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SUSTAINABLE URBAN RESILIENCE
FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

Sustainable Urban Resilience for the Next Generation (SURGe) Initiative



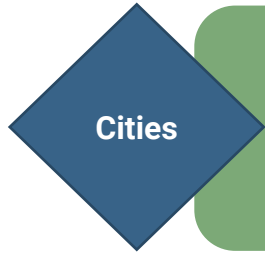
SURGe at the SBs
13 June 2023

SURGe – a COP27 Initiative
dedicated to **connecting local,**
national and global levels for climate
action



Why SURGe?

Cities are **at the forefront** of climate change



55%

of the world's population lives in urban areas

7 out of **10**

people are expected to live in cities by 2050

80%

of GDP is generated in cities

Cities are key to delivering climate solutions

12,500 + cities have committed to reducing GHG emissions and adapting to climate change.

Around **65%** of the **169** targets of the **17 SDGs** cannot be achieved without the engagement of local and regional governments.

Two-thirds of NDCs have urban content.



If cities take aggressive and immediate mitigation efforts to limit global warming below 1.5°C, urban emissions could approach net zero.

Challenges to accelerate local climate action

1

Multi-level governance

Cities are not sufficiently anchored in international climate agreements

2

Finance

In recent years, around USD 384 billion of climate finance has been invested in urban areas annually. Yet this is less than 10% of what is needed.

3

Local capacity

Cities lack human and technical resources to accelerate local climate action.

What is SURGe?

Connecting local, national and global levels for climate action



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Communication and partnership building

1 Local to Global

Bridging the local to the global: connecting local action to global climate processes and building on multilevel climate action to help deliver the targets of the Paris Agreements and the SDGs.

2 Local to National

Support enhancement of national multilevel action effort, strengthen the urban content in NDC and support the implementation through city and climate change officers/teams

3 Local

Accelerate local climate action and strengthen city-level roll-out a sectoral – yet holistic and cross-cutting - approach for implementation.



Vision

Achieve global climate goals by using effective multilevel governance to transform cities to be healthy, sustainable, just, inclusive, low-emission and resilient urban systems for a better urban future for all.

Buildings and Housing

Advancing energy efficiency, low-carbon materials and processes, circularity, land-use; adaptation, resilient informal settlements



Urban Energy

Advancing renewable energy and energy efficiency to provide energy access and tackle energy poverty



Urban Waste and Consumption

Enhancing municipal solid waste management systems that enable zero waste cities and circular economies



Urban Mobility

Accelerating and supporting the uptake of public transport and active mobility use in cities



Urban Water

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Multi-stakeholder engagement



World Urban Forum in Katowice, Poland

First open stakeholder consultation workshop convened by the COP27 Presidency
50+ participants

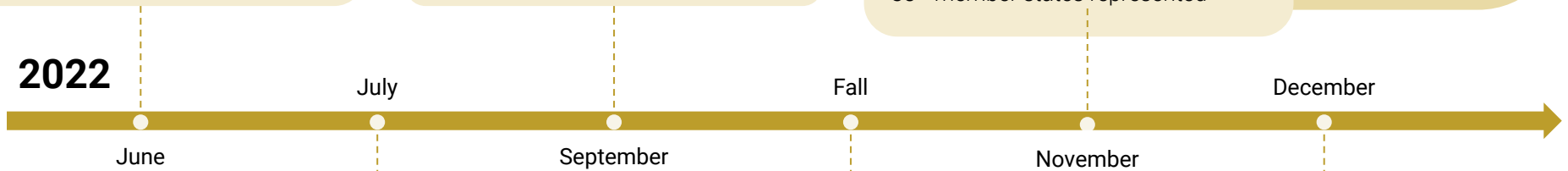


Briefing to National Governments and partners by UN-Habitat Executive Director, **Nairobi**

SURGe Launch at Ministerial Meeting on Urbanization and Climate Change at COP27

300+ participants
50+ member states represented

2022



June

July

September

Fall

November

December

SURGe stakeholder consultation workshop convened by the COP27 Presidency in Cairo
120+ participants



Open online review process of the SURGe draft
Virtual meetings with track leads and SURGe partners

