

# 2023 U7 Mayors' Summit

March 1, 2023

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# Outline

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- **U7 Overview**
- **2023 U7 Mayors' Summit**
- **Draft 2023 U7 Mayors' Declaration**
- **Future Plans**

## Urban7 Group Alliance

- Municipal Associations



### Objectives

- ✓ Raising awareness on the importance of cities, and strengthening liberal democracies through direct involvement of citizens;
- ✓ Reinforcing the commitment of national governments to engage and consult with the cities on regulatory and fiscal frameworks;
- ✓ Developing a common understanding of key topics of the G7 agenda relevant to sustainable urban development;
- ✓ Strengthening consciousness on the responsibility for the Global South, and the role of cities in supporting democracy and economic cooperation.

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- Date: March 2, 2023 (Thursday)
- Organized by JDCMA (In cooperation with ICLEI)
- Supported by Ministry of the Environment and Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism
- Format: Hybrid (Online/Offline)
- Held in conjunction with the Zero Carbon City International Forum, hosted by the Ministry of the Environment

## Main Topics for the Draft 2023 U7 Mayors' Declaration

1. **Local governments as custodians of peace and democracy**
2. **Sustainable urban development as the engine for achieving the SDGs and facing the global climate emergency**
3. **Role of cities in disaster preparedness, response and resilience**
4. **The U7 Group as an emerging actor in multilevel governance and urban diplomacy**

### 2. Sustainable urban development as the engine for achieving the SDGs and facing the global climate emergency

- ✓ Strengthening local governments through legal and fiscal frameworks that support and address their actual needs, and encourage multilevel cooperation;
- ✓ Endorsing partnerships for multilevel action, such as the SURGe Initiative, launched at COP27;
- ✓ Implementing the Montreal-Kunming Global Biodiversity Framework through collaborative action between local and regional governments.

## 3. Role of cities in disaster preparedness, response and resilience

- ✓ Strengthening of international cooperation and provision of sustained support to the Global South, in coordination with local governments;
- ✓ Supporting efforts to prevent new disasters and mitigate existing risks in the Global South through international cooperation;
- ✓ Preventing and reducing disaster risks through “Build Back Better” initiatives, and by promoting education and awareness during recovery and reconstruction phases.



# Future Plans

**2023**

March 1

**Zero Carbon City International Forum**

March 2

**2023 Urban 7 Mayors' Summit**

April 15 - 16

**G7 Climate and Energy Ministerial Meeting** (Sapporo City)

May 19 - 21

**G7 Summit** (Hiroshima City)

July 7 - 9

**G7 Urban Ministerial Meeting** (Takamatsu City)