



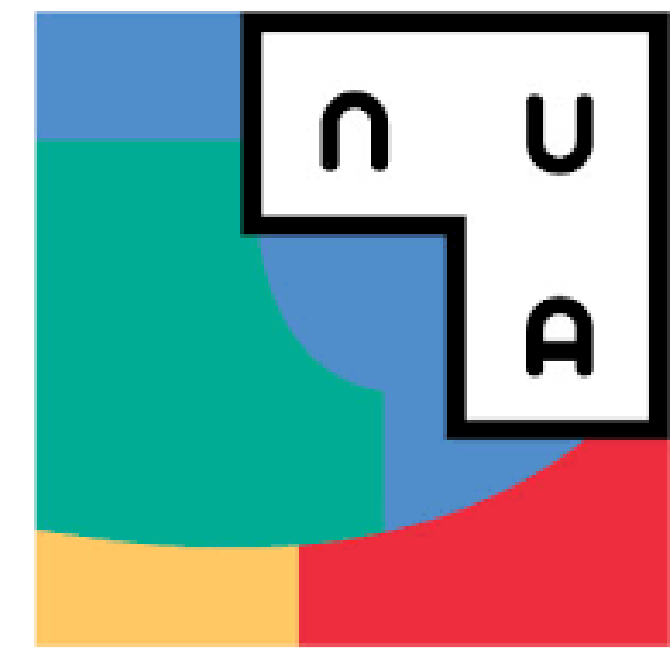
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Agenda Item 4:

Report of the twelfth session of the World Urban Forum and preparations for the thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum



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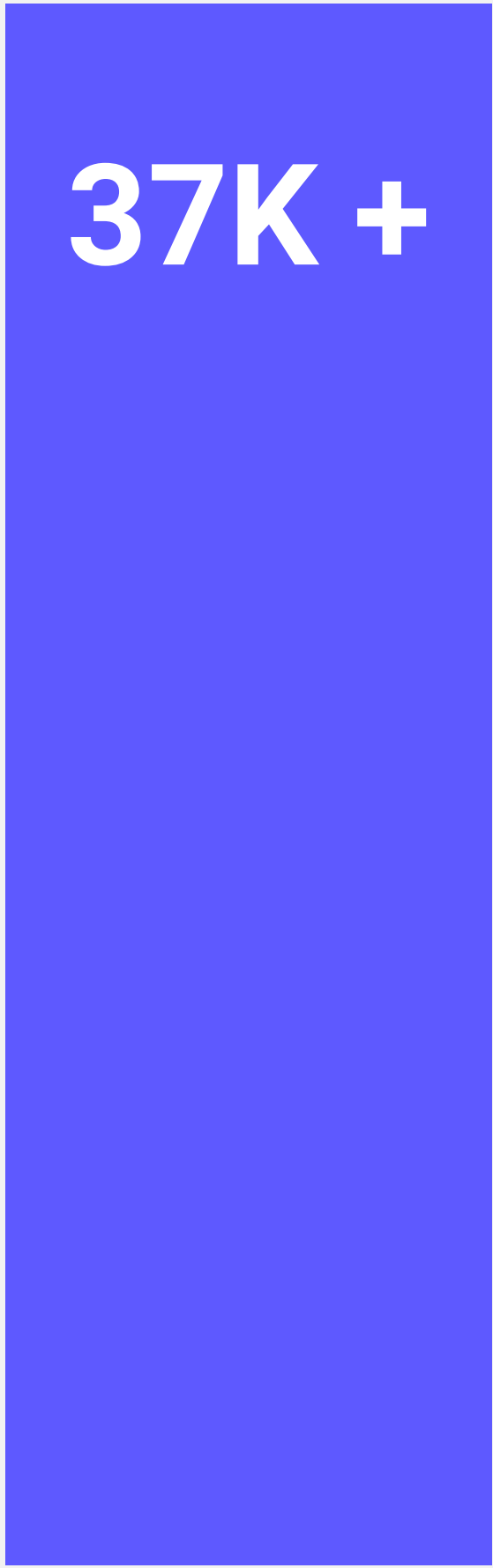
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Local actions for sustainable cities and communities

