



June 3 - 4, 2026

Nancy, France

URBAN7 INTERNATIONAL MAYORS SUMMIT

DETAILED PROGRAMME AND SPEAKERS

Updated on 2 June 2026

Under the French G7 Presidency



DAY 1

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

08.30 - 09.00

WELCOME COFFEE

Venue: Nancy City Hall, Place Stanislas

09.00 - 10.30

OPENING PLENARY SESSION

RESILIENT CITIES, RESILIENT DEMOCRACIES

Venue: Nancy City Hall - Grands Salons

Moderator: Dr. Lorenzo KIHLENGRAN GRANDI, Director of the City Diplomacy Lab and Scientific Coordinator of the Summit

Speakers include:

- **Mathieu KLEIN**, Mayor of Nancy, President of the Métropole du Grand Nancy, host of the Summit
- **Jean-Luc MOUDENC**, Mayor of Toulouse, President of Toulouse Metropole, President of France urbaine, head of the French delegation
- **Anacláudia ROSSBACH**, Executive Director of UN-Habitat
- **Chiara FRONTINI**, Mayor of Viterbo, head of the Italian delegation
- **Kizo HISAMOTO**, Mayor of Kobe, head of the Japanese delegation
- **David MITCHELL**, Mayor of Bridgewater, head of the Canadian delegation
- **Steve PATTERSON**, Mayor of Athens (Ohio), head of the US delegation
- **Eckart WÜRZNER**, Mayor of Heidelberg, head of the German delegation

10.30 - 11.00

COFFEE BREAK

Venue : Nancy City Hall - Chez Lucette

Informal networking break in the "Chez Lucette" space, offering participants an opportunity to continue discussions and exchange in a relaxed setting.



11.00 - 12.30

G7/U7 LEADERS' POLITICAL DIALOGUE

Venue: Nancy City Hall - Grands Salons

ROUNDTABLE 1

Resilience of Real Estate (G7 Environment Track)

Moderator: Matthew BACH, Director of ICLEI Europe and Co-Director of the Urban7 Executive Secretariat

With interventions of :

- **Aziza AKHMOUCH**, Head of the Cities, Urban Policies and Sustainable Development division at the OECD
- **Kizō HISAMOTO**, Mayor of Kobe, Japan
- **Yves-Laurent SAPOVAL**, Ministerial Delegate for Sustainable Cities and Urban Envoy for the Ministry for Ecological Transition, France

ROUNDTABLE 2

Global Partnerships (G7 Development Track)

Moderators: Matthew BACH, Director of ICLEI Europe, and Rainer KERN, Director of the Global Parliament of Mayors ; co-directors of the Urban7 Executive Secretariat.

With interventions of :

- **Aziza AKHMOUCH**, Head of the Cities, Urban Policies and Sustainable Development division at the OECD
- **Frédéric CHOLE**, Delegate for civil society, civic engagement and youth - Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, France
- **Ana Claudia ROSSBACH**, Executive Director of UN-Habitat
- **Prof. Dr. Eckart WÜRZNER**, Lord Mayor of Heidelberg, Germany

12.30 - 13.00

FAMILY PICTURE

The exact location and arrangements for the family photo will be announced at the end of the Opening Plenary Session, depending on weather conditions.



13.00 - 14.30

LUNCH

Venue : Nancy City Hall - Chez Lucette

Buffet lunch served in the "Chez Lucette" space, offering a convivial setting for informal exchanges and networking among participants.

14.30 - 16.00

THEMATIC WORKSHOPS (PARALLEL SESSIONS)

Three thematic workshops will take place simultaneously. Participants are kindly invited to attend the session to which they have registered.

Stewards will be present at Chez Lucette at the end of lunch to guide participants to the different meeting rooms.

WORKSHOP 1

Socioeconomic Resilience and Urban Community Cohesion

Venue : Nancy City Hall - Salle Mienville

Moderator: Aziza AKHMOUCH, Head of the Cities, Urban Policies and Sustainable Development division at the OECD

Speakers include:

- **Zartoshte BAKHTIARI**, President of Grand Paris Grand Est, Mayor of Neuilly-sur-Marne, France
- **Fabien FELLI**, Vice-President of the Sustainable Cities Task Force and Chairman of POMA
- **Kizo HISAMOTO**, Mayor of Kobe, head of the Japanese delegation
- **Hon. Cecily MBARIRE**, Governor of Embu County, Kenya (TBC)
- **Dr. Frank MENTRUP**, Mayor of Karlsruhe, Germany
- **David MITCHELL**, Mayor of Bridgewater, head of the Canadian delegation, Canada
- **José "Chito" VELA**, Mayor Pro Tem of Austin, United States