300 + people/organizations involved

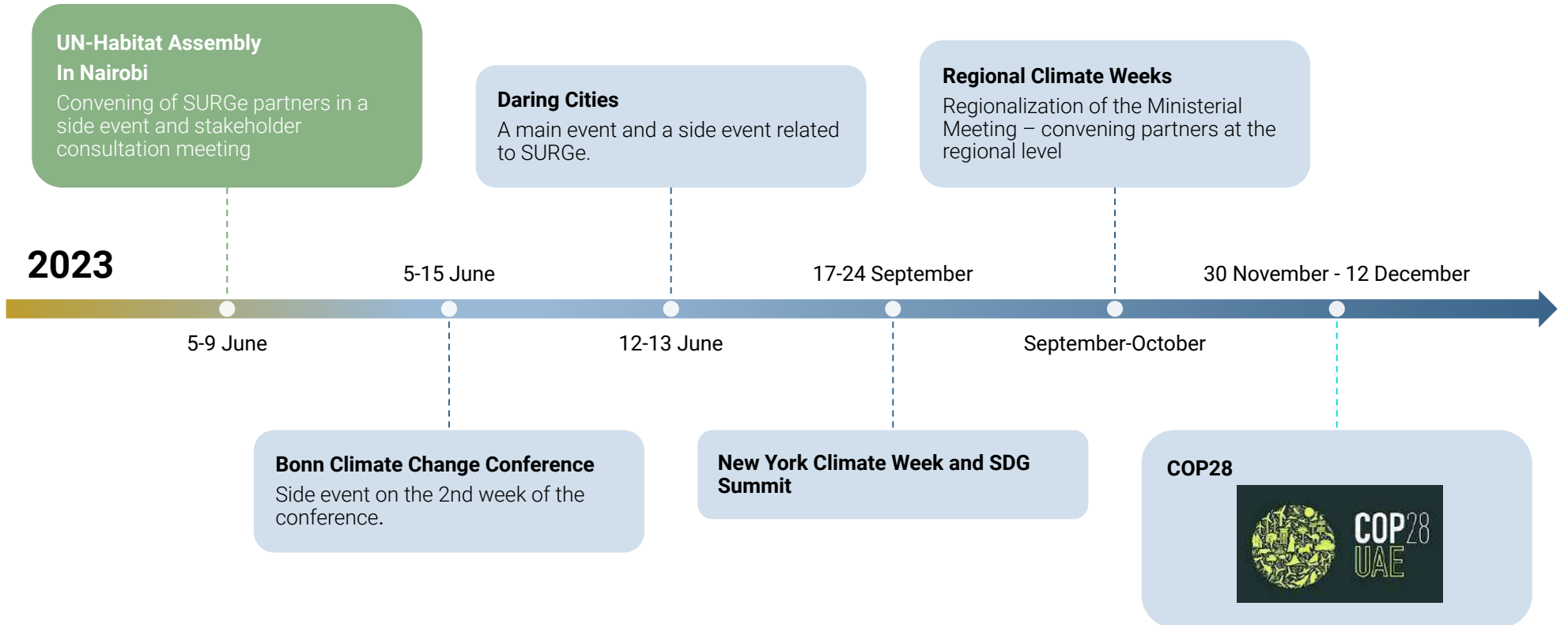
180 + organizations have signed up and endorsed

Ministerial Meeting Report



What is SURGe?

Next steps on the Road to COP28



Any other events that should be on the SURGe agenda?
Feel free to reach out to collaborate

SURGe at the UN-Habitat Assembly

SURGe anchored in the Climate Change Resolution



Resolution on Climate Change and Resilience

Championed by
Pakistan and Group of
African States



COP28 Presidency consultation



Side events

SURGe – LOTUS consultation event



SURGe consultation event



Why **join**? Support a global alliance of partners

Ways of supporting

For national governments:

- 1 Help build national-level SURGe momentum by joining the network of city and climate change focal points.
- 2 Pledge to strengthen the urban content of your NDCs.
- 3 Support to strengthen climate action in cities around the world.

For everyone:

- 1 Endorse SURGe to show your support to our vision and objective.
- 2 Join a working group to help shape SURGe.
- 3 Spread the word to help grow the global SURGe Alliance.

Next steps

City and climate change focal points

Setting up a network of city and climate change focal points, in close collaboration with partners and the national level

Urban content of the NDCs

Working with interested national governments to strengthen the urban content in their NDCs.

Global pledge

Rallying support for a global pledge on strengthening the urban content of the NDCs, in the lead up to the second Ministerial Meeting on Urbanization and Climate Change at COP28.

Partnership building

Strengthening the partnership by rallying support from endorsers.

Website

Setting up a SURGe website and partner portal to showcase success stories and rally further support

Events

Collaborate and come together during events, in particular the SBs in Bonn, Daring Cities, Regional Climate Weeks, UNFCCC COPs and World Urban Fora



[Registration](#)



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Questions?
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