



URBAN AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT WEEK

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EXPO ENQUIRY: How do we live and grow in harmony with our planet?

Whether in rural or urban settings, access to safe and affordable living conditions is a fundamental right. With over 70% of the world's population due to live in cities by 2050, and over a billion already living in informal settlements, it is more important than ever to build resilient and sustainable habitats supported by networks of inclusive infrastructure and services. As the demand on cities and communities escalates, Expo will coalesce experts, citizens, and governments to re-think the way habitats – urban and rural, formal and informal – are designed and managed. From innovative transport, sustainable housing and green public spaces to renewable energy and circular economies, habitats of the future are imagined with sustainability and inclusivity at their core.

PROGRAMME SERIES	EVENT DESCRIPTION	EXPO-LED	CO-CURATE	HOW CAN YOU PLUG IN?
BUILD BRIDGES	Cultures in Conversation The Ties that Bind: The role of culture in building social cohesion in urban melting pots In this event, we explore the myriad ways that cultural practices, norms and storytelling can contribute to a shared sense of belonging, build social cohesion and celebrate diversity within urban communities.		✓	Co-Curate Participate: - Nominate a panelist
	Flip Your Worldview Urban & Rural Development Based on the Gapminder quiz, this lightning session will provide an opportunity for visitors to learn about and rediscover 'urban and rural development' for more fact-based worldviews.	✓		Participate: - Submit case studies
	Dignified Storytelling Urban & Rural Development Placing human dignity at the heart of storytelling, this event aims to foster a common understanding of how storytelling in development and humanitarian contexts can maintain the voice, integrity and dignity of communities. This session will deploy journalists, storytellers and communication experts to illustrate how communities across urban and rural spaces; will include examples of Expo's selected Best Practice projects and Expo Live Global Innovators.	✓		Participate: - Nominate a storyteller
	Women's Pavilion Programme Women of Arabia/Islam True stories and accounts of women leading the way in urban and rural development from different parts of the Arab and Islamic world will be narrated to highlight the catalytic role women in Islam have been playing for centuries and today, to ensure women from across the world to reach new heights.	✓		Participate: - Speaker - Audience
LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND	SDG A Place for Everyone: Youth Voices on Shaping Cities for the Future Convening young activists, entrepreneurs and thought leaders at the cutting edge of redefining the future of urban space, this flagship public-facing programme will galvanise collective commitment to transform the way we live – with our environment and each other.	✓		Co-Curate Participate: - Speaker - Audience
	World Majlis Connected Cities: Reliable urban transportation to promote both social and economic mobility Co-curated with India, this World Majlis seeks to address questions around how improvements in connectivity and public transit systems will transform the fabric of modern cities and what impact green transportation will have on the quality of life in big cities.		✓	Participate: - Speaker
	World Majlis Engineering a Balanced City: Are our greatest cities inevitably habitats accessible only to our wealthiest people? Co-curated with Australia, this World Majlis session seeks to address questions around why the cost of residing in a world-class city naturally climbs until "regular people" are priced out and how to ideate better diversity towards a more optimal urban proposition. It will look at lessons from past examples of urban planning.		✓	Participate: - Speaker