WORKSHOP 2

Environmental Resilience and Sustainable Transformation of Urban Space

Venue : Nancy City Hall – Salle Chepfer

Moderators: Matthew BACH, Director of ICLEI Europe and Co-Director of the Urban7 Executive Secretariat, and Brigitte BARIOL-MATHAIS, Executive Director of the French National Federation of Urban Planning Agencies (FNAU)

Speakers include:

- **Romain ANDRE**, Deputy Head of the Urban Development, Housing, and Planning Division, Agence française de Développement (AFD)
- **Xavier GIRRE**, Chief Executive Officer, SUEZ Group
- **Clare HART**, Vice-president of International and European Affairs at Montpellier Méditerranée Métropole, France
- **Nicolas JOYAU**, President of the Caen la Mer Urban Community, France
- **Sébastien MASSART**, Chief Corporate Strategist, Dassault Systèmes
- **Ana Claudia ROSSBACH**, Executive Director, UN-Habitat
- **Yves-Laurent SAPOVAL**, Ministerial delegate for sustainable cities–Urban envoy, France
- **Karen VAN DANTZIG**, Dutch Urban Envoy

The workshop will combine plenary inputs and parallel breakout discussions. After a short framing and presentation of two resilience challenges, participants will receive institutional perspectives before splitting into two parallel roundtables: (A) Resilience by Design and (B) Financing. The group will then reconvene to share and vote on 1-2 key recommendations to be submitted to Urban7, followed by closing remarks.



Venue : Préfecture

Moderator: Paul COSTELLO, Director (interim), GMF Cities

Speakers include:

- **Andrea COLEMAN**, Co-Lead, Bloomberg Philanthropies Government Innovation grant programs
- **Jean-Christophe ERARD**, Delegate for the National Resilience Strategy for Local and Regional Authorities, General Secretariat for Defence and National Security (SGDSN)
- **Alessandro GHINELLI**, Mayor of Arezzo, Italy
- **Martin HORN**, Mayor of Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany
- **Dilpreet SIDHU**, Deputy Mayor of Los Angeles for International Relations
- **Antonella VALMORBIDA**, Secretary General of ALDA
- **Samuel VAN DER STAAK**, Director for Europe, International IDEA

16.00- 16.30**COFFEE BREAK**

Venue : Nancy City Hall - Chez Lucette

Informal networking break in the “Chez Lucette” space, offering participants an opportunity to continue discussions and exchange in a relaxed setting.

16.30 - 18.00**CLOSED-DOOR SESSIONS**

Participants are kindly informed that the following two closed-door sessions are restricted in terms of access and participation modalities. During this time, all other participants are free to use the break at their convenience until the Gala Dinner scheduled for the evening.



EXECUTIVE MASTERCLASS

Navigating Geopolitical Risks for Cities

Closed session – strictly for red badge holders: mayors and elected officials only

Venue : Salon de l'Impératrice

This executive masterclass will be led by Dr. Lorenzo Kihlgren Grandi, Director of the City Diplomacy Lab.

The session will combine a short expert presentation on geopolitical risk frameworks for cities, an interactive discussion with live polling, and a scenario-based group exercise on issues such as FDI-related interference and intellectual property risks in international cooperation.

U7 SESSION

Closed session – strictly reserved for the Heads of Delegation of Urban7 associations

Venue : Salle Trellu

This closed working session, facilitated by the Urban7 Executive Secretariat, is strictly reserved for the heads of delegation of Urban7 associations.

This session will allow the Urban7 delegations to finalise the Declaration and prepare its official announcement.



DAY 2

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

08.30 - 09.00

WELCOME COFFEE

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09.00 - 10.30

MAYORS' PARTNERSHIP FORUM

Venue : Nancy City Hall - Grands Salons

Moderator: Dr. Lorenzo KIHGREN GRANDI, Director of the City Diplomacy Lab and Scientific Coordinator of the Summit

The Mayors' Partnership Forum is one of the key innovations of the 2026 U7 Summit. It operationalises the Summit's ambition to strengthen practical cooperation among cities by enabling the rapid development of new joint projects and partnerships.

Cities that have previously expressed interest will be invited to pitch a project open to collaboration to fellow city representatives, who will then be able to express their interest and explore opportunities for cooperation. The Forum aims to foster meaningful encounters, mutually beneficial partnerships, and long-term collaboration between cities. All city representatives are warmly encouraged to participate in this interactive session.



Venue : Nancy City Hall – Salle Rosambert

Moderators: Nicolas BUCHOUD, Fellow, Policy and Strategy, Global Solutions Initiative (GSI, Berlin) and Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI, Tokyo), U7/T7 focal point and member, T20 US coordination team and Rainer Kern, Executive director, Global Parliament of Mayors (GPM) and co-chair, U7 secretariat

This **invitation-only** joint U7/T7 roundtable will bring together representatives from cities, think tanks, and the private sector to exchange on concrete financial, technological, and policy solutions to strengthen urban resilience, reduce investment risks, and address widening insurance protection gaps in the face of growing climate vulnerabilities.

