

UTM Global Innovation Summit 2024 & UTMC annual conference

# Planning for a sustainable future: cities designing urban transitions

**Date:** 7-8 October 2024

**Time:** all times are in CEST/ UTC+2

**Place:** Brussels, Belgium

Borschette Centre, rue Froissart 36

**Or Connect Online**

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Join the Urban Transitions Mission (UTM) of Mission Innovation (MI) for an insightful event dedicated to exploring the transformative power of urban planning and design. The annual UTM Global Innovation Summit will delve into innovative approaches that aid cities across the world in their partway to a net-zero resilient future, through prioritizing resource efficiency, people-centered design, and digital interconnectedness.

Discover how cutting-edge urban planning strategies are revolutionizing cities, making them more sustainable and livable. Policymakers and technical experts from cities across the world will share their experiences, challenges and the most impactful and innovative solutions applied in their communities. Experts will share their knowledge on maximizing resource use, integrating green technologies, and fostering community engagement. Additionally, we'll examine the role of digital technologies and solutions in creating interconnected urban ecosystems that enhance resilience, inclusiveness, and effective access to essential services.

The second day of the UTM Global Innovation Summit coincides with the Annual Conference of the Urban Transitions Mission Centre (UTMC). These sessions, co-hosted by the UTM and the UTM Centre, will take participants through the current and upcoming support offered to the UTM community by the Centre. Services offered by the Platform, the Finance Helpdesk and much more will be introduced to the audience to explore new unmissable opportunities for knowledge sharing.

The event will include two sessions dedicated to exploring participatory budgeting and to discussing how to leverage collaboration across national, regional and local level to support the goals of the Paris Agreement.

Whether you are an urban planner, policymaker, or simply passionate about the future of our cities, this event will provide valuable perspectives and practical solutions for building vibrant, resilient urban environments. Join us and be part of the movement shaping the cities of tomorrow.

## Agenda – 7 October

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| 09:00 | <b>Welcome and icebreaker</b>  |
| 09:10 | <p>Moderator: <i>Andy Deacon, GCoM</i></p> <p><b>Opening remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>European Commission – Rosalinde van der Vlies</i></li> </ul>  |
| 09:20 | <p><b>Setting the scene: designing sustainable pathways for our urban futures</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>COP29 Presidency (TBC)</i></li> <li>• <i>EIB (TBC)</i></li> <li>• <i>Siir Kilkis, Vice-chair, IPCC Working group III (TBC)</i></li> </ul>  |
| 09:50 | <p><b>UTM in Action: designing resource-efficient cities</b></p> <p><i>Chair: International Energy Agency (IEA), member of UTM Global Innovation Alliance</i></p> <p><i>Role playing exercise focused on building the energy system – sector coupling, RES integration, digitalization, and governance will be the main themes.</i></p> <p><i>A setting the scene with experts will be followed by group activities.</i></p> <p><b>Inspirations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Ece Özön, Director of Climate Change Directorate, İstanbul Metropolitan Municipality (Turkiye) – Fulya, Antalya (Turkiye)</i></li> <li>- <b>Jason Grant, Miami-Dade County (US) (confirmed)</b></li> <li>- <i>Surat (India)</i></li> <li>- <i>participation of Green-Powered Future Mission, India/TERI</i></li> </ul> |
| 10:55 | <b>Break</b>   |
| 11:15 | <p><b>UTM in Action: designing people-centered cities</b></p> <p><i>Chair: JPI Urban Europe, co-lead of the UTM</i></p> <p><i>Interactive exercise and discussion on how to build the city of the future, through integrated and holistic planning with a focus on mobility &amp; access, and on design of space to ensure inclusive, healthy and resilient communities.</i></p> <p><b>Inspirations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Mauricio Fernandez, Buenos Aires (Argentina)</i></li> <li>- <i>TBD, Sekondi-Takoradi (Ghana) TBC</i></li> <li>- <i>Agnes Schönfelder, Mannheim (Germany)</i></li> <li>- <i>UNFCCC Global Innovation Hub and the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructures and the United Kingdom</i></li> </ul>   |
| 12:20 | <b>Energizer</b>   |

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| <p>12:30</p> | <p><b>UTM in Action: designing smart &amp; connected cities</b><br/> <i>Chair: KAPSARC on behalf of KSA, core member of UTM</i></p> <p>Cities are leveraging digitalization to improve services and infrastructure efficiency but face risks like cybersecurity and privacy breaches. This session will address the challenges and opportunities of digitalization, focusing on sustainable smart city design and governance. It will also explore solutions for managing integration, interoperability, and data to mitigate vulnerabilities while enhancing urban systems. The session will include lessons learned from new and rapidly urbanizing areas.</p> <p><b>Inspirations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Donna R. Tabangin, City Planning, Development and Sustainability Coordinator, Baguio City (Philippines)</li> <li>- Nisreen Daoud, Manager of sustainable development and Amman resilience unit, Greater Amman (Jordan)</li> <li>- <b>Stina Oseland, Director, Bergen (Norway)(confirmed)</b></li> <li>- participation of GESI, World Economic Forum, World Bank</li> </ul>  |
| <p>13:30</p> | <p><b>Lunch break</b></p>  |
| <p>14:30</p> | <p><b>UTM in Action: brokering solutions and connecting innovation leaders &amp; providers</b></p> <p>This session comprises three parallel workshops. Participants will be divided in 3 breakout-rooms, and are asked to join a workshop of their choice. The workshops focus on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Data and digital solutions for evidence-based planning and policymaking –</b><br/> <i>contributions by: Google EIE, T-System and OpenEarth foundation</i></li> </ol> <p>The workshop "Data and digital solutions for evidence-based planning and policymaking" will focus on providing participants with insights on how data access and forecasting can drive effective policy making in cities. Participants will explore real-life examples of data-driven decisions and their impacts on urban development, sustainability, and quality of life. The workshop will include interactive discussions, case studies, and demonstrations of how digital solutions can inform urban policy making</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Sonia Knauer, Manager of Sustainability Actions, Belo Horizonte (Brasil)<br/> TBD, Renca (Chile)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. <b>Scaling up investment through public private collaborations –</b><br/> <i>contributions by: World Business Council on Sustainable Development (WBCSD), Signify, and KPMG, with the support of UTMC</i></li> </ol> <p>The workshop "Scaling up investment through public private collaborations" will focus on exploring the potential of public-private partnerships in accelerating investment in urban transitions solutions and infrastructures. Innovative business models and blended finance options will be presented and discussed with the audience. The exchange will focus on new approaches for collaboration to speed up market uptake of innovation and derisk impact investment in cities.</p> <p><i>João Dinis, Climate Action director, Cascais (Portugal)<br/> Paris (tbc)</i></p> |

