

Urban October, the largest urban planning and housing event in the Sultanate of Oman, took place from October 7–9 under the theme "Engaging Youth to Create a Better Urban Future." Coinciding with several United Nations events in October, including World Housing Day, World Cities Day, and World Architecture Day, the conference emphasized the vital role of empowering youth in the urban planning process. The conference underscored the importance of engaging young people as contributors to building sustainable and modern cities. It highlighted their potential to develop integrated urban environments through creative and innovative ideas. The Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning presented the significance of sustainable urban planning and the active involvement of youth and society in urban development. They reviewed leading real estate and planning projects in Oman and exchanged ideas and best practices in urban planning. Additionally, successful international experiences were showcased, fostering cooperation between public and private sectors through themes such as "Youth Footprint," "Entertainment in Cities," "Inspiring Cities," and "Future Projects." It reviews pioneering future projects and the latest innovative urban practices aimed at building resilient and sustainable cities. Urban Week hosted influential speakers from renowned international architectural and consulting firms, including Zaha Hadid, Foster + Partners, Ibrahim Al Jaida, Albert Speer & Partners, and Palm Hills, along with delegations from international government agencies. The conference also included the signing of partnership agreements for Sultan Haitham City, usufruct contracts across various development sectors in different governorates, and purchase agreements for social housing projects.