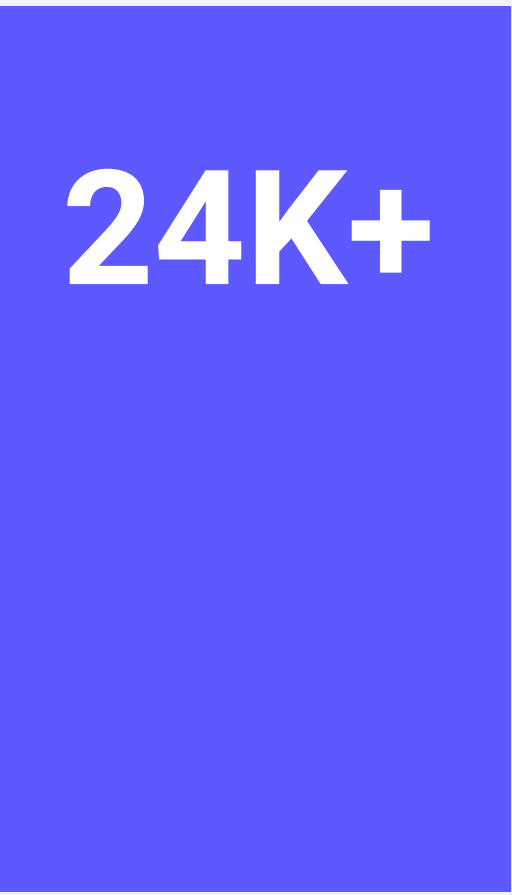


Key milestones

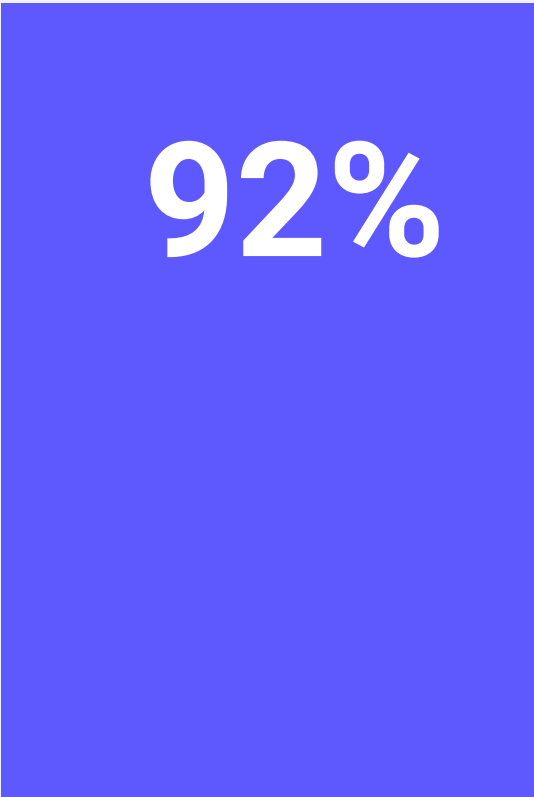
WUF12: A benchmark for partner mobilization