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	SDG Habitats Solution Workshop Bringing together countries, commercial entities, entrepreneurs, young professionals and students to co-create solutions to specific urban and rural development challenges, ranging from flood management and seasonal electricity storage to reliable and affordable water and energy provision to the last mile. The event will also touch upon informal economies / marketplace / enterprise delivery models.		✓	Co-Curate Participate: - Speaker - Audience
	Women's Pavilion Programme Women in Development Exploring the central role women play in sustainable development, with a particular emphasis on the urban and rural development sector. Voices of women as agents of change from various perspectives will be spotlighted.		✓	Co-Curate Participate: - Speaker - Audience
	Expo Live Regular Programming Series Women Igniting Change Women Igniting Change will inspire women to be at the forefront of shaping the future.	✓		Participate: - Speaker
	Expo Live Regular Programming Series Power of Determination The Power of Determination will embrace social inclusion and accessibility in our everyday.	✓		Participate: - Speaker
	Expo Live Regular Programming Series Tech for Good Examines how disruptive grassroots technology can improve our lives.	✓		Participate: - Speaker
	Expo Live Regular Programming Series Next Gen Humans Next Gen Humans will show a viable future in education, employment, upskilling by exploring alternative pathways to the future of learning & work	✓		Participate: - Speaker
THRIVE TOGETHER	Business Forum Opportunities in Urban and Rural Development The thematic business forum will be a platform to highlight Non-traditional business opportunities, cutting edge technologies, and progress achieved by the UAE, Participating countries and Expo partners relevant to urban and rural development. The forum will also be an opportunity for partners to have meaningful conversations that ultimately foster knowledge transfer and business opportunities.		✓	Co-Curate Participate
	Expo Live Panels and Networking Expo Live panels and networking sessions are convening events for social entrepreneurs, industry leaders, public officials, philanthropists and change makers to work together for a lasting social and environmental impact.		✓	Co-Curate Participate
LIVE IN BALANCE	Coming Full Circle Charging Forward: Reimagining Urban Mobility With 70 percent of the world's population expected to live in urban areas by 2050, existing infrastructure will be inadequate in meeting the needs of this growing demand. This event offers the opportunity to herald a new normal – a vision of mobility that deploys innovation and technology to truly facilitate human connections, making people more mobile while also augmenting their health and happiness.		✓	Co-Curate Participate: - Speaker - Audience
	Conservation for Hope Nature-based Solutions and Livelihoods Focusing on rural and indigenous communities being an engine of ideas and solutions for local, nature-based sustainable development and recognising and advancing SDGs for people, nature and resilient communities..		✓	Co-Curate Participate: - Speaker - Audience

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LIVE IN BALANCE	Sustainability @ Expo At Home with Nature This series will spotlight Expo's own initiatives and countries across the Expo site responding to Expo's sustainability standards, and demonstrating sustainable models of urban and rural development, through their pavilion content, design, programming and operations.		✓	Co-Curate Participate: - Best practice case study
	Expo Live Regular Programming Series Man & Nature Man & Nature will address sustainability (agriculture, energy, waste, water, environment) through the lens of cohabitating with nature while protecting and restoring it.	✓		Participate: - Speaker - Audience
VISION 2071	First Resilience Summit with Dubai Police A convening of local and global stakeholders to drive urban resilience in terms of readiness, agility, responsiveness, and restoration ability of a city. Discussions to include long-term strategies for predicting, communicating, regulating and preventing crisis, assessing and financing resilience, as well as socio-economic community wellbeing.	✓		TBC
	Expo Live Lead Event Legacy Fund Launch event (Previously Global Innovators Summit) A closed event for GIs, NOPs, Commercial Partners, International Participants, Government entities, investors, accelerators and media, to foster collaborations, networking, opening business/investment opportunities, and leverage media coverage on social and environment impact. The event will also announce the future of Expo Live.	✓		TBC
	Spotlights on Africa Infrastructure A high level conference with an aim to launch the second edition of the Programme of Infrastructure Development in Africa. The conference will build on Phase 1 of PIDA and continue to engage stakeholders on the effective delivery of infrastructure on the continent.	✓		Participate: - Speaker - Audience
	Ministerial Dinner Facilitated conversations amongst high-level instrumental players on specific top to advance UAE's international cooperation agenda on urban and rural development and to mark the UAE's Golden Jubilee celebration.	✓		Invite-only
	Expo Live Lead Event Grand Challenge A grand challenge event to explore solutions to thematic / topical challenges.	✓		Participate: - Speaker
BEST PRACTICE AREA PROGRAMME	Best Practice Area Programming Slots Urban & Rural Development Spotlighting development solutions that have demonstrated improved outcomes for resilient habitats and slum upgrading.	✓		Participate: - Speakers corner lightning talks - Co-create sessions