About the World Urban Forum

The World Urban Forum is a non-legislative technical global Forum, convened by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) since 2002. It is recognized as the foremost global arena in the field of sustainable urban development and human settlements. WUF11 is jointly organised by the Poland’s Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy, the Municipal Office of Katowice.

Representatives of national, regional and local governments, academics, business heads, community leaders, urban planners and civil society representatives will be among the thousands of people are expected to attend WUF11.

The theme of WUF11 is Transforming our Cities for a Better Urban Future.

To foster partnerships, raise awareness and reinforce a common voice at the 11th session of WUF, NIUA is participating in various networking sessions. NIUA also, as the think tank of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, the Government of India is putting up an exhibition to showcase the transformation story of Indian cities through the lenses of Capacity, Research, and Advocacy.

The broad objective is to showcase how NIUA is adopting an eco-system approach and nudging multiple stakeholders both vertically and horizontally to help build urban structures. This can not only help in effectively plan and manage city affairs, but also ensure that Indian cities leapfrog towards becoming spatially, socially, and economically inclusive. The exhibit will showcase India’s efforts in:

- Transforming cities through multiple and diverse angles;
- Solutions and approaches toward climate change, urbanisation;
- Exploring collaborative opportunities for innovations and knowledge management; including furthering opportunities for South-South cooperation.
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The National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) is for the first time setting up its own pavilion at a global urban forum of this scale.

The NIUA pavilion is in tune with the WUF 11 theme ‘Transforming our Cities for a Better Urban Future’. The pavilion, situated inside the exhibition space, will be inaugurated on June 27, 2022 will stay open till the close on June 30, 2022.

The pavilion will give insights and clarity on the future of cities based on current impacts, future trends, challenges and opportunities.

Outside the pavilion, NIUA will be hosting three different events which are networking events, panel discussions among others.

The pavilion aims at suggesting pathways for green, inclusive and sustainable transitions for achieving NET ZERO BY 2070.
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This is depicted through a tree structure which talks about the evolution, growth path, guiding principles, tools, and future vision of THE URBAN THINK TANK OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA. It also puts forth our work in evidence based research, capacity building, systemic planning, data and technology and our glocalised approach of work. The Climate Data Observatory (CDOT) will be set as an interactive experience to access one the largest city climate databases.

The second wall will see colourful hand sketched depiction of a model city, alongside videos, where NIUA work areas and the impact we see in cities will be depicted.

This includes gender inclusive areas, child friendly cities, placemaking, urban river management and planning, climate action, among other change actions.

We invite delegates to work and collaborate with us on this grand mission to transform Indian cities through partnerships, collaboration and knowledge sharing opportunities. This will be done through an interactive game where they get an opportunity to post their ambitions on a sketched ‘DiversiTee’

Several events, including panel discussions, signing MOU’s and report releases are part of the 4-day engagement at the pavilion.