

ONLINE EVENT



What is a citiverse ?

And how can it contribute
to sustainable city
development?

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If there's more than one metaverse, there will obviously be more than one citiverse. How can we anticipate which might be the most useful one for Local and Regional Governments (LRGs)?

Digital transformation, smart city development, emerging technologies like the metaverse and citiverses are crucial areas for LRGs. Strategically assembled, properly regulated and efficiently managed people-centered citiverses have the potential to answer the challenges of rapid urbanization and can contribute to the development of cities as agents of solutions to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The event aims to discuss the potential role of citiverses – taking into account different social and economic aspects – and identify areas of collaboration between relevant International Organizations and LRGs. It will provide an insight into the necessity of an inclusive multistakeholder approach to actively listen to the needs of LRGs and share views, insights, and guidance on the very principles to follow when shaping a citiverse. It elaborates its potential contribution to LRGs' delivering sustainable services, thus achieving 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Experts will elaborate on the concept, reveal their suggestions on necessary technical standards, as well as relevant policies and regulations in developing open, interoperable, secure, and inclusive citiverses.

Speakers

Davis Mwamfupe, Mayor of Dodoma, Tanzania

Dr. Okan Geray, Strategic Planning Advisor, Dubai Digital Authority

Cristina Bueti, Counsellor, Focal Point, ITU

Pontus Westerberg, Programme Officer, UN-Habitat

Cristina Martinez, Deputy Head, European Commission

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