



FORUM OF
MAYORS
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Segment 1: Interregional Segment 2 Roundtable

Background

Building on the precedent and experiences of the Forum of Mayors in 2022, where mayors from each of the other four UN regions were invited to share their experiences, and with the support of the 4 other Regional Economic Commissions (UNECA, UNECLAC, UNESCAP and UNESCWA), the UNECE has organized an Interregional Segment of the Forum of Mayors¹.

The Interregional Segment is an important part of a continuous drive to encourage different regions to share knowledge and experience. Whilst different regions face different problems, the growth of urban environments is consistent across the globe. Specifically, regarding Urban Regeneration, different lessons can be learned from the diversity of experiences of all cities, be that in building resilience to conflict and climate-change induced natural disasters, or managing rapid urban growth so that all have access to clean and affordable housing.

Expectations

In this roundtable, mayors/deputy mayors are encouraged to consider the specific features of their region, be that governance related, climatic, historical or socio-cultural, that affect their urban environments and paths of urban development.

The aim of this roundtable is to provide cities with an opportunity to consider the ways in which their **urban development is shaped by their regional environment**. Cities will also be given the opportunity to share their own experiences of urban regeneration and learn from each other through sharing best practises.

The roundtable **should be a dialogue**, in which mayors and deputies engage with one another as peers and colleagues.

¹ *Based on the experience of the 2022 Forum of Mayors, other United Nations Regional Commissions are invited to organize an "interregional segment" back-to-back with the Forum to include mayors from all the regions, to exchange good practices among peers and with other interested stakeholders. Details of the interregional segment should be discussed with all interested stakeholders and should be shared well ahead of the Forum with all ECE member States.*, ExCom ECE/EX/2023/L.4 decision, adopted 13 January 2023, last paragraph.



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Guiding questions

Question 1: What is the most pressing challenge for your city in relation to urban resilience and what have you done (are doing) to address this?

Please consider the following:

- What makes the city and its location in the world unique, and what specific challenges does the city face?
- Have you undertaken projects to increase resilience, can you describe them?

Question 2: How did the project forward environmental and social sustainability?

Please provide details on how the project included environmental as well as social and cultural concerns. Consider the following questions.

- Was there an environmental, gender and, social impact assessment?
- Were any decisions made explicitly related to social and environmental improvement?
- Are there any mechanisms through which to measure the impact after the project has been completed?

Question 3: In what ways can the international community assist urban regeneration most effectively in your city?

- Do you have any experience with projects in partnership with the international community?
 - What was the project? What lessons have you learned from that experience?

Cities will be asked to share their experiences with the international community and how international partnerships can best be utilised.