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Day 1 – Tuesday, 25 April 2023 Venue: Salon de Flamboyant	
Time	Activities
8:30 – 8:55	Registration
8:55 – 9:00	Calling the Meeting to Order
9:00 – 10:00	Session 1: Opening of the Forum
	Welcome Remarks (Mr. Amson Sibanda , Chief, National Strategies and Capacity Building Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UN DESA)
	Mr. Chun Kyoo Park , Head of Office, United Nations Office for Sustainable Development (UNOSD), Incheon, Republic of Korea
	Mr. Kazushige Endo , Director, United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD), Nagoya, Japan
	Mr. Oumar Ba, Head of Mayors Association of Senegal
	Ms. Aminata Maiga , UN Resident Coordinator, Senegal – delivered by Mr. Demba Kone, UNAIDS Representative
	Mr. Mamadou Talla, Minister of Territorial Authorities, Territorial Development and Physical Planning, Senegal – delivered by Ms. Fatou Bintou Camara, Director of Local Government
10:00 – 10:15	Keynote speech (Mr. Serigne Gueye Diop, Mayor of Sandiara, Senegal, Special Advisor to the President of Senegal on Agriculture and Industry) – delivered by Deputy Mayor Aliou Gning of Sandiara
10:15 – 10:30	Outline of Mayors Forum (Ms. Yujeong Kim , Senior Sustainable Development Officer, UNOSD); Introduction of participants/Mayors
10:30 – 10:45	Group Photo and Nutrition and Networking Break
10:45 – 13:00	Session 2: Implementing the SDGs at local and regional levels
Moderator: Mr. Amson Sibanda	Local and Regional implementation of SDGs: An introduction to Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs) (Mr. Amson Sibanda , Chief, National Strategies and Capacity Building Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA))
	Developing VLRs in Latin America and Africa: the experiences of Argentina (Mr. Julio Saguir , Secretary of Public Management and Planning of the Province of Tucuman, Argentina)
	Developing VLRs in Latin America and Africa: the experiences The Gambia (Ms. Adama Bojang , VLR focal point of Brikama Area Council, The Gambia)
	Developing VLRs in Latin America and Africa: the experiences South Africa- (Ms. Natasha Primo , Head of Organisational Research, Research Branch, Cape Town, South Africa)
	SDG monitoring and evaluation tools to accelerate actions at local level (Ms. Nana Urakami , Researcher, UNCRD)
	Local experience of implementing the SDGs: Toyota City (Mr. Toshihiko Ota , Mayor of Toyota City; Ms. Masako Izukawa , Researcher, UNCRD) – online
	Voluntary Metropolitan Review (Mr. Raymond Saner , Professor Titular, Organisation and International Management, Basle University)
	Discussion and short summary (30 mins)

13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break (Le Manguier – Restaurant on Ground Floor)
14:00 – 15:30	Session 3: Goal 6 – Clean Water and Sanitation
Moderator: Ms. Yujeong Kim	Water as a public good (Mr. Raymond Saner , Professor Titular, Organisation and International Management, Basle University)
	Peer Support Partnerships Between Water and Sanitation Utilities (Ms. Asa Jonsson , Head of Global Water Operators’ Partnerships Alliance (GWOPA) Secretariat, UN-HABITAT – online)
	Implementing Goal 6 in Cities (Mr. Kalanidhi Devkota , Executive Secretary of the Municipal Association of Nepal (MuAN)) – delivered by Mr. Muskan Shrestha, Sanitation Advocacy Specialist, MuAN (online)
	Experience of Lufwanyama District, Zambia (Ms. Kapandula Annie Kalamatila , Executive Mayor of Lufwanyama District, Ministry of Local Government of Zambia)
	Innovative Solutions for Clean Water in Green Street (WaterGen – Sequencing Batch Reactor system) in Abasan Al-Kabira, Palestine (Mr. Anwar Abu-Zarifa , Mayor of Abasan Al-Kabira, Palestine)
	Discussion and short summary (30 mins)
15:30 – 16:00	Nutrition and Networking Break
16:00 – 17:30	Session 4: SDG 7 – Affordable and Clean Energy
