

HYBRID EVENT



WSIS Forum 2023
Mayors' engagement

13 March 2023
10:00 - 16:00 CET

ITU Headquarter,
Place des Nations
& Online

The WSIS Forum represents the world's largest annual gathering of digitalization for development and is a global multistakeholder platform for advancing sustainable development. It provides an opportunity for information exchange, knowledge creation and sharing of best practices, while identifying emerging trends and fostering partnerships.

Following the appreciation of WSIS Stakeholders for the first Mayors' High-Level Dialogue in 2022, the **Mayors' engagement at the WSIS Forum 2023** will be an opportunity to discuss how Smart Cities are the drivers of innovative sustainable development and enablers to respond to challenges related to climate change and achievement of the SDGs.

Geneva Cities Hub follows a multistakeholder approach - as envisioned in "Our Common Agenda" by Secretary General Antonio Guterres - at the Mayors' High-level events at the WSIS Forum 2023. **The events provide a unique opportunity to exchange views about best practices, new technologies and innovations** to advance smart development and to discuss local and national experiences and best practices to identify and scale up relevant technologies and innovative solutions.

Speakers

- **Raphaelle Veronica Ortega-David**, Governor of La Union, Philippines
- **Pierrick Ducimetière**, Mayor of La Roche-sur-Foron, France
- **Marianne Alto**, Mayor of Victoria, Canada
- **Susan Aitken**, Leader of the Council, Glasgow, United Kingdom
- **Sami Kanaan**, Vice Mayor Geneva, Switzerland
- **Oh Shin-hwan**, Vice Mayor of Seoul Metropolitan Government, South Korea
- **Dorothy Kisaka**, Executive Director of Kampala Capital City Authority, Uganda

- **Eng. Nadhmi AlNasr**, CEO of NEOM, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (TBC)
- **Nathalie Fontanet**, Councillor Geneva Canton, Switzerland (TBC)
- **Oleksandr Syenkevych**, Mayor of Mykolaiev, Ukraine (TBC)
- **Josiane Lei**, Mayor of Evian, France (TBC)
- **Kostas Bakoyannis**, Mayor of Athens, Greece (TBC)
- **Erion Veliaj**, Mayor of Tirana, Albania (TBC)

