

Date **10.10.2025**

Reference **Invitation to the UNEA-7 Cities and Regions Summit**

Dear Mayor Barros,

I have the pleasure of inviting you to participate at the [Cities and Regions Summit](#), an associated event of the [seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly \(UNEA-7\)](#), scheduled to take place at the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) headquarters in Nairobi from 8 to 12 December 2025. The Summit, organized under the theme “*Global Ambition, Local Action: Advancing Sustainable Solutions for a Resilient Planet*”, will be held on **Friday, 5 December 2025**.

The Summit will explore the critical role that Local and Regional Governments (LRGs) play in the implementation of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs), emphasizing the need for enhanced multi-level governance and capacity building. It will also address the financial challenges faced by LRGs in localizing the goals of MEAs and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), building upon the work of the Local2030 Coalition on financing. The Summit will provide a unique platform for an exchange of the LRGs’ experiences in developing and implementing subnational environmental and climate actions through integrated and synergistic approaches. The recommendations will then be shared at UNEA-7.

Maringá’s leadership of a variety of environmental issues would bring an invaluable perspective to the Summit.

My colleagues, Ms. Gulnara Roll (gulnara.roll@un.org), Head of Cities Unit, and Ms. Wei Huang (wei.huang@un.org), stand ready to address any queries your office may have, and to receive your confirmation at the earliest convenience, but no later than **Friday, 24 October 2025**. In addition, please register on the [Indico platform](#) to finalize your in-person participation.

Please find attached the event concept note and agenda.

I look forward to welcoming you to UNEA-7.

Yours sincerely,



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Final Concept Note

UNEA-7 Cities and Regions Summit

Theme: *Global Ambition, Local Action:
Advancing Sustainable Solutions for a Resilient Planet*

Date and time: 5 December 2025: 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Location: Conference Room Mt Kilimanjaro, Events and Wellness Centre, UNEP Headquarters, Nairobi, Kenya

Format: Hybrid (In-person with online participation options)

Languages: English (Interpretation TBC)

Overview

The **UNEA-7 Cities and Regions Summit** is an associated event of the [seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly](#) (UNEA-7), recurring since UNEA-4 in 2019. The Summit aims to bring together mayors and other representatives from cities and regions globally to engage in a collaborative dialogue on the pressing issues of climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution. Set against the backdrop of UNEA-7, this Summit provides a unique platform for cities and regions to exchange experiences and strengthen inter-city and multilevel cooperation; and based on those interactions, to relay the voices of the local and regional governments to the Member States participating in UNEA-7.

About UNEA-7

The seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-7) will take place from 8 to 12 December 2025 at the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya, on the theme "Advancing sustainable solutions for a resilient planet". His Excellency Abdullah bin Ali Al Amri, Chair of the Environment Authority of the Sultanate of Oman and UNEA-7 President stated, "*Countries must work together towards sustainable solutions for a safer and more resilient planet to support the implementation of the [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#) and the Rio+20 outcome document [The Future We Want](#). UNEA-7 will leverage science and effective governance to guide Member States and partners to work towards this end. The theme will inspire Member States to explore and advance solutions such as coherent policies to implement environmental mandates and commitments, improve access and use of scientific data and knowledge sharing, and strengthen collaboration.*"

About the Cities and Regions Summit

The UNEA-7 Cities and Regions Summit will explore the pivotal role of cities and regions in advancing sustainable solutions for a resilient planet and addressing environmental challenges through integrated and synergistic approaches. It will showcase concrete examples of local and regional governments implementing and scaling up cross-sectoral solutions that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, conserve biodiversity, and reduce pollution while ensuring equitable

outcomes for vulnerable populations and fostering sustainable growth – thereby contributing to the achievements of the goals of the Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) and of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Summit will also showcase how Member States and the MEAs can create an enabling environment for local implementation.