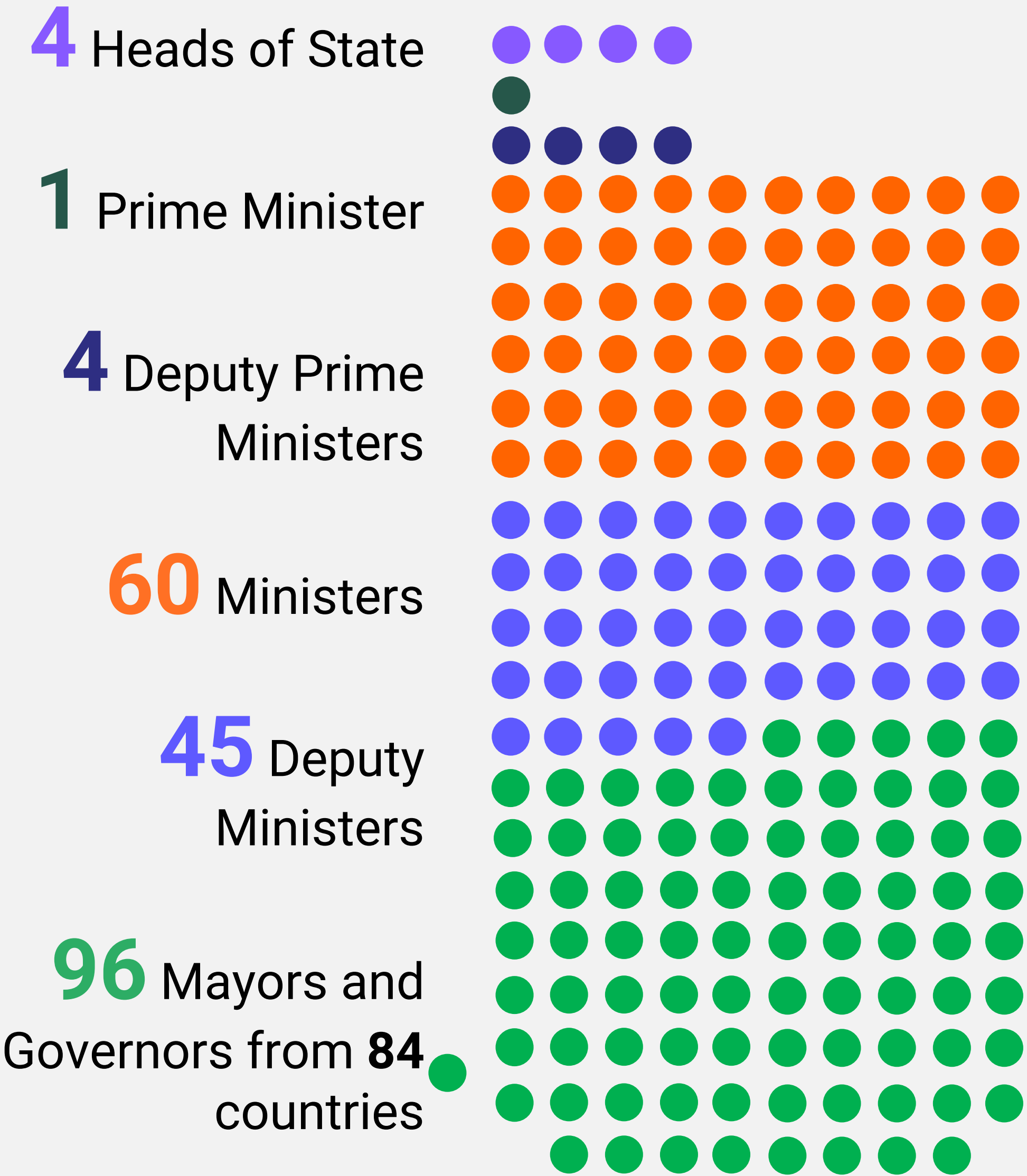
Registrations



Participants



In-person



