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## PRESS RELEASE

# UN-Habitat announces special recognitions for sustainable urban development

**2 October 2023** – On World Habitat Day 2023, UN-Habitat Executive Director Maimunah Mohd Sharif announced special recognitions for achievements in promoting sustainable urban development. Certificates were presented during the high-level opening session at the global observance of World Habitat Day.

Special recognitions were handed out to:

**Azerbaijan National Agency for Mine Action** for over 25 years of exemplary work in organizing and coordinating demining operations with the aim of clearing the territories in the Republic of Azerbaijan from landmines and other explosive munitions.

**Rohey Malick Lowe, Mayor of Banjul, Gambia** for her exemplary leadership at the local level and for her dedication to the empowerment of women and youths in the capital city of Banjul.

**Yücel Yılmaz, President, Union of Municipalities of Türkiye** for exemplary leadership at the local level and for his organization's continued support to the Zero Waste global initiative.

**Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi, Secretary-General, United Cities and Local Governments Asia-Pacific** in recognition of her role and efforts to mainstream sustainable urbanization at the local level in the Asia and Pacific region.

World Habitat Day was established by the UN General Assembly in 1985 and is celebrated on the first Monday of October. It was first observed in Nairobi, Kenya, in 1986.

### About UN-Habitat

UN-Habitat is the United Nations entity responsible for sustainable urbanization. It has programmes in over 90 countries that support policymakers and communities to create socially and environmentally sustainable cities and towns. UN-Habitat promotes transformative change in cities through knowledge, policy advice, technical assistance, and collaborative action. To know more, visit [www.unhabitat.org](http://www.unhabitat.org) or follow us on Twitter @UNHABITAT.

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