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## **HABITAT PROFESSIONAL FORUM MONA RADY**

### **INTRODUCTION**

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The Habitat Professional Forum stands for advocacy and knowledge exchange, raising awareness, solidarity and support among professionals. It is also attempting integration across professions – something that is so very needed in the face of the challenges ahead of us. For us this is the first and immediate form of multilateralism – multidisciplinary and collaboration across silos. Something we should practice more in our daily professional life, wherever we work and engage with urban development.

Presenting this report to the UIA general assembly the opportunity to share the work of professionals in the field of human settlements at this critical time when cities face the combined crises arising from climate change and the Covid 19 pandemic. These are compounded by the severe wars around the globe which not only are distracting precious resources from the tasks ahead of us, but are driving further damage to the environment and to our wellbeing.

### **1. HPF STRATEGY WUF 10 (2020) – WUF 11 (2022)**

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Through establishing 3 working groups:

- **Working Group 1: Reviewing Constitution, Term Of References TORs, crafting a vision and Strategy for HPF**
- **Working Group 2: Visibility Strategy (social media, publications etc.) UN-Habitat** is webpage for the HPF and also the new urban agenda NUA stakeholder information-Urban Agenda Platform,
- **Working Group 3: Covid-19 RoadMap:**

The HPF Roadmap to a Just Recovery. The Road map was first presented during the General Assembly High Level Meeting on the Implementation of the NUA in April 2022. We launched it at the World Urban Forum 11 in Katowice Poland June 2022. The Road Map is our initial response to the time of crisis the Habitat Assembly also intends to discuss. It calls for more ‘professional’ engagement in recovery and development, and advocates for the recognition by member states of the need for more technical support and expertise to be deployed to face the challenges in front of us.

The Road map sets out the guiding principles on how to build resilience, respond, and recover during and after the global shocks from the pandemic, climate changes and conflict. It highlights the need and the options to Re-tool Planning Systems, Reinforce Health dimension of urban interventions, and Enhance the Impact of Sectoral work.

The Roadmap also identifies the challenges facing the future of cities and regions, the good practices of the professionals, the adjustments required to the delivery mechanisms, and the required institutional capacity and support for Change. These include in particular digitalization, localization, standardization, new regulations, focusing on the localization of sustainable development goals.

1-2- Nominated as a **member in the president of the general assembly PGA HLM Advisory Committee on sustainable urbanization of PGA President of UN-general assembly 76<sup>th</sup> session.**( UN) as the HPF leadership and commitment to the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and interest in advocating for elevating sustainable urbanization on the global agenda will immensely support our joint efforts as a preparation for the **Participating in the high level meeting HLM in the united nations** in the head office in New York

**1-3- Supporting, coalition, co-operating and encourage with the UNHABITAT initiations, plans and campaigns in different UNH sections for different objectives as a request of the Executive Director of UN-HABITAT :**

- **UN-habitat plan COVID-19 Campaign titled: “Take action with us in cities and communities”, UNH COVID-19 Response Plan and COVID-19 Campaign,** introducing the UIA initiation **UIA COVID-19 INFORMATION HUB** and present a statement in that concern

- **The city we need world urban campaign by apply the New Gournas as a model for the hub for SDGs** by presenting Hassan Fathy and Sustainable Development Goals and **Architecture for climate resilience-learning from Hassan Fathy** in Hassan Fathy Center for Architecture and Sustainable Development New Gournas, Luxor. New Gournas Campaign with a partner of the World Urban Campaign, World Cities Day WCD by UN-Habitat Presentation of The City We Need Now! **In Hassan Fathy New Gournas, 29 October 2021 Side Event of World cities Day, Luxor, 31 October 2021.**

**1-4 Stakeholder consultative forum 4-5 April 2022:**

**1-5-The Executive Board of UN-Habitat held its session twice a year in a hybrid format for three days I have Attended 5 meetings** and present the HPF statements in every meeting from the 2020-2022 sessions of the Executive Board of the United Nations Human Settlements Program, in Nairobi.