Gender parity achieved

General attendance ♀ 46.4%

2% Prefer not to say

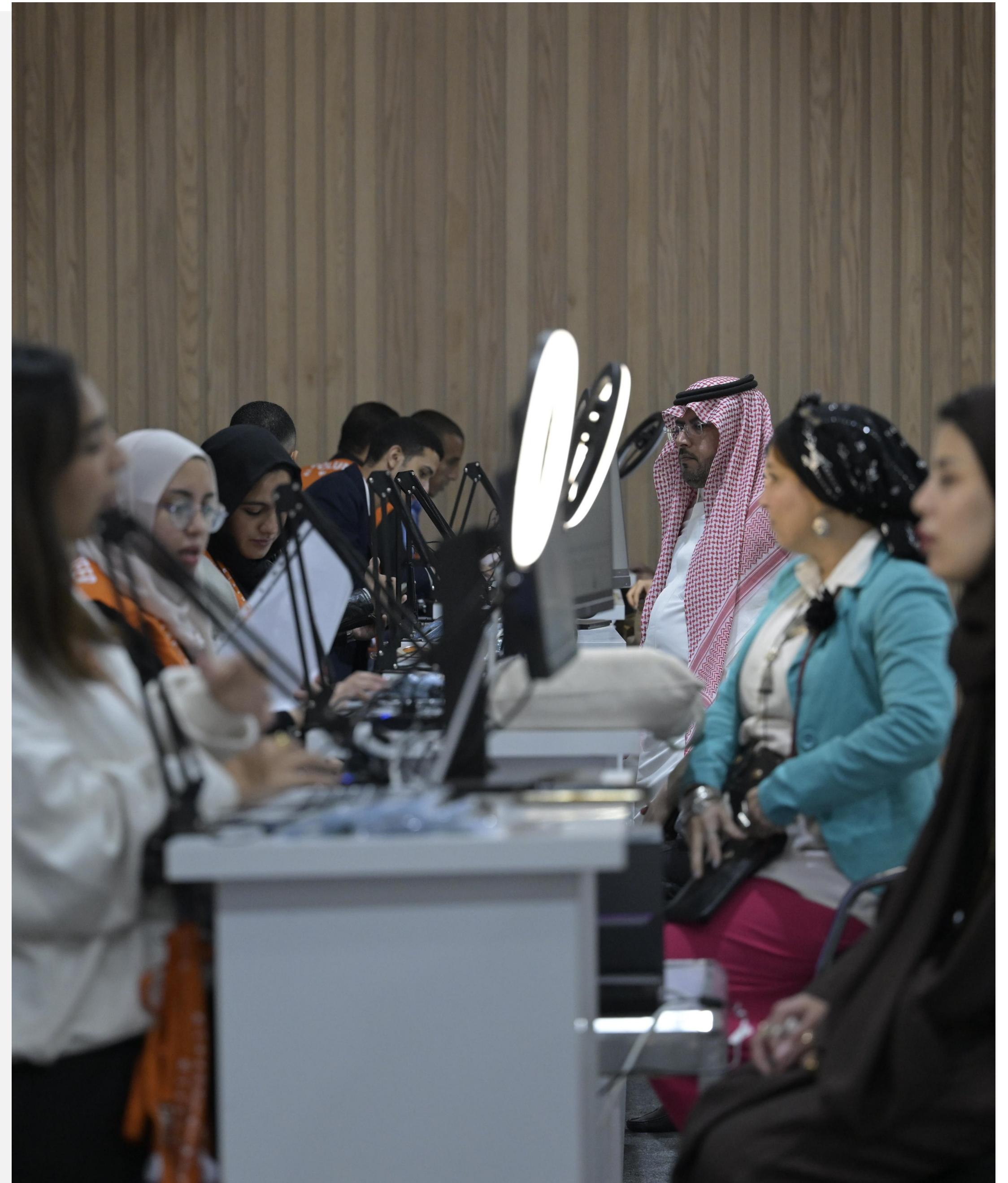
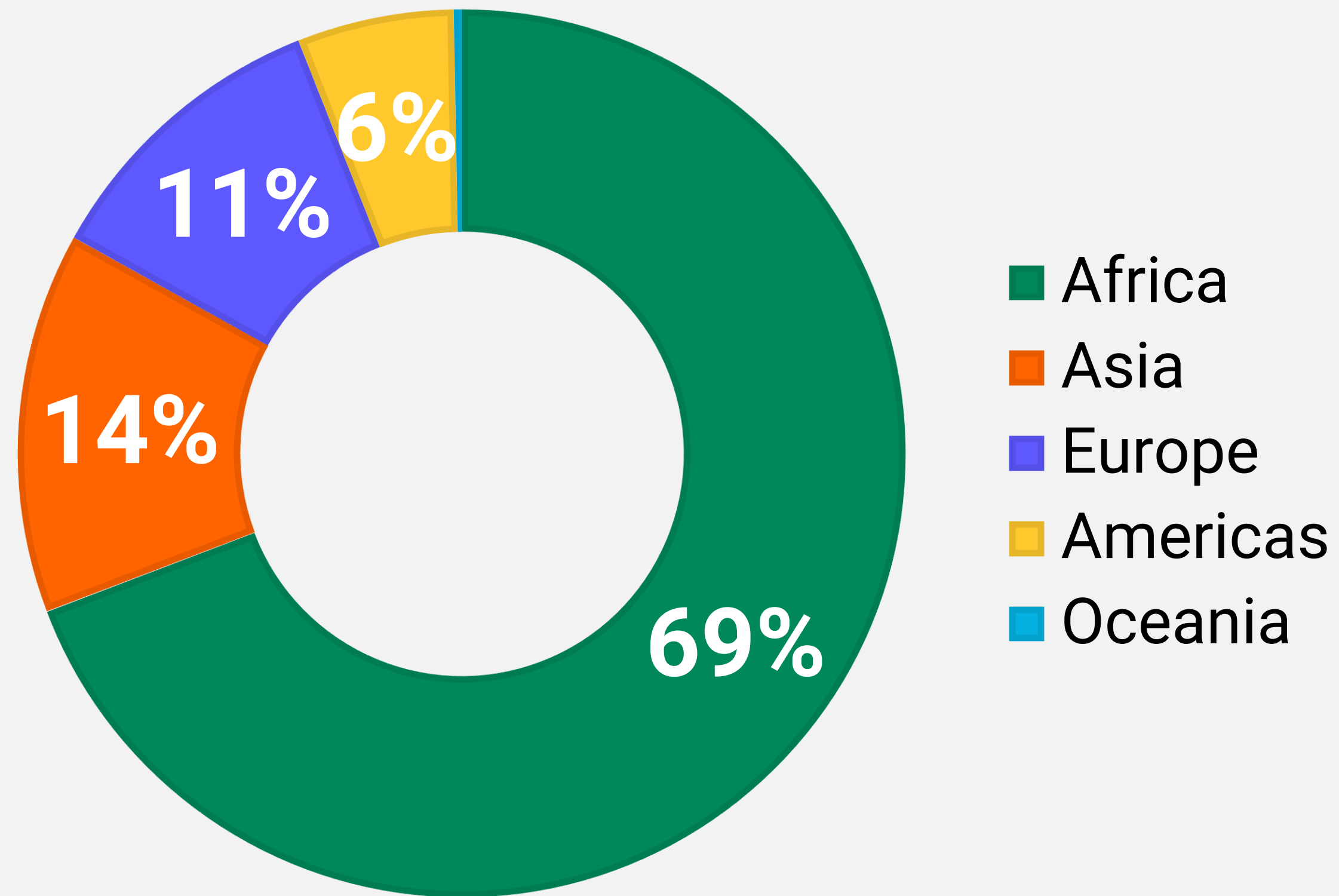
♂ 51.7%

