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## Programme

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

**Date:** September 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 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

Time	Main Activity	Venue (UNCC-AA)
08:00 - 09:30	Registration	Entrance of UNCC
09:30 - 10:30	Opening Ceremony	CR2 (1F)
	<p><b>Chair:</b> Mr. Andrew Rugege, Regional Director for Africa, ITU</p> <p><b>Welcoming Remarks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Mr. Oliver Chinganya, Director, African Center for Statistics and Officer-in-Charge, UN Economic Commission for Africa</li> </ul> <p><b>Opening Speeches:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Mr. Haifeng Lu, Secretary General, Global Forum on Human Settlements (GFHS)</li> <li>♦ Mr. Roi Chiti, Project Leader, World Urban Campaign, UN-Habitat</li> </ul> <p><b>High Level Address:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Senior Representative from the Ethiopian Government</li> </ul>	

	<p><b>Statement of Special Guests:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ 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)</li> <li>♦ H.E. Dr. Eng. Seleshi Bekele, Minister of Water, Irrigation and Energy of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia</li> <li>♦ H.E. Elkanah Odembo, senior representative of H.E. Raila Odinga, former Prime Minister of Kenya</li> </ul> <p><b>Ceremony of Making Commitments to SDGs</b> <b>Group Photo</b></p>	
10:30 - 11:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
11:00 - 12:30	<b>Plenary Session 1</b> <b>Digital Revolution Challenges and Opportunities for Sustainable Cities and Human Settlements - Inspirational Developments</b>	CR2
	<p><b>Chair:</b> Mr. Arab Hoballah, Senior Sustainability Expert, former Chief, Sustainable Lifestyles, Cities and Industry Branch, UNEP</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ H.E. Mr. Mulatu Teshome, Former President of Ethiopia</li> <li>♦ H.E. Jenipher Kacha Namuyangu, Minister of State for Local Government, Uganda</li> <li>♦ Mr. Andrew Rugege, Regional Director for Africa, International Telecommunication Union (ITU)</li> <li>♦ Mr. Vicente Guallart, Founder, Institute for Advanced Architecture of Catalonia; Former Chief Architect of Barcelona City Council</li> <li>♦ Mr. Serge Salat, President, Urban Morphology and Complex Systems Institute, Paris, France, Leading Expert of International Green Model City Standards 3.0</li> <li>♦ Mr. Shang Yaohua, Vice President of LONGi Green Energy Technology Co., Ltd.</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>	
12:30 - 13:30	<b>Lunch Break</b>	Ground
13:30 - 15:15	<b>Plenary Session 2</b> <b>Safe, Inclusive, Resilient and Sustainable City – Policies, Technologies and Practices</b>	CR2

	<p><b>Chair:</b> Mr. Choudhury Rudra Charan Mohanty, Coordinator of Environment Programme, UNCRD/UN DESA</p> <hr/> <p><b>Background Presentations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Mr. Takele Uma Banti, Mayor, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia</li> <li>♦ Mr. Maarten Hajer, Member, International Resource Panel, UNEP, Professor of Urban Futures, University of Utrecht</li> </ul> <p><b>Panel Dialogue:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Dr. Amos Makarau, Director, Regional Office for Africa, World Meteorological Organization</li> <li>♦ Ms. Pam O'Connor, Former Mayor, Santa Monica Director, Metrolink, Southern California Regional Rail Authority, USA</li> <li>♦ Mr. Adjei Tawiah, The Municipal Chief Executive of Korley Klotey, Accra Metropolis, Ghana</li> <li>♦ Mr. Shen Tao, Deputy Director, Changjiang New Town Administration Committee, City of Wuhan, China</li> <li>♦ Mr. Meshack Van Wyk, Councilor for Housing, Metropolitan Municipality Council, Johannesburg, South Africa</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>	
15:15 – 15:30	<b>Break</b>	Ground
15:30 - 17:00	<b>Parallel Session 3a Digital Technology, Innovation, and Sustainability in Africa</b>	CR2
	<p><b>Chair:</b> Mr. Oliver Chinganya, Director, African Center for Statistics and Officer-in-Charge, UN Economic Commission for Africa</p> <hr/> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Dr. Mahama Ouedraogo, Director, Human Resources, Science and Technology, African Union Commission, Ethiopia</li> <li>♦ Prof. Islam Hamza Abou El-Magd El Genidi, Counselor to the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research for African Affairs, Cairo, Egypt</li> <li>♦ Mr. Fungai Mandiveyi, Group Media and Communications Executive, Econet Group</li> <li>♦ Prof. Kivutha Kibwana, Governor, Makueni County, Kenya</li> <li>♦ Professor Desta Mebratu, Extraordinary Professor, Stellenbosch University</li> <li>♦ Mr. Dawit Bekele, Director, African Regional Bureau Internet Society</li> </ul>	

