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** Please note that information in this document may be subject to change*

I. WELCOMING MESSAGE

We warmly welcome all Parties and delegations to the Thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum, to be held on May 17-22, 2026 in Baku, Azerbaijan, co-organized with UN-Habitat, the United Nations Programme for sustainable urbanization.

This global gathering provides a unique platform for participants from around the world to engage in meaningful dialogue, share innovative practices, and collectively address the challenges and opportunities shaping the cities of tomorrow.

Baku, a city where rich historical heritage meets dynamic modern development, stands ready to host this important event and to contribute to the global discourse on sustainable urbanization, resilient infrastructure, and inclusive urban growth.

We are confident that the Forum will foster productive discussions, strengthen international cooperation, and inspire forward-looking solutions for the future of our urban environments. We look forward to greeting the esteemed Parties and delegations in Baku!

II. PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

The Forum will be held from May 17 to 22, 2026, in Baku at the Baku Olympic Stadium.

The programme of the Forum is available on the official website - <https://wuf.unhabitat.org/wuf13> - and is subject to continuous updates.

The official Opening Ceremony of the Forum with the participation of Heads of State and Government (hereinafter - HoS/G) and esteemed special guests, will take place on May 18. The Opening Ceremony will be open for all registered participants of the Forum.

PROGRAMME

Monday, May 18, 2026

10:00 – 10:30	Opening of the WUF13 Urban Expo
	Arrivals of Heads of State and Government to VVIP area Handshake ceremony <i>Heads of State and Government will be greeted by His Excellency, Mr. Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Executive Director of UN-HABITAT, Ms. Anacláudia Rossbach, and escorted to the VVIP lounge.</i>
	Family photo

12.30 – 13.40	Opening Ceremony of the Thirteenth Session of the World Urban Forum (WUF13)
13.40 – 17.00	Leaders' Statements
TBC	Official Dinner (<i>format to be confirmed</i>)

III. LEADERS' STATEMENTS

HoS/G wishing to deliver a statement are kindly requested to submit their request to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan through an official Note Verbale no later than **April 25, 2026**.

Parties are strongly encouraged to ensure that their Leaders' statements do not exceed a maximum of **five (5) minutes**.

To ensure the quality of interpretation of Leaders' statements, Parties speaking at the Forum are requested to send a copy of their statement to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan through an official Note Verbale no later than **May 9, 2026**.

IV. COORDINATION

General coordination of the visit of HoS/G, as well as other special guests at the Thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum, will be overseen by the Protocol Service of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Each delegation is kindly requested to assign a focal point and send his/her contact details (email and cell phone) to wuf13@psp.gov.az no later than **April 15, 2026**.

A briefing for advance teams is scheduled to take place in May, in close proximity to the dates of the event. More information and exact date will be communicated in due course.

V. REGISTRATION AND ACCESS TO VVIP AREAS

All members of official Party delegations, including HoS/G, are requested to register online through the Global Event Management System, GEMS (<https://events.unhabitat.org/>).

Practical information on registration is available at: <https://wuf.unhabitat.org/practical-info>

Access to the VVIP area will be strictly limited to HoS/G, special guests of the President, and their respective delegations in a limited composition.

The following categories of pins will be issued to delegations with authorized access to the VVIP area:

Golden (1)	HoS/G
Silver (4)	Accompanying members (including interpreters)
Red (2)	Security
Yellow (2)	Official press

Please be kindly informed that each delegation may register an unlimited number of delegates to the World Urban Forum; however, access to the VVIP area will be granted only to pin holders. Pins will be valid only when accompanied by a duly issued badge.

Delegations are kindly requested to fill in the registration form outlined in Annex I (Golden and Silver Pin Holders) and Annex IV (Media Pin Holders) and submit it via email to wuf13@psp.gov.az in accordance with the respective pin categories, no later than **April 25, 2026**.

All Security Officers accompanying HoS/G are requested to fill in registration form in Annex V and submit it via email to wuf13@psp.gov.az no later than **April 25, 2026**.

Pins will be distributed by the Designated Liaison Officers (hereinafter - DLOs), assigned to each delegation (see below).

VI. DESIGNATED LIAISON OFFICERS

Each HoS/G delegation will be assigned a DLO by the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan. The DLO will serve as the key point of contact for the HoS/G and their entourage from arrival in and departure from the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The DLO will be the dedicated point of contact to assist with the administrative and logistical arrangements during the Forum and to provide support for the Leader's programme.