Main Sessions' panelists ♀ 50.6%

400+ speakers



Regional representation



Media – communication campaign

905
registered

500
in person

120+ M
impressions

50+
countries

72.5 M
mentions on X



Driving Impact: Outcomes for participants

Post-WUF survey (901 respondents)

- **94%** very satisfied or satisfied
- **94%** very likely or likely to **attend again**
- **74%** of respondents' **perspective on localization changed** after WUF12



Cairo Call to Action

10 shared messages and
priority actions

عربي | 中文 | English | Français | Русский | Español

Cairo call to action

Twelfth session of the World Urban Forum (WUF12)

It All Starts at Home: Local Actions for Sustainable Cities and Communities



WUF12 Report

- **Official record**, documenting the scope and scale
- Participation **statistics and strategic highlights** from the main sessions.
- Documents **sustainability, inclusivity and accessibility** measures + **impacts**

It all starts at home

Local actions for sustainable cities and communities

The twelfth session of the World Urban Forum

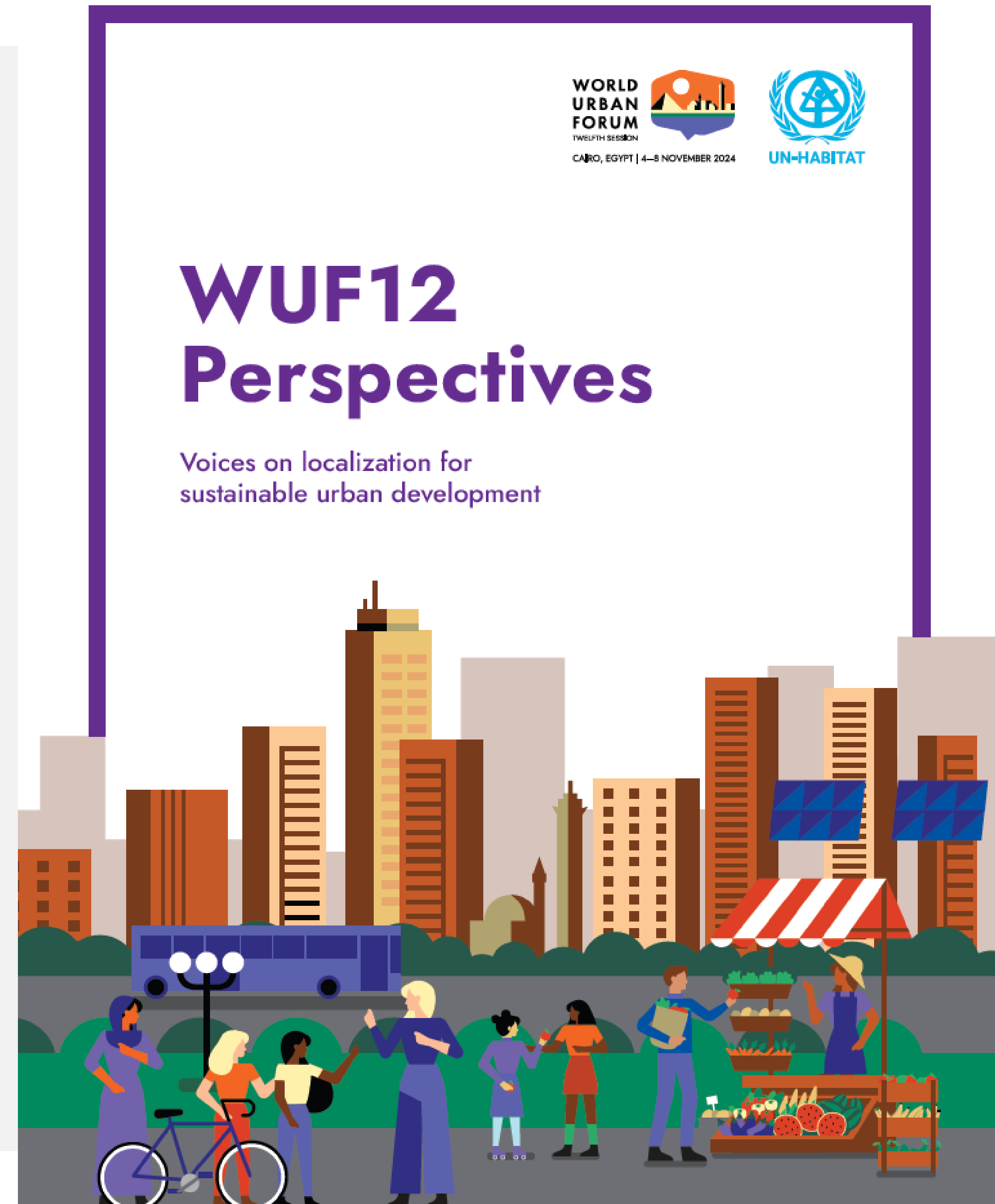
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WUF12 Perspectives

Voices of participants + substantive insights

- **Voices** of WUF12 participants
 - **Analysis** advances a **locally driven agenda** for inclusive, resilient, and sustainable cities.
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- **25,000** participants
 - **810 hours** of discussions
 - **587** events
 - **3 dimensions** of localization
 - **9 actionable** elements



Elevate WUF 12 messages

Leverage existing UN-Habitat partnerships, stakeholder engagements, thematic networks and advocacy campaigns to advance WUF 12 messages.