	<b>Q&amp;A</b>	
15:30 - 17:00	<b>Parallel Session 3b Smart Sustainable Cities and Communities</b>	CR5 (1F)
	<p><b>Chair:</b> Mr. Andrew Rugege, Regional Director for Africa, ITU</p> <hr/> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Mr. Zhang Keping, Visiting Professor, Tsinghua University, former Chief of Information and Radio Bureau, Wuxi City, China</li> <li>♦ Mr. James Njeru, Co-Rapporteur Q1/2, ITU-D Study Group 2</li> <li>♦ Mr. John Smiciklas, Lead Verifier, U4SSC - United 4 Smart Sustainable Cities</li> <li>♦ Ms. Helen Nakiguli, Chair, ITU-T Study Group 5 Regional Group for Africa</li> <li>♦ Mr. Grum Ketema, Chief Technology Officer, dVentus Technologies</li> <li>♦ Mr. Sibasish Dasgupta, Project Director, Udaipur Smart City, India</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussant:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Prof. Li Minquan, Chief Planner, Shenzhen Better City Institute</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>	
17:30 - 18:45	<b>Closed-door meeting (invited only)</b> Programme Details Provided Separately	LBR (1F)

## Day 2: Friday, September 6, 2019

Time	Main Activity	Venue (UNCC-AA)
09:00 - 10:30	<b>Parallel Session 4a The World Urban Campaign: Connecting Global Sustainability Agendas and Private Sector Local Actions</b>	CR2 (1F)
	<b>Chair:</b> Mr. Roi Chiti, Project Leader, World Urban Campaign, UN-Habitat	

	<p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Mr. Takele Uma Benti, Mayor of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia</li> <li>♦ H.E. Grace Kwiwucwiny, Minister of State for Northern Uganda</li> <li>♦ Mr. Muluken Ayehu, Mayor of Bahir Dar, Ethiopia</li> <li>♦ Ms. Annie Kairaba, Director Rwanda Initiative for Sustainable Development</li> <li>♦ Mr. Adeniyi Oluwasanmi Adekanye, Head of Department Development Permit, Ministry of Physical Planning and Urban Development, Nigeria</li> <li>♦ Mr. Andualem Tenaw Habtie, Director General, Ethiopian Cities Association</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussants:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Ms. Li Chengli, Director, Customer Experience Center, Southwestern Regional Group, Sunac China Company</li> <li>♦ Mr. Peng Huixin, Design Manager, Hunan Xinhe Smart Valley Real Estate Co., Ltd of CSCEC</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>	
09:00 - 10:30	<p><b>Parallel Session 4b</b>  <b>Smart Green Building, Renewable Energy, and Urban Resilience</b></p>	CR5 (1F)
	<p><b>Chair:</b> Mr. Arab Hoballah, Senior Sustainability Expert, former Chief, Sustainable Lifestyles, Cities and Industry Branch, UNEP</p> <hr/> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ H.E. Dr. Eng. Seleshi Bekele, Minister of Water, Irrigation and Energy of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia</li> <li>♦ Mr. Craig Perkins, President &amp; Executive Director, The Energy Coalition, USA</li> <li>♦ Mr. Mick Pearce, well-known architect, expert on biomimicry</li> <li>♦ H.E. Dr. Mrs. Ipalibo Banigo, DSSRS, Deputy Governor of Rivers State, Nigeria</li> <li>♦ K. Jim Jem, Bio-Plastics Chief Scientist, China Prosperity Green Industry Foundation, Senior Advisor of GFHS</li> <li>♦ Mr. Jordi Colomí, Mayor, Torroella de Montgrí L' Estartit, Spain</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussant:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Mr. Qu Yang, Sino-Sun Architects &amp; Engineers Co., Ltd.</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>	

10:30 - 11:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
11:00 - 12:30	<b>Parallel Session 5a International Green Model City Initiative: Greener, Smarter Future Cities</b>	CR2
	<p><b>Chair:</b> Mr. Ralph Wahnschafft, Independent Advisor on Sustainable Development Policies, GFHS</p> <hr/> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Ms. Christine He, Deputy Secretary General of Global Forum on Human Settlements, Coordinator of International Green Model City Initiative</li> <li>♦ Mr. Desmond Bikoko, Mayor, Lilongwe, Malawi</li> <li>♦ Mr. Alexander R. Jachnow, Head of Urban Strategies and Planning, Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam</li> <li>♦ Dr. Kelly Wang, Deputy General Manager of Overseas Division, Country Garden Group</li> <li>♦ Mr. Li Qiang, Party Member and Deputy Head, People's Government of Tongnan District, Chongqing, China</li> <li>♦ Mr. Gorka Urtaran Agirre, Mayor, City of Vitoria-Gasteiz, Spain</li> <li>♦ Ms. Jessica Mu, Board Member and Marketing Director, Nanning Qianyi Dagan Investment Co., Ltd.</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussants:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Mr. Zhou Chunpeng, General Manager, SPD Planning Design Corporation, China</li> <li>♦ Mr. Chen Zekun, Invited Director, Sustainable Cities Committee of China Research Society of Urban Development, Vice Chairman of Jingzhou Artists Association, China</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>	
11:00 - 12:30	<b>Parallel Session 5b Financing for Sustainable Urban Infrastructure</b>	CR5
	<p><b>Chair:</b> Ms. Wakesho Sonje, Africa Network Coordinator, UNEP Finance Initiative</p> <hr/> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Mr. William Sun, Vice Chairman of Belt and Road African Studies Alliance</li> <li>♦ Mr. Abebe Girmay Tesema, Engineer, The Tigray Region</li> </ul>	

