Main objectives of the Forum

- Furthering of cooperation and coordination among development agencies in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda, the Declaration of Cities and other Human Settlements in the New Millennium and the United Nations Millennium Declaration.

- Strengthening the coordination of international support to the implementation of the Habitat Agenda.

- Facilitating the exchange of experiences and the advancement of collective knowledge among cities and their development partners.
Participants at the Forum

- All Member States
- Local Authorities
- Intergovernmental Organizations
- Non-Governmental Organizations
- International Organizations
- Community Groups
- Habitat Professionals
- Business and Private Sector
- Academics and Students
- International Finance Institutions

Activities and Structure of the Forum

- Opening Ceremony
- Opening Plenary
- World Urban Youth Assembly
- Gender Equality Action Assembly
- Dialogues
- Roundtables (of specialized partner groups)
- Networking Events
- Special Sessions
- Training Events
- Side Events
- Business Caucus
- Exhibition
Proposed additional elements of the Forum

- Roundtable on Knowledge Management
- (Youth) Art and Culture Presentation
- A special session on the launch of the State of the World Cities Report
- “One UN Event”
- The World Urban Campaign (WUC)
- A Ministerial segment of the Governing Council?
Participation in and outreach of the Forum

Number of Participants from WUF1 to WUF5

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Contribution of WUF to the work of UN-Habitat - 1

- Advocacy
- Partnership
- International Cooperation
- Policy direction
- Information dissemination
- Best practices
- Peer review
- Capacity building
Contribution of WUF to the work of UN-Habitat - 2

- Diversity of partners that attend
- The breadth and depth of substantive topics discussed
- The number of countries that are represented: from 100 in WUF3 to 150 in WUF5
- Rotation from region to region
- The range of practical applications and field practices displayed at the Forum by hundreds of partners
- A platform for the World Urban Campaign
- The level of interest and resources invested by the host countries for important improvements

Role of National Urban Forums in preparing for WUF

As a mechanism for mobilising partners from all categories, NUFs are supported to:

- Promote monitoring and assessment of implementation of Habitat Agenda and other global targets
- Engage non-government actors for shaping inclusive policies
- Encourage structured and inclusive participation at WUF
- Support resource mobilisation from non-traditional sources, e.g., private sector
Functional relationship of WUF with Programmes of UN-Habitat

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