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|           | <p><b>3. Keeping the city cool – hosted in collaboration with the UK government</b></p> <p>The workshop “Keeping the city cool” will explore how cities can plan and adopt effective strategies to tackle extreme heat and its consequences in cities. This session, co-organized with the UK government, will shed light on exemplary measures, the potential of urban planning, as well as challenges to address to mitigate the impact of heat in cities. Lessons learned from the real-life experience of Greater Manchester in implementing actions and measures for cooling will provide the basis for this exchange.</p>  |
| 16:00     | <b>Break</b>   |
| 16:20     | <p><b>Urban Transition: reality-check</b></p> <p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <p>Panel of selected mayors and city leaders. The conversation will focus on urban planning and design needs (data, technologies, multi-level support, finance, etc.). Panelists will be invited to share real life, practical examples of one core need and how they have/are/will be tackling the challenges ahead and elaborate on key ingredients and political drive necessary to make urban transitions happen at pace and scale required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mohamed Sefiani, Mayor, Chefchaouen (Morocco)</i></li> <li>• <i>Carolina Leitaó, Mayor, Peñalolen (Chile)</i></li> <li>• <i>Orkhan Musayev, Mayor, Khirdalan (Azerbaijan)</i></li> <li>• <i>Artem Semenikhin, Mayor, Konotop (Ukraine)</i></li> <li>• <i>Svitlana Olshanska, Deputy Mayor, Zhytomyr (Ukraine)</i></li> </ul> |
| 17: 30    | <p><b>UTM looks ahead: Stocktaking &amp; way forward</b></p> <p>Participants discuss the results of their workshop and key messages from the panel. Through a moderated discussion the UTM community defines and shares action points and outlook for 2025. Key announcements from UTM are shared with the UTM community.</p>  |
| 17:50     | <b>Closing remarks</b>   |
| 18:00     | <b>End</b>   |
| Till late | <b>Mingling and exchanging; reception for UTM community</b>  |

## Agenda – 8 October

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| 09:00 | <b>Welcome and icebreaker</b>  |
| 09:10 | <b>A brand new day: setting the scene</b><br><i>Chair: UTMC + UTM</i>  |
| 09:20 | <b>UTMC – your needs, your platform, our support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Platform</li> <li>- Virtual coffees</li> <li>- Peer exchanges</li> </ul>   |
| 10:45 | <b>Break</b>   |
| 11:00 | <b>UTM In Action: investing in your future</b><br><i>Chair: UTMC</i><br><br><i>Workshop on participatory budgeting and citizen’s engagement</i>  |
| 12:10 | <b>Unlocking NDCs 3.0 through multi-level governance and action</b><br><i>Chair: Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy (GCoM) and ICLEI WS</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gustaf Ulander, Coordinator, International unit, Community development, Skellefteå (Sweden)</li> <li>• TBC, Viable cities</li> <li>• Guillermo Ready, Director of Sustainability, Vitacura (Chile)</li> </ul> |
| 13:20 | <b>Farewell &amp; closing</b>  |
| 13:30 | <b>Lunch break</b>   |
| 14:40 | <b>Finance and Funding (F&amp;F) Dialogue</b><br><i>(GCoM, Bd Charlemagne 1, 1000 Brussels)</i>  |

# Study tour to the to Signify's Outdoor Lighting Application Center (OLAC)

## 8 October

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| 12:15 | Departure for train station of Brussels Midi                                 |
| 13:17 | Train departs  |
| 17:00 | Arrival in Lyon and walk to the hotel Ibis Lyon Part Dieu Les Halles         |
| 18:00 | Departure from Hotel to Signify's Outdoor Lighting Application Center (OLAC) |
| 19:00 | Dinner at OLAC   |
| 19:30 | OLAC Show  |
| 21:30 | Dessert and closure  |
| 22:00 | Departure from OLAC to Lyon  |
| 23:00 | Arrival at the Hotel   |

## 9 October

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| 09:30 | <p>Workshop: Inspire and planning the integration of the co-benefits of lighting into the City decarbonization journey</p> <p>During the workshop (facilitated by Signify expert) the participants will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Highlight their main topics of interest,</li> <li>- Share solutions/best practice already implemented or planned,</li> <li>- Draft high-level plan to tackle the topics,</li> </ul> <p>Touch &amp; feel solutions</p> |
| 12:30 | End   |
| 14:00 | Train departing from Lyon   |
| 17:43 | Back in Brussels  |