

| Side Event: Public Space For A Liveable Regenerative City; Learning from China and the Asia-Pacific region | |
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| ORGANIZATION (PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS) | World Future Council |
| DATE/TIME | 26 July, 1:30 p.m.- 2:30 p.m. |
| VENUE | Crystal 2 |
| DESCRIPTION | <p>A new type of urban development powered by clean renewable energy, driven by a circular economy and defined by a restorative and mutually beneficial relationship between cities and their hinterland is urgently needed. Given the extensive threats of climate change, environmental pollution and degrading natural resources cities need to shift their current linear metabolism to a circular, regenerative one that can positively enhance rather than undermine the ecosystems and natural resources on which they depend. This will mean creating cities that actively contribute to the regeneration of the natural resources they consume and the ecosystem services they rely on. This will considerably affect how cities are planned and designed. Public spaces in particular will be affected. The panel discussion will explore the linkages and overlaps between public space and regenerative urban development, in particular how creating more regenerative cities will also mean developing more healthy, inclusive, accessible and liveable public spaces.</p> <p>In summary, the panel discussion will focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlighting the importance and relevance of regenerating Public Spaces in the context of the Regenerative Cities and its relevance to the New Urban Agenda • Identifying the key challenges of transforming Public Spaces in the Regenerative City in particular how to regenerate the existing urban fabric in an integrated manner to improve liveability, well-being and health and at the same time the ecological services and natural capital the city depends on (water resources, green spaces, urban agriculture, etc.) • Initiating a dialogue on policy approach for public spaces in city wide scale for cities in China and the Asia Pacific Region and link the discussion to public spaces at the Habitat III with national and local programmes, such as Sponge Cities in China • Collecting local case studies, good practices and |





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| | <p>policy solutions on safe, inclusive and accessible public spaces that also contribute to the creation of environmentally thriving regenerative cities</p> |
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