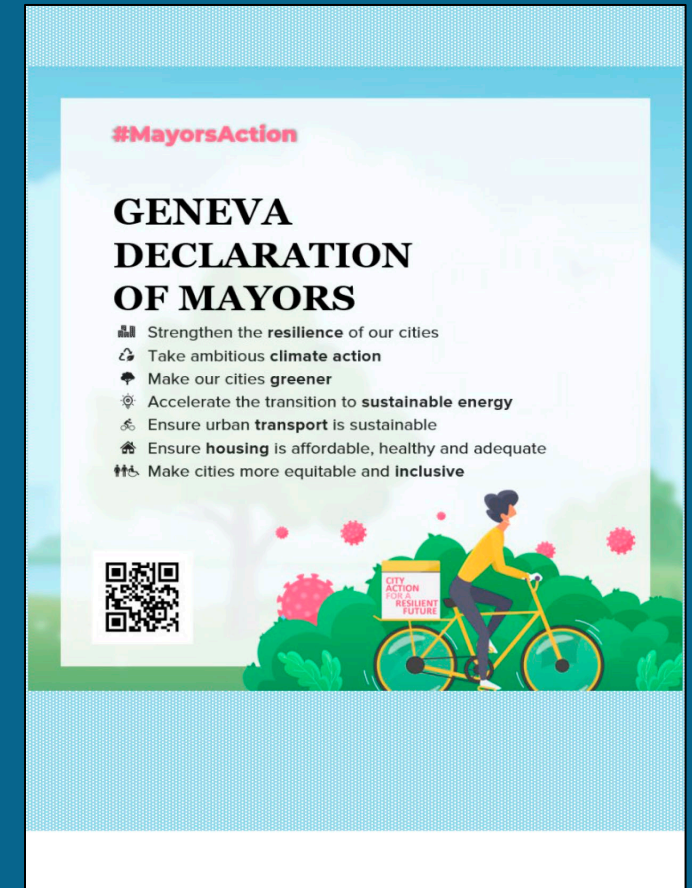
# The First Forum of Mayors 2020

- **The Forum of Mayors** was launched in 2020, with a view to contribute to the realization of the vision of the United Nations Secretary-General of “a stronger, more networked and inclusive multilateral system, anchored within the United Nations”.
- The Forum brings together mayors from across the UNECE region and beyond to realize a shared, forward-looking vision and common aspirations set out in the Geneva Declaration of Mayors.



# The Geneva Declaration of Mayors

The First Forum of Mayors adopted the Geneva Declaration of Mayors which contains the voluntary, self-enforced commitments of mayors to promote creative, people-centred approaches through sharing successful local solutions that enable cities to simultaneously meet the needs and aspirations of their citizens, hedge against disasters and rise to the climate change challenge in a manner that ensures the successful implementation of the SDGs





# The Second Forum of Mayors 2022

- The **Second Forum of Mayors** took place from 4-5 April 2022 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, back-to-back with the **Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (RFSD)** in the UNECE region as mandated by EXCOM (ECE/EX/2020/L.16).
- The Second Forum of Mayors was held in hybrid format under the theme *“Recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic while advancing the implementation of the SDGs”*.



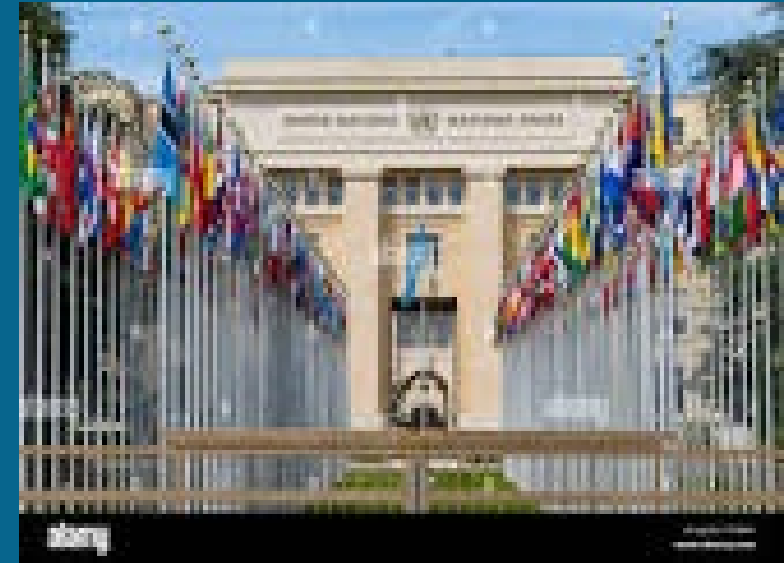
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# UNECE Regional Forum on Sustainable Development

- The annual Regional Forum reviews the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs in the UNECE region and serves as platform for exchange of experiences and practices.
- The 2023 UNECE Regional Forum on Sustainable Development will take place 29-30 March 2023 in Geneva, Switzerland (in-person).
- UNECE HLMU will organize a side event to the Forum on city diplomacy.



**Thank you!**