Advocacy & mobilization

Urban Thinkers
Campuses

Multi-level urban
forums

Ministerial
meetings on urban,
housing, land

Urban October

UN & global
conferences

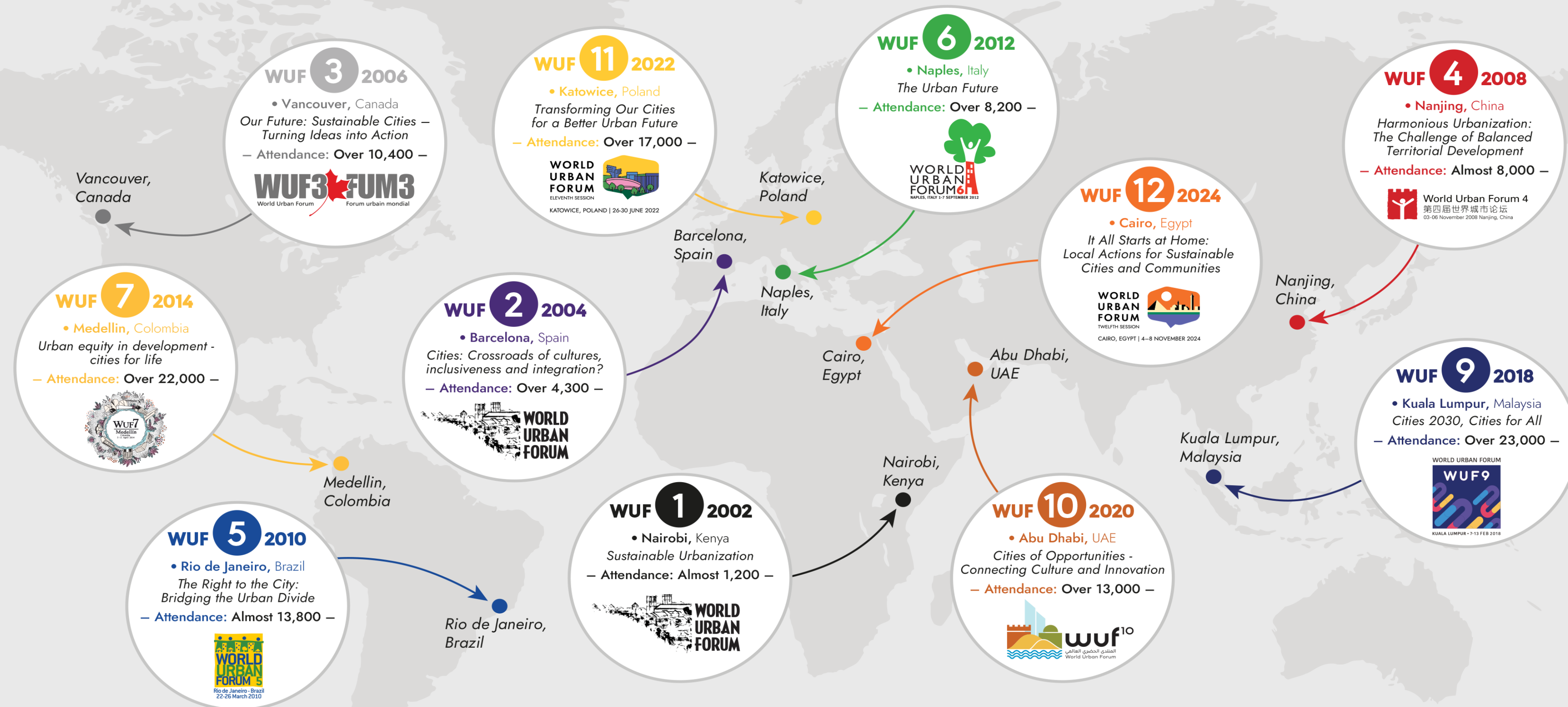
Ministerial
Meetings



WUF Alumni Network

World Urban Forum Alumni Cities

FROM WUF1 TO WUF12



Note:

In 2016, the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) was held in lieu of the Eighth Session of the World Urban Forum (WUF8).



