

## Urban Observatories - Global Networking Event of WUF11

World Urban Forum will be attended by many experts representing urban observatories and other institutions gathering, processing and interpreting urban data. The goal of the event held in the City 360 Zone (WUF in the City side events programme) is to bring them together to get to know each other, discuss common challenges and promote the UN-Habitat Global Urban Observatories Network as a platform for cooperation and exchange of expertise.

All interested organisations will have an opportunity to briefly present themselves and will be invited to join the discussion afterwards. There is also an option to prepare and present a poster during the Networking Cocktail.

### Venue:

City360 Zone: <https://wuf11.katowice.eu/en/11-scen-2.htm?param=scena975>

### Date and time:

June 29, 2022 (Wednesday), 17:00 to 18:30, Networking Cocktail: 19:00

### Organizers:

- Urban Policy Observatory, Institute of Urban and Regional Development: Krakow, POLAND (hosting institution)
- Global Urban Observatory Network, UN-Habitat
- International Public Policy Observatory: Cities (IPPO Cities), University College London

#### **I. WELCOMING WORDS AND GUO NETWORK PRESENTATION**

- Karol Janas, Head of Urban Policy Observatory, Institute of Urban and Regional Development (host of the event) [5 min]
- Carla-Leanne Washbourne, Associate Professor and Director of Research, Department of Science, Technology, Engineering and Public Policy, University College London and International Public Policy Observatories: Cities (IPPO Cities) [5 min]
- Robert P. Ndugwa, Chief, Data and Statistics Unit Knowledge & Innovation Branch, External Relations, Strategy, Knowledge and Innovation Division  
Global Urban Observatories initiative presentation (and invitation) [10 min]

#### **II. BRIEF, STRUCTURED PRESENTATIONS OF URBAN POLICY OBSERVATORIES**

+ poster (optionally)

Chair/moderator: Dennis Mwaniki

- Institutional and organizational background
- Geographical coverage and levels of activity
- Main goals
- Thematic coverage / fields of expertise
- Main urban data sources
- 1 to 3 main achievements/successes
- 1 to 3 main challenges

### III. DISCUSSION AROUND 3 MAIN ISSUES:

Chair/Moderator: Carla-Leanne Washbourne, University College London

Panelists:

Aref Alshamandy, Al Qassim urban observatory, SAUDI ARABIA

Rashid Seedat, Gauteng City-Region Observatory, REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Michele Acuto, University of Melbourne, Melbourne Centre for Cities, AUSTRALIA

Elsa Coslado, Perspectives Brussels, BELGIUM

Karol Janas, Urban Policy Observatory, Institute of Urban and Regional Development, POLAND

#### **1. Globally comparative and reliable data on urban development – how to implement Urban Monitoring Framework standards more widely**

Is the [Urban Monitoring Framework \(UMF\)](#) in line with what urban observatories are doing? What are the challenges/opportunities in using the UMF at the local level? Suggestions for improvement? To what extent can GIS and remote sensing technologies can be a gamechanger here?

#### **2. The balance between normative and advisory roles for observatories**

What is/should be the role of UOs – should we just observe and monitor processes or maybe also create recommendations and try to influence the way Local Urban Policies and National Urban Policies are planned and implemented?

#### **3. Mutual learning, know-how exchange and support**

What would be the best ways and forms of cooperation between UO's to ensure systematic exchange of knowledge, good practices and offering a tailor-made support to meet specific needs and capacities? Why it is worth joining the GUO Network?

### IV. NETWORKING COCKTAIL