The discussion will focus on two critical levers for unlocking local action, organized in two plenary sessions: (1) effective environmental governance that empowers LRGs to achieve the MEAs and SDG goals in integrated, multi-level, and synergistic approaches; (2) aligning and accelerating finance for local integrated sustainable solutions.

Expected Outcomes of the Cities and Region Summit

The UNEA-7 Cities and Regions Summit will serve as a crucial platform for local leaders to engage in meaningful dialogue, share insights, and develop actionable strategies for advancing sustainable solutions. By focusing on the role of cities and regions, the Summit will underscore the importance of local action in achieving global environmental resilience.

An Outcome Document will be prepared and presented by a Summit Rapporteur at the opening plenary of UNEA-7, conveying the voices of LRGs in the negotiations and feeding them into the outcomes of UNEA-7. Linking to recent milestones on environmental diplomacy and sustainable urbanization, such as the [Pact for Future](#), the [4th International Conference on Financing for Development](#) (FFD4), [COP30 Local Leaders Forum](#), and [UNFCCC COP 30](#), the Outcome Document will reflect key examples and recommendations of the Summit.

The Summit organization is also expected to result in strengthening partnerships between UN agencies, national and local governments, experts, and stakeholders to support more effective implementation of climate actions, biodiversity conservation, and pollution control through a multi-level governance approach.

Summit Organization

Organization of the Summit is led by the [United Nations Environment Programme](#) (UNEP) jointly with UN-Habitat, in collaboration with the co-chairs of the [Local Authorities Major Group](#) to the UNEA ([ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability](#) and [United Cities and Local Governments](#)), [Global Cities Hub](#), and the [Local 2030 Coalition](#).

The Summit organization is supported by Summit Partners (TBC): [C40 Cities](#), [Cities Alliance](#), [Cities Climate Finance Leadership Alliance](#), the [European Committee of the Regions](#), the [Global Covenant of Mayors, Regions4](#), the [University of Pennsylvania](#), the [United Nations Development Programme](#), [United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction](#), the United Nations Regional Commission ([ECA](#), [UNECE](#), [ECLAC](#), [ESCAP](#), [ESCWA](#)), the [World Health Organisation](#), and the [World Resources Institute](#).

The Summit contributes to the [UrbanShift Programme](#) and the [SDSN Global Commission for Urban SDG Finance](#).

UNEA-7 Cities and Regions Summit

Draft agenda, version 3 October September 2025

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Overview

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UNEA-7 will take place from 8 to 12 December 2025 on the theme "Advancing sustainable solutions for a resilient planet" under the presidency of His Excellency Abdullah bin Ali Al Amri, Chair of the Environment Authority of the Sultanate of Oman.

The UNEA-7 Cities and Regions Summit will explore the pivotal role of cities and regions in advancing sustainable solutions for a resilient planet and addressing environmental challenges through integrated and synergistic approaches. It will showcase concrete examples of local and regional governments implementing and scaling up cross-sectoral solutions that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, conserve biodiversity, and reduce pollution while ensuring equitable outcomes for vulnerable populations and fostering sustainable growth – thereby contributing to the achievements of the goals of the Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) and of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Summit will also showcase how Member States and the MEAs can create an enabling environment for local implementation.

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Agenda

| Opening | | Time: 09:30-10:45 EAT (Nairobi Time) | 75 minutes |
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| Cities and Regions Summit Opening | | | |
| <p>This session will set the context and objectives of the Cities and Regions Summit and its agenda. Connecting to the theme of the UNEA-7, it will highlight how cities and regions play a crucial role in implementing sustainable solutions and tackling environmental issues through coordinated and holistic strategies. It will take stock of the outcomes of several milestone events taking place in 2025, including the UN-Habitat Assembly, the 4th International Conference on Financing for Development (FFD4) and the UNFCCC COP 30, and lay to other key ongoing global processes, such as the review of the newly submitted Nationally Determined Contributions and the forthcoming IPCC Special Report on Climate Change and Cities.</p> <p>It will also be an opportunity to introduce some of the key elements at the agenda of the UNEA-7, including UNEP's 2026-2029 Medium Term Strategy and resolutions under negotiations that are particularly relevant to local and regional governments.</p> | | | |
| 09:30 EAT (30 minutes) | Opening and welcome addresses | | |
| 10:00 EAT (30 minutes) | <p>High-level speeches on the role of local and regional governments in advancing solutions for a resilient planet</p> <p>3 high-level speakers representing different levels of government</p> | | |
| 10:30 EAT (15 minutes) | Group Picture | | |
| 10:45 EAT (30 minutes) | Coffee Break | | |

