



GENEVA URBAN DEBATE

Water & Sanitation in the City

Online Event

March 22, 2021

13:30 - 15:30

CET Time

Description

The GCH and UN Habitat co-organize, in collaboration with the Geneva Water Hub, the first of a series of 'Geneva Urban Debates' (GUDs), which highlights the role of cities in relation to issues that lie at the heart of the International Geneva ecosystem. This first GUD celebrates World Water Day and puts at the centre of the debate urban and municipality voices, as well as UN agencies and NGOs working in urban contexts on water and sanitation. The event is supported by the City of Geneva, the Canton of Geneva (founders of the Geneva Cities Hub) and the Swiss Confederation.

The event will focus on the following questions :

- What are the most critical water & sanitation issues facing cities today?
- What are the best multilateral fora, if any, where cities can be heard on water issues?
- Is there the potential for improving city legislation and its implementation to increase access to quality water and sanitation services?
- What is the UN concretely doing (standard-setting, capacity-building, etc.) on water & sanitation issues in cities?

The event will also discuss public-public and public-private partnerships in cities in Mauritania, Tanzania, Nepal and Kenya. Following the presentations of these case studies, participants will be divided in working groups to discuss:

- Whether these cases were successful or not? Why?
- What was the specific role of cities/Mayors/local community management?
- What could have been done differently by cities/mayors to improve the outcome?

Opening remarks & moderation

- Sami Kanaan, Mayor of Geneva, President of the Geneva Cities Hub
- Kamelia Kemileva, Executive Manager, Geneva Cities Hub

Speakers

- Graham Alabaster, Chief, Geneva Office, UN Habitat
- H.E. András Szörényi, Ambassador, Chargé d'affaires a.i., Hungary
- François Münger, General Director, Geneva Water Hub
- Ashok Byanju, Mayor of Dhulikhel municipality, Nepal
- Vanessa Godat Fakhry, Water Service, Direction, Lausanne, Switzerland
- Nicholas Niggli, Deputy Secretary General, Canton of Geneva, Switzerland
- Tim Ndezi, Director, Center for Community Initiatives, Tanzania
- Anthony Kariuki, General Manager, Upper Tana-Nairobi Water Trust, Kenya

Registration

Our event will be held online, please [register here](#). If you cannot access zoom, please contact us by email to register: info@genevacitieshub.org