VII. PASSPORTS AND VISAS

All travelers must have a passport valid for more than 6 months upon entering Azerbaijan, as well as a valid visa. Information regarding the rules and procedures for obtaining a visa of the Republic of Azerbaijan can be accessed via <https://mfa.gov.az/en/category/visa/visa-free-countries>.

For eligible countries, it is possible to obtain visa on arrival (e-Visa). For more information, please visit the Electronic Visa Portal of the Republic of Azerbaijan: <https://evisa.gov.az/> and follow the step-by-step instructions provided on the website. Forum participants that are duly registered on the GEMS portal will be granted visas free of charge.

VIII. TRAVEL, HOSPITALITY AND ACCOMODATION ARRANGEMENTS

The Heydar Aliyev International Airport is designated as the main airport for the arrivals and departures of the delegations. Delegations may also request arrival and departure permits for charter/special flights. All delegations must provide the information on the date and time of arrival/departure and flight number no later than **April 30, 2026**.

To operate charter/special flights, delegations should send flight plans and itinerary details via email to wuf13@psp.gov.az at least 72 hours before arrival. To facilitate border and customs control at the airport, delegations should appoint authorized persons responsible for passports handling and completion of the entry-exit formalities and inform via e-mail: wuf13@psp.gov.az

Flight plans and itinerary details should be listed in the Note Verbale to be provided to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Host Country offers the hospitality service for official delegations in accordance with the following format:

Heads of State and Government	1+10
Special guests	1+5

Delegations are required to submit through a separate form attached as Annex II the list of delegates whose accommodation is expected to be covered by the Host Country. The filled form should be sent to wuf13@psp.gov.az .

IX. TRANSPORTATION

The Host Country will provide accredited vehicles with assigned drivers to the delegations in accordance with the following motorcade composition:

Head of delegation	Motorcade
Heads of State and Government	1 Protocol car 1 Principal Sedan 1 Security car 1 Sedan 1 Minivan
Special guests	1 Protocol car 1 Sedan

The delegations wishing to hire additional cars may fill out the relevant form in Annex III and submit it to wuf13@psp.gov.az .

Please note that only cars provided by the Host Country will have direct access to the VVIP area.

X. INTERPRETATION

Simultaneous interpretation in Azerbaijan, as well as in the six official UN languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish) will be provided. In addition, separate interpretation booths will be made available during the Summit for HoS/G wishing to speak in their native languages with their interpreters.

In such cases, delegations are kindly requested to make their own arrangements for interpreters.

XI. BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL MEETINGS

Separate facilities in VVIP area will be provided for bilateral meetings upon request.

Bilateral meetings between HoS/G may be arranged upon mutual agreement between the respective delegations. Following such an agreement, delegations are required to submit a formal request to the Government of Azerbaijan to ensure the allocation of a bilateral meeting room, indicating the preferred date and time of the meeting. All requests for such bilateral or multilateral meeting rooms should be sent in writing to wuf13@psp.gov.az.

Each meeting will be scheduled for a duration of 25 minutes, with an additional 5 minutes allocated for room preparation, thereby enabling meetings to be organized in 30-minute intervals.

Interpreters will not be provided by the Host Country for bilateral meetings. We kindly ask all parties to make their own arrangements for interpretation, if needed.

XII. MEDIA ACCREDITATION

Journalists, broadcasters and media professionals are required to apply for accreditation to attend the thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum (WUF13), through UN-Habitat's online [registration system](#) (GEMS).

Media accreditation is reserved for professional journalists and media personnel (print, photo, radio, TV, film, news agencies, and online media) representing a bona fide media organization legally registered in a UN Member State.

All media equipment temporarily imported into Azerbaijan – including radioelectronic devices and broadcast equipment – must be declared through the [Ecustoms: Electronic Customs Services portal](#). The declaration must be submitted at least 72 hours prior to arrival in the country.

Information on Annex IV attached to this document must be submitted via email to wuf13@psp.gov.az no later than 25 April 2026.

The names of all media representatives accompanying the delegations, as well as the list of equipment, should be included in the verbal note to be submitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

XIII. SECURITY

Security arrangements for all delegations are the responsibility of the authorities of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

During the period of the Conference, the United Nations Department of Safety and Security, in close cooperation with the Host Country law enforcement agencies, is responsible for providing security and safety services within the Conference venue.