	<p>Investment Commissioner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Ms. Virginie Ticha, President of International Federation of Consular Chambers for Africa</li> <li>♦ Mr. Kasirim Nwuke, Chief, Green Economy, Technology and Innovation Section, UNECA</li> <li>♦ Ms. Mukiri Muthuri, Head of Credit Analysis, Commercial Bank of Africa</li> <li>♦ Mr. Dinkneh Tefera, Urban Development Specialist, World Bank Group</li> <li>♦ Ms. Dorothy Maseke, Group Manager, Risk and Compliance, ICEA Lion Group</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussants:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Dr. Gebrehiwot Ageba, Director of Research, The Horn Economic and Social Policy Institute (HESPI)</li> <li>♦ Mr. Melaku Mulualem, Head, Foreign Policy Analysis Department - The Ethiopian Foreign Relation Strategic Studies Institute</li> <li>♦ Mr. Lemma Degefa, Director of Center for Investment Networking in Ethiopia (CINE)</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>	
12:30 - 13:50	<b>Lunch break</b>	Ground
13:50 - 15:20	<b>Parallel Session 6a Blockchain Technology and Smart City Governance</b>	CR2
	<p><b>Chair:</b> 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)</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Dr. Allen Yaobian WU, Vice Chairman of World Block Chain Alliance, CEO of Bin Zayed Group Asian Investment Ltd.</li> <li>♦ Prof. Crispus Kiamba, former Vice Chancellor, University of Nairobi, former Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology, Kenya</li> <li>♦ Arch. Rafi Rich, CEO, SUiTS Smarter Urban iT &amp; Strategies LTD, Israel</li> <li>♦ Mr. Ahmet Atac, Mayor, Eskisehir Tepebasi Municipality, Turkey</li> <li>♦ Dr. Zhou Yueling, Vice Chairman of World Block Chain Alliance, Chairman of World Council of the Belt and Road,</li> </ul>	

	<p>Inc.</p> <p><b>Discussant:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Mr. Wang Zhijun, Inspector, Human Resources and Social Security Department, Sichuan Provincial Government, Senior Advisor, Sustainable City Committee, China Urban Development Research Institute</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>	
13:50 - 15:20	<p><b>Parallel Session 6b</b></p> <p><b>Family Values and Happiness in Cities</b></p>	CR5
	<p><b>Chair:</b> Mr. Fredrick Wakhisi, Executive Director, Universal Peace Federation (UPF), Kenya</p> <hr/> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Mr. Dharam Singh Chaggar, UPF Kenya Chairman, renown member of Lions Club International, and Architect</li> <li>♦ Rev. Mwalagho Kililo, Family Federation Kenya Chairman, Certified Public Accountant</li> <li>♦ Bishop Joseph Kanuku, Bishop Emeritus, Anglican Church of Kenya.</li> <li>♦ Sutinder Singh Jabbal, Spiritual Leader Sikhism, Quantity Surveyor</li> <li>♦ Dr. Jeane Wachira, Psychology Professor, University of Nairobi</li> <li>♦ Dr. Taj Hamad, International Vice President, Universal Peace Federation International</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>	
15:20 - 15:35	<b>Break</b>	Ground
15:35 - 16:35	<p><b>Closing Session</b></p> <p><b>Fostering Innovation and Partnerships for Better Quality of Life in Cities and Communities – The Way Forward</b></p>	CR2
	<p><b>Chair:</b> Dr. Taj Hamad, Vice Chairman of Global Forum on Human Settlements, International Vice President, Universal Peace Federation International</p> <hr/> <p><b>Summaries from the parallel sessions</b></p> <p><b>Recommendations - Addis Ababa Declaration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Mr. Andrew Rugege, Regional Director for Africa, International Telecommunication Union (ITU)</li> </ul>	



	<p><b>Closing remarks by</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Ms. Christine He, Deputy Secretary General of Global Forum on Human Settlements, Coordinator of International Green Model City Initiative</li> <li>♦ Mr. Roi Chiti, Project Leader, World Urban Campaign, UN-Habitat</li> </ul>	
18:30 - 20:30	<p><b>Reception &amp; Sustainable Cities and Human Settlements Awards Ceremony 2019 (invitation only)</b></p> <p>Programme Details Announced Separately</p>	Banquet Hall  (2F)