

CONFERENCE AGENDA

THE PLENARY SESSION VIETNAM URBAN SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT 2026 URBAN DEVELOPMENT MODEL FOR CONTRIBUTING TO NATIONAL GROWTH

Host:

- Ministry of Construction;
- The Central Policy and Strategy Commission.

Time: 08:00 – 10:10, Friday, November 6th, 2026

Location: Faimont Hanoi Hotel, 29 Ly Thai To st, Hoan Kiem, Hanoi

08:00	DELEGATE REGISTRATION
08:30	OPENING SESSION
08:30	VIP INTRODUCTION
08:35	REMARKS OF LEADERSHIP FROM COMMUNIST PARTY, GOVERNMENT
08:50	REMARKS OF LEADERSHIP FROM THE MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION
09:05	KEYNOTES
09:05	Partnerships and Renewing for New Urban Growth Models <i>H.E. Thomas Gass, Ambassador of Switzerland to Vietnam</i>
09:20	The role of infrastructure financing in Vietnam's new growth model and two-tier local governance <i>Mme. Mariam J. Sherman WB Country Director of Viet Nam, Laos, Cambodia</i>
09:30	Urban Development Models for a New Era <i>Leadership from Urban Development Agency, Ministry of Construction</i>
09:40	High-quality urbanization for sustainable and inclusive growth (Video) <i>Mme. Anacláudia Rossbach, United Nations Under-Secretary-General, Executive Director, UN-Habitat</i>
09:50	GROUP PHOTO
10:00	TEA BREAK
10:10	THE CONFERENCE SESSIONS 1,2&3 (run concurrently)

CONFERENCE SESSION 1

URBAN PLANNING AND NEW URBAN GROWTH MODELS

Host:

- Viet Nam Urban Planning and Development Association (VUPDA)
- Department of Planning and Architecture, Ministry of Construction

Time: 10:10 – 12:30; Friday, November 6th, 2026, in parallel with conference session 2 & 3

Location: Faimont Hanoi Hotel, 29 Ly Thai To st, Hoan Kiem, Hanoi

10:10	DELEGATE WELCOMING
10:15	OPENING REMARKS <i>Mr. Tran Ngoc Chinh, Chairman, Viet Nam Urban Planning and Development Association</i>
10:30	ORIENTATION REMARKS <i>Leadership from Department of Planning and Architecture, Ministry of Construction</i>
10:40	Integrating Climate Resilience into Urban Planning and Investment for Vietnam's New Growth Model <i>Mme. Kristina Bünde Head of Partnerships Delegation of the European Union to Vietnam</i>
10:55	A Framework for Urban Development Models under Vietnam's Two-Tier Local Government System <i>Dr. Arch.. Truong Van Quang, Deputy General Secretary, Viet Nam Urban Planning and Development Association</i>
11:10	Urban and Rural Planning under the Two-Tier Local Government Model: A Functional Spatial Approach <i>Mr. Cao Si Niem, Deputy Director, National Institute for Urban and Rural Planning</i>
11:25	Nature-Based Solutions for Sustainable Smart Urban Development <i>Mr. Dinh Diep Anh Tuan, Can Tho University</i>
11:40	From Urban Planning to Collaborative Governance: A Living Lab Approach to Managing Public Spaces in Vietnamese Cities <i>Ms. Daniela Hurtarte and Mr. Tran Khac Minh, Institute of Smart City and Management (ISCM-UEH), University of Economics Ho Chi Minh City</i>
11:55	PANEL DISCUSSION
	Moderator: Viet Nam Urban Planning and Development Association (VUPDA) Panelists: Representative from Department of Planning and Architecture, Urban Development Agency; Consulting Experts
12:20	CLOSING REMARKS <i>Leadership from Urban Development Agency, Ministry of Construction</i>
12:30	END OF CONFERENCE SESSION 1

CONFERENCE SESSION 2

ENHANCING URBAN CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE

Host:

- Embassy of Switzerland;
- The French Development Agency (AFD)
- Urban Development Agency (UDA)