Moderator: Mr. Samson Kassahun Belache	The Role of Cities in Advancing Global Efforts on SDG 7 (Mr. Martin Niemetz , Sustainable Development Expert on Energy, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)) – online
	Cities Renewable Energy in the Demand Sectors (buildings, industry, transport and agriculture) (Ms. Hend Yaqoob , Knowledge and Data Specialist, REN21) – online
	Role of Waste-to-Energy for Circular Economy: Experience of South Korea (Mr. Yong-Chil Seo , Professor, Department of Environmental Engineering, Yonsei University, Republic of Korea) – online
	Ethiopian Energy Sectors and its Implication for Sustainable Urban Development: The case of secondary cities – (Mr. Samson Kassahun Belachew , Professor of Urban Planning and the Development at the Ethiopian Civil Service University)
	Wind Power of Marsabit (Mr. Solomon Gubo , Deputy Governor, Country Government of Marsabit, Kenya)
	Discussion and short summary (30 mins)

Day 2 – Wednesday, 26 April 2023 Venue: Salon de Flamboyant	
Time	Activities
9:00 – 10:30	Session 5: SDG 9 – Resilient Infrastructure, Inclusive and Sustainable Industrialization, and Innovation
Moderator: Mr. Lichia Saner-Yiu	Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR): Pathway to Achieve Inclusive and Sustained industrialization in cities of LDCs (Ms. Lichia Saner-Yiu , Professor, Organisation Development & Institutional Learning, President of the Centre for Socio-Economic Development – CSEND)
	Urban Climate Adaptation Plans in Europe: A systematic review and assessment (Mr. Stelios Grafakos , Global Green Growth Institute – GGGI)
	Antananarivo: Making Resilience as a Community Culture for Sustainable Infrastructures in Urban Areas (Ms. Elia Razafindrabe commissioned by Mayor of Antananarivo, Madagascar)
	Sustainable Transport at Eswatini (Ms. Miliswa Mamba , Mayor of Ezulwini, Eswatini)
	Discussion and short summary (30 mins)
10:30 – 11:00	Nutrition and Networking Break
11:00 – 12:30	Session 6: SDG 11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities
Moderator: Ms. Kerstin Sommer	Integrated planning and nature-based solutions for sustainable urban development (Mr. Laszlo Pinter , Professor, Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy, Central European University (CEU), Senior Fellow, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)
	Upgrading urban slums through participatory planning (Ms. Kerstin Sommer , Programme Manager, the Participatory Slum Upgrading Programme – PSUP, UN-Habitat)
	Senegal Housing Sector Profile (Mr. Oumar Cissé , Mayor of Rufisque, Senegal) – delivered by Mr. Bara Diouf, City of Rufisque
	Urban Solid Waste Management Practices & the Community: The Case of Bishoftu City, Oromia Regional State, Ethiopia (Mr. Teshome Negussie Bediye , Oromia Region, Ethiopia)
	Discussion and short summary (30 mins)
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break (Le Manguier – Restaurant on Ground Floor)
14:00 – 16:00	Session 7: Challenges and solutions to reduce the adverse environmental impacts of cities, reducing disaster risks and building resilience
Moderator: Ms. Jorgelina Hardoy	Water-related disaster risk reduction and climate change (Mr. Kazushige Endo , Director, United Nations Centre for Regional Development – UNCRD)
	Disaster risk reduction through risk-informed development and governance (Ms. Ana Thorlund , Governance and Public Administration Expert, UN Project Office on Governance, DPIDG, UN DESA) – online
	Green Growth as a Driver for an Environmentally Sustainable and Socially Inclusive Recovery at National and Subnational Levels (Mr. Stelios Grafakos , Global Green Growth Institute – GGGI)
	Integrating Nature (Nbs) within Informal Settlements (Ms. Jorgelina Hardoy , Deputy Director, International Institute for Environment and Development– IIED Latin America)