**1-6-HPF had Prepared a series of webinar in UTCs of WUC by the support of HPF members organizations under the theme #ClimateAction4Cities Campaign**

- **UIA & HPF UTC Proposal:**
- **HPF UTC Proposal:**
- **ISOCARP International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP) &AUA & HPF:**
- **ICOMOS & HPF UTC Proposal**

**1-7- COP 26 & COP 27 HPF & WUC UN-Habitat:**

- Executive Director of UN-Habitat launched the #ClimateAction4Cities Campaign and inviting HPF organizations to contribute in the lead up to the Climate Change Conference (COP26) that was held in Glasgow in November 2021 as the world urban campaign WUC & UN-Habitat are partner with the HPF organizations to join hands in this important global mobilization, amplifying key messages, sharing climate action solutions, and inspiring others through examples towards COP26.
- COP 27 Sharma Elseik Egypt 7-18 November 2022 &HPF & WUC& UN-Habitat&WUF11 Poland Katowice 26-31June 2022&Africities. Kisumu, Kenya 17-21 May, 2022,
- Affordable Housing activation AHA event in 18-21 May 2022 Madrid Spain

**1-8- WUF 11 Poland Katowice June 2023 :**

- several events was established and moderated in WUF 11 event and the HPF was a main partner as one of the stakeholders by doing Roundtable with professionals and experts in these events , HPF general Assembly, lancing the HPF Roadmap and attending different side events.

**2. HPF STRATEGY WUF 11 (2022) – WUF 12 (2024)**

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**Update the Set-up for the new strategy for HPF for the new mandate 2022-2024**

Through establishing 3 working groups:

- **WG1: Events & Fund raising & Memberships**
- **WG2: Communication social media & Partnerships** New urban agenda: platform updates the professionals, workspace, events. **First partnerships in discussion (Covenant of Mayors, Climate change...).** **Type of partnership? Letter of Intent or MoU?**

Communication tools: website, social media, pamphlet, content

- **WG3: Roadmap implementation**

In the few months since the 2022 WUF, the HPF partners have already started to take action to implement the **RoadMap** starting with an audit of their own activities, and member organizations are leading task groups in implementing the 22 **Roadmap Propositions**.

The Roadmap also fully recognizes the importance of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the New Urban Agenda to provide an effective framework for coordinating with the recovery efforts of professionals and their collective experience to support the implementation of the New Urban Agenda. This is essential for more effectiveness and efficiency, and to identify the priorities for action, arising from the need to improve quality of life, promote peace and encourage a greener and more just recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **2-2 Coming events for coming years 2023-2024:**

As every HPF members know that there is a lot of events coming next year so we need to participate in these different by planning different events if u have any proposal for those events or you have applied pls let us know so we can participate too in your event or we can apply for different event in those events:

A. Global stakeholders meeting GSF 3-4 JUNE 2023 & UN-Habitat General Assembly, 5-9 June 2023 Nairobi, Kenya. **UNHA event and GSF to the HPF have a direct contribute to the** theme of the UNHA which is **“A sustainable urban future through inclusive and effective multilateralism: achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in times of global crises.”**

- B. UIA 2023CPH Copenhagen forum, 2-6 July 2023. Side event accepted
- C. HLPF ,10-19 July 2023 New York, USA.
- D. Un-habitat day, UAE 2 October 2023.
- E. Cities day, 30 October 2023.
- F. COP 28, November 2023.
- G. WUF 12 2023, Cairo Egypt ,2024.

## **2-3-Registering new organizations in the HPF:**

Adding five organizations to the HPF like health, urban recycle, climate change, economic analysis, public administration, waste management, urban agriculture. We added the Consortium of Sustainable Urbanization CSU, International Association of World Heritage, Balkan Architecture Forum, Global Association of Psychologist, American Psychological Association in United Nations and International **Society for Urban Health.**

Now "more than ever" is the time to invest in professional multilateralism and to act in Speed, Scale, and Solidarity to protect societies and recover better for a sustainable future.

We called for all stakeholders, to enter into a fresh and reinvigorated commitment to the New Urban Agenda. We as the global community of professionals stand ready to play our part and call on all stakeholders to join forces and bring our collective perspective into discussions, by encompassing the role of **multilateral organizations in development and use of strategies**