Time: 10:10 – 12:30, Friday, November 6th, 2026, in parallel with conference sessions 1 & 3

Location: Faimont Hanoi Hotel, 29 Ly Thai To st, Hoan Kiem, Hanoi

10:10	VIP INTRODUCTION
10:15	OPENING REMARKS <i>Mme Sibylle Bachmann Head of Cooperation, Swiss Cooperation Office, Embassy of Switzerland in Vietnam</i>
10:25	ORIENTATION REMARKS Vietnam's Urban Transition towards Green, Resilient and Sustainable Cities <i>Mr. Julien Seillan, Country Director of The French Development Agency</i>
10:35	Climate Change Resilience of Vietnamese Cities <i>Leadership from Urban Development Agency</i>
10:50	Green Urban Areas – Elevating Value, Enhancing Global Competitiveness <i>Mr. Dang Huy Dong – Chairman of the Vietnam Green Transformation Association</i>
11:05	Strengthening Urban Resilience through Integrated Planning and Climate-Smart Approach <i>Mr. Luigi Cipolla Consulting Expert from SECO/PF</i>
11:20	From Infrastructure Investment to Urban Resilience in a Changing Climate: Lessons from AFD and EU-supported Projects in Vietnam <i>Mr. Vu Canh Toan Consulting Expert from AFD/ISSET</i>
11:35	Investing in green, resilient urban infrastructure through an area-based approach <i>Mr. Steven L. Rubinyi, Senior Disaster Risk Management Specialist, World Bank</i>
11:50	PANEL DISCUSSION
	Moderator: Urban Development Agency Panelists: - Experts from AFD and SECO, WB, - Consulting Experts
12:20	CLOSING REMARKS <i>Representative from Urban Development Agency</i>
12:30	END OF CONFERENCE SESSION 2

CONFERENCE SESSION 3

DATA-DRIVEN SMART URBAN GOVERNANCE

Host:

- Viet Nam Federation of Civil Engineering Association
- Urban Development Agency, Ministry of Construction
- UN HABITAT Vietnam

Time: 10:10 – 12:30; in parallel with conference sessions 1 & 2

Location: Faimont Hanoi Hotel, 29 Ly Thai To st, Hoan Kiem, Hanoi

10:10	DELEGATE WELCOMING
10:15	OPENING REMARKS <i>Dr. Dang Viet Dung, President of Vietnam Federation of Civil Engineering Associations</i>
10:30	ORIENTATION REMARKS Orientation for Smart Urban Development for the 2026–2030 Period, with a Vision to 2035 <i>Leadership from Urban Development Agency, Ministry of Construction</i>
10:45	Data Governance: The Foundation for Smart Cities to Better Serve Citizens <i>Mr. Kieu Viet Cuong, Project Manager of UN-Habitat Vietnam</i>
11:00	Operational management of apartment complexes and urban areas in smart city development <i>Mr. Nguyen Tien Dung, Chairman of the Ho Chi Minh City Apartment Management and Operations Association and Chairman of the Board of Directors of SAVISTA Joint Stock Company.</i>
11:15	Digital Infrastructure and Urban Data Spaces: The Foundation for Smart Cities in Vietnam <i>Mr. Han Minh Cuong, Chairman of the Board of Directors, SGroup Vietnam Corporation; Director, AIST Institute of Construction Science and Technology (Vietnam Union of Science and Technology Associations – VUSTA)</i>
11:30	Huawei Vietnam Digital Infrastructure, Data and AI for Next-Generation Urban Governance <i>Mr. Nguyen Anh Tuan, Director of Government Relations, Huawei Vietnam</i>
11:45	PANEL DISCUSSION
	Moderator: Vietnam Federation of Civil Engineering Associations Panelists: Representative from Urban Development Agency, Ministry of Construction; UN HABITAT; Consulting Experts
12:20	CLOSING REMARKS <i>Leadership from Vietnam Federation of Civil Engineering Associations</i>
12:30	END OF CONFERENCE SESSION 3