	Yerba Buena, a Green and Sustainable City (Mr. Mariano Campero , Mayor of Yerba Buena, Argentina)
	Discussion and short summary (30 mins)

Day 3 – Thursday, 27 April 2023 Venue: Salon de Flamboyant	
Time	Activities
9:00 – 12:00	DSA distribution
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch break (Le Manguier – Restaurant on Ground Floor)
13:00 – 14:30	Session 8: Enhancing infrastructure asset management at national and local government levels for Improved service delivery, resilience building and sustainable Development
Moderator: Mr. Kazushige Endo	A Diagnostic Tool to Assess Asset Management Needs of Local Governments (Mr. Daniel Platz , Senior Economic Affairs Officer, Leader for the DCF/Team Leader of the UN Infrastructure Asset Management, Financing for Sustainable Development Office, UN DESA) – online
	Asset Management Profile and Assessment of Needs in Tanga City, Tanzania (Mr. Juma Mkombozi , AMAP Focal Point of Tanga City)
	Road Geohazard Risk Management Framework with insights from Brazil and Serbia (Mr. Kazushige Endo , Director, United Nations Centre for Regional Development – UNCRD)
	Case of the City of Bulawayo, Zimbabwe (Mr. Solomon Mguni , Mayor of Bulawayo, Zimbabwe)
	Infrastructure Asset Management: Case of Nairobi City (Ms. Ruth Waruguru Muroki , Director for Urban Policy & Research, Nairobi, Kenya)
	Discussion and short summary (30 mins)
14:30 – 15:00	Nutrition and Networking Break
15:00 – 17:00	Session 9: Means of Implementation and the Global Partnership
Moderator: Mr. Raymond Saner	A framework to harness effective partnerships for the sustainable development goals (Mr. David Horan , Assistant Professor, Trinity College Dublin, Fellow of the Stakeholder Forum for a Sustainable Future)
	Impact Investing in Cities: creating synergies between SDGs (Mr. Raymond Saner , Professor Titular, Organisation and International Management, Basle University)
	The Partnership Accelerator - 2030 Agenda (Ms. Melissa Porteous , Training and Programme Manager, The Partnering Initiative) – online
	Multisolving poly-crises in cities through partnerships for urban nature (Mr. Laszlo Pinter , Professor, Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy, Central European University (CEU), Senior Fellow, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD))
	Importance of International Cooperation in Sustainable Development of Dhankuta Municipality (Mr. Chintan Tamang , Mayor of Dhankuta Municipality, Nepal)
	Discussion and short summary (30 mins)

Day 4 – Friday, 28 April 2023 Venue: Salon de Flamboyant	
Time	Activity
09:00 – 10:30	Session 10: Governance
Moderator: Ms. Abiodun Essiet	Smart cities in Africa (Ms. Abiodun Essiet , Director, WeGO Africa Regional Office, Abuja, Nigeria)
	Good Governance to Accelerate SDG Implementation at all Levels (Ms. Lichia Saner-Yiu , Professor, Organisation Development & Institutional Learning, President of the Centre for Socio-Eco-Nomic Development – CSEND)
	Introduction to the Whole-of-Government Approach (Mr. Samuel Danaa , Associate Capacity Development Expert, UN Project Office on Governance, DPIDG, UN DESA) – online
	Smart Cities Supporting an Inclusive, Sustainable, and Resilient Society (Mr. Kazushige Endo , Director, United Nations Centre for Regional Development – UNCRD)
	Experiences of Pakistan (Mr. Mian Rajan Sultan Pirzada, Mayor of Lodhran, Pakistan)
	Discussion and short summary (30 mins)
10:30 – 11:00	Nutrition and Networking Break
11:00 – 12:00	Session 11: Lessons learned and challenges ahead
Moderator: Ms. Yujeong Kim	Summary of the International Mayors Forum
	The Way Forward: Mayors’ Perspective Group Discussion
12:00 – 12:30	Session 12: Closing of the Forum
	Mr. Amson Sibanda , Chief, National Strategies and Capacity Building Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)
	Mr. Chun Kyoo Park , Head of Office, UNOSD
	Mr. Oumar Ba, Head of Mayors Association of Senegal