Speakers include :

- **Luisa BIANCHET**, International Relations and Energy Transition Analyst, E+ Institute, Sao Paulo, Brazil
- **Caroline CHAL**, , International relations and public affairs, SYCTOM, and co-founder, French Waste Partnership (PFD), Paris, France
- **Henri de GROSSOUVRE**, Head of Foresight, SUEZ group
- **Christian KASTROP**, CEO, Global Solutions Initiative (GSI), Berlin
- **Rainer KERN**, Executive director, Global Parliament of Mayors (GPM) and co-chair, U7 secretariat
- **Guillaume KLOSSA**, Writer and entrepreneur, Co-founder and president, Europa Nova
- **Monica KRUGLIANSKAS**, Project lead and focal point T30 resources and climate finance project, Brazilian Center for International Relations (CEBRI), Rio / London
- **Debolina KUNDU**, Director General, National Institute for Urban Affairs (NIUA), Delhi (online)
- **Saha SABYASACHI**, Associate professor, Economics, trade and technology, Research and Information Systems for Developing Countries (RIS), Delhi
- **Akanksha TYAGI**, Programme Lead, Centre for Environment, Energy and Water (CEEW), Delhi, and editor of CEEW G20 India report on Circular economy in India
- **Eckart WÜRZNER**, Mayor of Heidelberg and Head of the German Delegation to the Urban7 Summit



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SUPPORTING UKRAINIAN CITIES: URBAN RECONSTRUCTION AND RESILIENCE STRATEGIES

Venue: Nancy City Hall - Grands Salons

Moderator: Dr. Lorenzo KIHLENGREN GRANDI, Director of the City Diplomacy Lab and Scientific Coordinator of the Summit

Speakers include:

- **Bohdan KELITCHAVY**, Mayor of Kopychintsy, Ukraine
- **Serhii MORHUNOV**, Mayor of Vinnytsia, Ukraine
- **Oleksandr SYENKEVYCH**, Mayor of Mykolaiv, Ukraine
- **Andriy MOSKALENDO**, First Deputy Mayor of Lviv, Ukraine
- Vitalii BIELOBROV, Deputy Mayor of Kherson, Ukraine

- **Tatiana MOLCEAN**, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
- **Patrick MOLINOZ**, Rapporteur on Enlargement package 2025 - Ukraine, Moldova and Georgia and member of the Working Group on Ukraine, European Committee of the Regions
- **Mathieu MORI**, Secretary General of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe
- **Audrey PULVAR**, Deputy-Mayor of Paris for International Relations, Europe, Francophonie

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CLOSING PLENARY

DELIVERING FOR CITIES, WITHIN AND BEYOND THE G7

Venue: Nancy City Hall - Grands Salons

Moderators: Matthew BACH, Director of ICLEI Europe, and Rainer KERN, Director of the Global Parliament of Mayors ; co-directors of the Urban7 Executive Secretariat.

The Closing Plenary will mark the formal adoption of the Nancy Declaration by the members of Urban7. It will also provide an opportunity to look ahead to the next steps of the process, including the handover of the Declaration to the French G7 Presidency, perspectives for the 2027 U.S. G7 Presidency, and future cooperation between Urban7 and Urban20.

Speakers include :

- **MICHEL FOURNIER**, Minister Delegate to the Minister for Territorial Planning and Decentralisation, France
- **Nathalie APPERE**, Vice-President of France urbaine, Mayor of Rennes, President of Rennes Métropoles, France
- **Elle BISGAARD-CHURCH**, Chief of Staff to New York City Mayor
- **Emmanuel GREGOIRE**, Mayor of Paris, France
- **Mathieu KLEIN**, Mayor of Nancy, President of the Métropole du Grand Nancy, host of the Summit
- **Cecily Mbarire**, Governor of Embu County, Kenya (TBC)
- **Tatiana MOLCEAN**, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
- **Steve PATTERSON**, Mayor of Athens (Ohio), head of the US delegation
- **Dilpreet SIDHU**, Deputy Mayor of Los Angeles for International Relations, United-States

15.30

PRESS CONFERENCE

Venue : Nancy City Hall - Grands Salons and online

The Closing Press Conference will present the main outcomes of the 2026 U7 Summit and the adoption of the Nancy Declaration. It will bring together key representatives of the Summit and partner organisations to reflect on the discussions held over the two days and outline the next steps of the Urban7 process.

The press conference will also be livestreamed online. The list of speakers will be confirmed and communicated shortly.