Information about all security officers on Annex V attached to this document must be submitted via email to wuf13@psp.gov.az latest by April 25, 2026. However, only two security officers will be granted access to the VVIP area. This form does not replace the Weapons Permit Application. Applications for weapons permits and radio frequencies must be submitted via a Note Verbale from the relevant Embassy.

Necessary weapon delivery and temporary carrying permissions of weapons and communication devices will be issued by the State Protection Service of the Republic of Azerbaijan at the ports of entry of Azerbaijan. The rules for carrying and using the weapon provided by the legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan will be attached to the Permission.

Security officers of other countries are not allowed to carry automatic weapons in the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

XIV. SPECIAL INQUIRIES

Any delegate with special needs, such as dietary restrictions, mobility assistance etc., are required to send detailed requests by e-mail to wuf13@psp.gov.az .

IMEI Registration:

Any mobile devices connected to a local operator with a local SIM card may operate without IMEI registration for up to 30 days after its first connection to the Azerbaijani network. After 30 days, the device will be blocked from accessing the network. If any issues arise concerning this matter, the DLO of the respective country will assist.

Practical Information

Climate: Daytime temperatures in Baku in May average 21–22°C.

Time Zone: GMT+4

Banking Services: ATMs are widely available in Baku.

Currency Rate: 1 USD \approx 1.70 AZN

Electricity: The standard voltage is 220 V with a frequency of 50 Hz. Two types of sockets are used: two round pins and V-shaped flat prongs.

**REGISTRATION FORM FOR MEMBERS OF DELEGATIONS (GOLDEN AND SILVER PIN
HOLDERS) ATTENDING THE THIRTEENTH SESSION OF THE WORLD URBAN FORUM
(WUF13)**

Country/Organization: _____

Position: _____

Title: Mr. Ms.

First name: _____

Family name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Place of birth: _____

Passport type: _____

(Diplomatic, Service, Official, Special, Ordinary)

Passport number: _____

Date of issue: _____

Date of expiry: _____

Place of issue: _____

Email address: _____

Mobile phone: _____

Participation status: _____

(Head of delegation, Delegate, Interpreter)

FLIGHT DETAILS:

Arrival

Date of arrival: _____

City of departure: _____

Last transit city: _____

Carrier: _____

Flight number: _____

Time of arrival to Baku: _____

Departure

Date of departure: _____

Destination: _____

Carrier: _____

Flight number: _____

Departure time: _____

Note: The copy of the passport together with the registration form should be sent to the following email address: wuf13@psp.gov.az

**ACCOMMODATION FORM FOR THE DELEGATIONS EXPECTED TO BE COVERED BY
THE HOST COUNTRY**

Title (*)	Name	Family name	Position	Arrival Date &Time	Departure Date &Time	Country/Organization

* Ex: Mr/Ms/Dr./

ADDITIONAL CAR REQUEST FORM

Country/Organization	
Date and time of arrival	
Date and time of departure	
Sedan	
Minivan	
Luggage van	
Period of rent (time, dates)	
Contact person	
Contact telephone, e-mail	

**REGISTRATION FORM FOR MEMBERS OF DELEGATIONS (MEDIA PIN HOLDERS)
ATTENDING THE THIRTEENTH SESSION OF THE WORLD URBAN FORUM (WUF 13)**

Country/Organization: _____

Position: _____

Title: Mr. Ms.

First name: _____

Family name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Place of birth: _____

Passport type: _____

(Diplomatic, Service, Official, Special, Ordinary)

Passport number: _____

Date of issue: _____

Date of expiry: _____

Place of issue: _____

Email address: _____

Mobile phone: _____

Note: The copy of the passport together with the registration form should be sent to the following email address: wuf13@psp.gov.az

SECURITY

Information about security officers	
Name	
Surname	
Date of birth	
Passport No.	
Will the security officer fly with VIP?	Yes / No*
Information about arrival Flight no. Registration no.	
Will the security officer have weapon on his arrival in the Republic of Azerbaijan?	Yes / No*
Information about weapons	
Type	
Caliber	
Brand	
Model	
Serial number	
Number of ammunitions	
Information about communication device	
Model	
Type	
Serial Number	
Brand	
Quantity	
Frequency	

Other security equipment

Description

Type

Serial number