| Thematic Session 1 | | Time: 11:15-13:00 EAT (Nairobi Time) | 105 minutes |
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| Environmental Governance: Empowering Local and Regional Governments to Achieve the Goals of the Multilateral Environmental Agreements | | | |
| <p>The first session will highlight the crucial role of Local and Regional Governments in advancing sustainable solutions for a resilient planet and achieving the goals of the Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs). This session will also highlight how effective multi-level governance mechanisms and adequate frameworks can spur local implementation of integrated solutions that create synergies between climate, biodiversity, and pollution and deliver multiple benefits. The Generation Restoration project in Iloilo City, Philippines, illustrates this synergistic potential: the restoration of a 3-hectare park and a vast mangrove forest is sequestering over 60 tons of CO2 annually, while restoring the ecosystems and shielding residents from swells and surges with nature-based solutions.</p> | | | |

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| 11:15 EAT (20 minutes) | Keynote presentation on the participation and contribution of Local and Regional Governments in key MEAs |
| 11:35 EAT (45 minutes) | Panel discussion on the barriers and enablers for synergistic local action to achieve the MEA goals <i>4 high-level panelists representing different levels of government highlighting concrete examples of their contributions to the MEA processes and/or how they facilitate local and regional governments' participation in MEA process at the international or local level.</i> |
| 12:20 EAT (30 minutes) | Open discussion |
| 12:50 EAT (10 minutes) | Wrap-up and closing of the session |
| 13:00 EAT (90 minutes) | Lunch <i>Roundtable lunch buffet will be served on the Turkana Terrace in the Events and Wellness Centre, with exhibition tables provided to partners and Cities Cluster colleagues to showcase their work and answer questions</i> |

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| Thematic Session 2 | | Time: 14:30-16:45 EAT (Nairobi Time) | 135 minutes |
| Overcoming the Financial Barriers: Unlocking Finance for Synergistic Local Action | | | |
| <p>The second session will highlight the need to align and accelerate finance to implement and scale up synergistic action that contributes to the global environmental goals and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). While environmental and development finance are inherently inadequate and often compromised by other competing economic priorities, the dedicated funding windows for climate, nature, and pollution action, respectively and SDGs create further complexities in aligning these agendas (UNDESA and UNFCCC, 2023). Highlighting a clear economic rationale for integrating these action together, this session will outline starting points, initiatives, and mechanisms to advance this integration at the local and regional government level.</p> <p>Building on ongoing processes, such as the work of the Local2030 Coalition on Financing, SDSN Global Commission on Urban SDG Finance, Cities Climate Finance Leadership Alliance, and the 4th Financing for Development Conference, it will introduce mechanisms that align finance with NDCs, NBSAPs, and SDGs and create new funding opportunities at the local level. Key recommendations will be outlined for local and regional governments, national governments, financial institutions, the private sector, and other stakeholders in the finance space.</p> | | | |
| 14:30 EAT (20 minutes) | Keynote presentation | | |

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| 14:50 EAT (55 minutes) | Panel discussion on unlocking finance for synergistic local action <i>5 high-level panelists representing different levels of government as well as Multilateral Development Banks and the private sector, highlighting concrete mechanisms that unlock financing for local action.</i> |
| 15:45 EAT (30 minutes) | Open discussion |
| 16:15 EAT (10 minutes) | Wrap-up and closing of the session |
| 16:25 EAT (20 minutes) | Coffee break |