Road to WUF13 BAKU



The handover



THEME

Housing the World: safe and resilient cities and communities



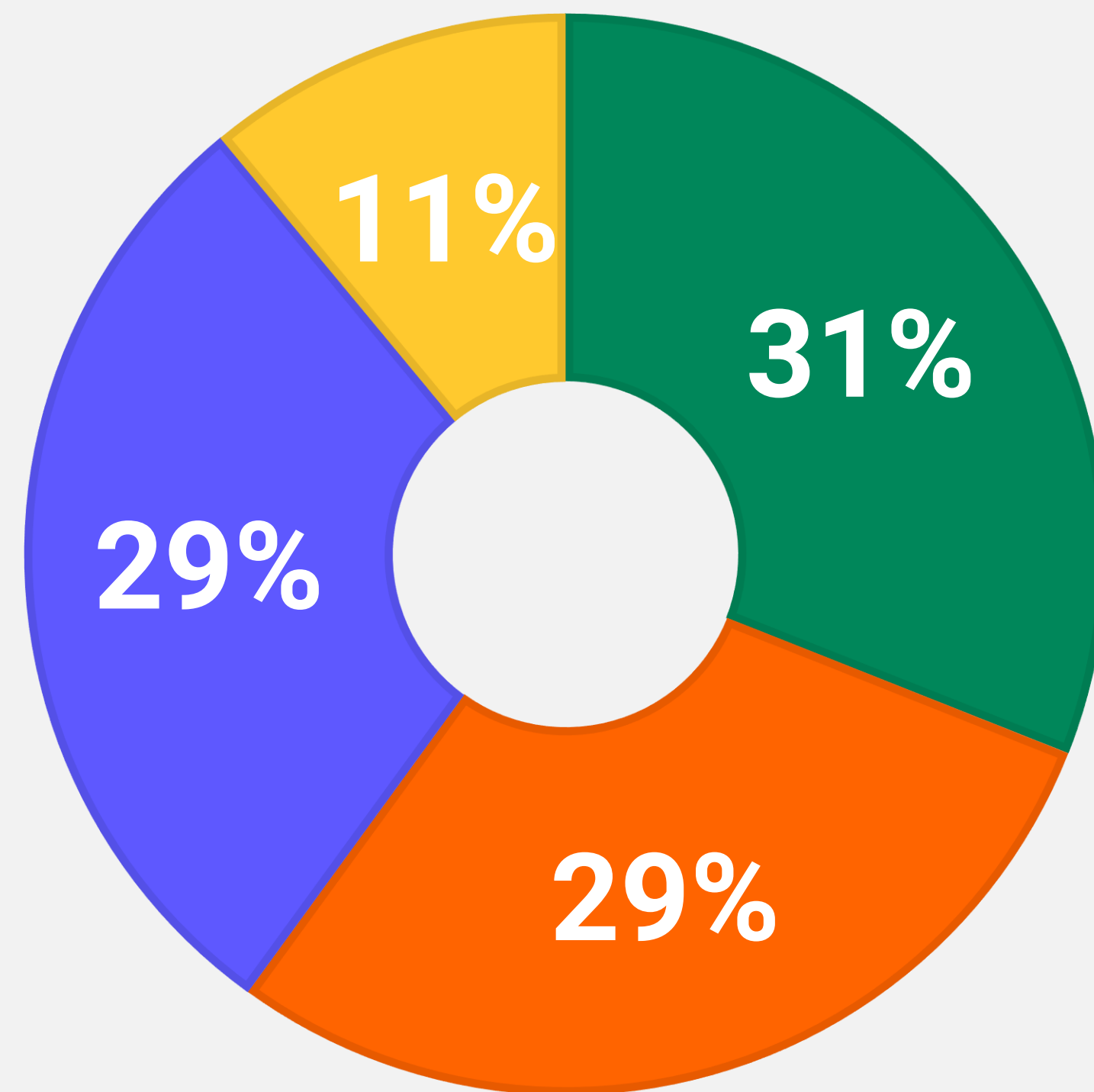
Preparations underway...

Appointment of a
National Coordinator -
Mr. Anar Aliyev,

Chairman
The State Committee of Urban
Planning and Architecture,
Azerbaijan.



WUF12 participants' views: housing, land and basic services



■ International Organizations and UN Agencies

■ National Governments

■ Local and Regional Governments

■ Others

610 Respondents

91% Consider housing, land and basic services as relevant and **81%** a priority in their countries

81% agree that we cannot achieve the SDGs without resolving the global housing crisis

98% interested in working for the Strategic Plan

The 2026 moment

- **Half-point of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda (NUA)** – adopted in Quito in 2016
- **UN Secretary General's quadrennial report (mid term) review of progress** on the implementation of the NUA
- **High Level Meeting** of the UN General Assembly on the NUA, July 2026



NEW URBAN AGENDA



WUF of anniversaries

- **10 years**
(Habitat III, 2016)
- **30 years**
(Habitat II, 1996)
- **50 years**
(Habitat I, 1976)



Scaling the impact of the World Urban Forum



Thank you!

