



# URBAN ACTION AVENUE

AT CITIES FORUM THIS URBAN OCTOBER

# ABOUT #URBANACTIONAVENUE

This *#UrbanOctober*, we at Cities Forum are bringing a global platform – ‘**Urban Action Avenue**’ to express individual ideas, opinions, and suggestions for the future of our cities.

Calling people across different age groups and urban communities– students, practitioners and academia alike to submit their pieces on the present state of affairs, development, and growth of our cities.



PURPOSE

On World Habitat Day, it is a chance to reflect on the state of our towns and cities and the basic right of all to adequate shelter.

It is intended to remind the world that we all have the power and responsibility to shape our future.

THEME

The theme for World Habitat Day this year is 'Accelerating Urban Action for a Carbon-free world'.

"I believe our biggest issue is the same biggest issue that the whole world is facing, and that's habitat destruction."

—Steve Irwin

# WORLD HABITAT DAY 2021

# URBAN ACTION AVENUE MOTIFS

The below-mentioned categories can be used as guiding ideas and can be explored innovatively at an individual level:

- A. *What does 'Accelerating Urban Action' mean to you?*
- B. *Habitable places and Citizens' wellbeing and happiness.*
- C. *Age, Gender, and Urban Transformation of cities.*

# SUBMISSIONS

**Note:** While we are not explicitly looking for academic/research pieces, we understand the importance of facts and corroborating data. Hence, any work with assumptions without follow-up explanations and unwise claims shall not be considered.

Send your entries to:

[ronika.postaria@citiesforum.org](mailto:ronika.postaria@citiesforum.org)

Submissions can include-

- 1 Photo Essays
- 2 Narrations of projects you have worked on with the potential to evolve to the next level
- 3 Critiques on government initiatives that can be re-enacted – include scalability and implementability
- 4 Opinion pieces on urban policies and designs
- 5 Other Creative Pieces (ONLY FOR YOUTH PARTICIPANTS)

# SUBMISSION DETAILS

- ✓ Word limit: 500 to 2500 words
- ✓ The writing piece should be submitted as a pdf
- ✓ Name, Age, Profession, and Social media handles (Twitter LinkedIn, Instagram - any or all)
- ✓ Affiliation when the submitted piece is a past individual or group project narration
- ✓ Strong knowledge or background in the urban development sector is required for project narration, opinion pieces, and critiques
- ✓ Youth Participation (age 13 - 18) and usage of creative mediums are highly encouraged to capture the independent partake in the city and urban realm



# TIMELINE

## EVENT BEGINS:

October 5, 2021

## SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

October 30, 2021

## ANNOUNCING SELECTED WORKS:

November 12, 2021



# REWARDS

*Comprehensive research pieces received from Urban Development Sector and those selected for extensions and correspondence shall be published differently than general entries to value the scrutiny of scholarly works.*

- PUBLICATION AND DISTRIBUTION  
ON CITIES FORUM MEDIA PLATFORMS
- DETAILED ARTICLES OR OPINION PIECES EXTENSION  
FOR TOP SELECTED WORKS
- INTERACTIVE SESSION AND CORRESPONDENCE  
FOR TOP SELECTED WORKS





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