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| Closing | Time: 16:45-18:00 EAT (Nairobi Time) | 75 minutes |
| Cities and Regions Summit Closing | | |
| <i>The closing session will summarize key messages and embed the discussion in the broader framework of the UNEA-7 theme, focusing on how to successfully and effectively catalyze local and regional governments' synergistic action to tackle the triple planetary crisis of climate, biodiversity loss and pollution. In addition, it will make the connections to upcoming processes and initiatives, including the Innovate4Cities Conference, the 2026 conference of the parties (UNFCCC, CBD, UNCCD), the thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum, and the forthcoming IPCC Special Report on Climate Change and Cities.</i> | | |
| 16:45 EAT (45 minutes) | Closing interventions <i>4 high-level speakers</i> | |
| 17:30 EAT (20 minutes) | Closing intervention of the Summit Rapporteur and Local Authorities Major Groups | |
| 17:50 EAT (10 minutes) | Closing remarks | |

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Participants and Format

- The Summit will be organized in a hybrid format. In-person participation will take place at the UNEP Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya, and virtual participation through Zoom.
- The Summit will bring together mayors, governors, regional leaders, senior government officials from national governments, representatives from international organizations, academia, civil society, and the private sector.

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¹ The Summit organizers will appoint one participating Mayor as a Rapporteur.



Bonn, 12 November 2025

**LETTER OF NOMINATION FOR IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE:
Seventh Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives (OECPR-7); 21st Global Major Groups and Stakeholder Forum (GMGSF); and
Seventh Session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-7)**

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Dear Sir/Madam,

It is a pleasure for me to inform you that the following team members will represent ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, at the Open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives (OECPR-7) (1 to 5 December 2025); 21st Global Major Groups and Stakeholder Forum (GMGSF) (6 to 7 December 2025); and Seventh Session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-7) (8 to 12 December 2025)

ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability is a global network working with more than 2500 local and regional governments committed to sustainable urban development. Active in 125+ countries, we influence sustainability policy and drive local action for low emission, nature-based, equitable, resilient, and circular development.

- Magash Naidoo – Head & Global Coordinator: Circular Development, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability; and Co-Facilitator of the Local Authorities Major Group.
- Yunus Arikan – Global Director of Advocacy, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability.
- Datin Sapiah binti Haron, Mayor: Hang Tuah Jaya Municipal Council, Malaysia; and Global Executive Committee: Sustainable Energy Transition portfolio, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability. (GMGSF; UNEA and Cities and Regions Summit only).
- Emilie Maehara, Deputy Executive Director, Sustainable Finance Observatory (GMGSF; UNEA and Cities and Regions Summit only).
- Silvio Magalhaes Barros II, Mayor of Maringa, Brazil.
- Felipe Carvalho Araujo, Superintendent, City of Maringa, Brazil.

With best wishes,



Gino Van Begin
Secretary General
ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability





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ANEXO II

Cronograma da missão internacional

03/12/2025 – Embarque no Brasil com destino a Nairobi (Quênia);

04/12/2025 – Credenciamento e reuniões preparatórias do Cities and Regions Summit;

05/12/2025 – Participação no *UNEA-7 Cities and Regions Summit* (evento principal);

06 e 07/12/2025 – Participação no *21st Global Major Groups and Stakeholder Forum (GMGSF)*;

08 a 09/12/2025 – Participação no *Seventh Session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-7)*;

10/12/2025 – Retorno ao Brasil.



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ANEXO III

ART. 1º, § 7º, LEI 10.624/2018

Em atenção ao disposto no art. 1º, § 7º, da Lei Municipal 10.624/2018, informa-se que as despesas com alimentação, transporte, estadia, seguro e demais custos serão custeadas pelo valor de U\$D 400,00 (quatrocentos dólares americanos) por dia.



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