

G100 Smart & Sustainable Cities Wing Bi-Annual Newsletter



Here's what has happened in second half of 2025 and what's to come!

Dear G100 Community,

Welcome to the second issue of the G100 Smart and Sustainable Cities Wing newsletter!

Cities are facing unprecedented challenges that will define the future of urban life. From rising sea levels and extreme weather events to rapid urbanization and resource scarcity, the pressure to adapt has never been greater. Climate change is no longer a distant threat—it's a present reality, demanding bold action and innovative solutions.

G100 Smart and Sustainable Cities Wing is determined to explore how cities across the globe are responding to these challenges; Discover inspiring strategies, groundbreaking initiatives and collaborative efforts that are shaping resilient, climate-smart environments for generations to come.

In this regard, I was honored to have delivered keynote speech at the G100 Smart and Sustainable Cities Wing panel "Fostering more inclusive, resilient and sustainable urban development" at Smart City Expo World

Congress 2025 in Barcelona. I was also delighted to meet Her Excellency Dr. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, a truly inspiring leader.

I am thrilled to share with you that we reached 56 Country Chairs and 5 Advisory Council Members. I would like to express my gratitude to all wing members for providing their support and reach where we are today during challenging times.

Finally, I would like to hereby thank Dr. Harbeen Arora and Bodil Valero on behalf of G100 for their continued leadership and Denim Club Partner of our Wing, Dr. Alfonso Vegara for his valuable support.

Together, we can make a real difference and inspire inclusive, sustainable, transformative urban solutions globally. Hope to meet you at events like COP31 in Türkiye in 2026. Enjoy the newsletter and let's stay connected!

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G100 Global Chair
Smart & Sustainable Cities Wing
President and CEO
Kale Group of Companies

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Fioralba Vela 
Albania Country Chair

Serving as the Director of SMART CITY HUB at the University of Vlora, Dr. Fioralba Vela is a lecturer at the Faculty of Economy the field of business administration, public administration and tourism management.



Külle Tärnov 
Estonia Country Chair

Külle Tärnov is known for her work in leading the process of creating new smart city solutions that scale in close collaboration with cities and researchers from 2020. With over 15 years in the innovation domain, Külle has a profound expertise in supporting new innovations.



Gertrude R.G. Buyinga 
Uganda Country Chair

Gertrude R.G. Buyinga serves as Secretary-General of the East Africa Local Governments Association (EALGA) and is an active member of various regional and global working groups and steering committees on decentralisation and public service coordination projects.



Miljana M. Vujaklija 
Serbia Country Chair

Miljana is an architect, urban planner and consultant with 15 years of experience working in city institutions as head of the sector for urban development and monitoring. Leader of infrastructure projects and improvement of green areas and resistance to climate change.



Neema B. Nelly 
Congo Country Chair

Neema Nelly is the founder of EMEA Venture and NEEMA AI. Neema specializes in developing customized AI solutions that are ethical, unbiased, transparent and human-centered.



Marija Savovska 
N. Macedonia Country Chair

Marija Savovska brings 30 years of experience in the civil society sector, with a deep personal and professional dedication to advancing gender equality, empowering women and advocating for policy reforms..



Veronica M. Sesoko 
Ireland Country Chair

Veronica M. Sesoko is a transport engineer leading Dublin's Drone Innovation Partnership. She works at the intersection of public services, regulation, and emerging tech, helping cities explore how drones can work for people, not just above them.



Claire P. Rose 
Germany Country Chair

Claire P. Rose leads the Smart Cities & Regions Team at Aconium. She advises municipalities and manages regional development projects. Her expertise also includes disaster prevention, public awareness and digital twin applications.



Maimunah Mohd Sharif 
Advisory Council Member

Maimunah Mohd Sharif (Malaysia) is the former UN-Habitat Executive Director, former Mayor of Kuala Lumpur and is an advisor on Sustainable Urbanization who was honored with the 2025 Leadership Award of SCEWC2 2025.

Upcoming Events 2026



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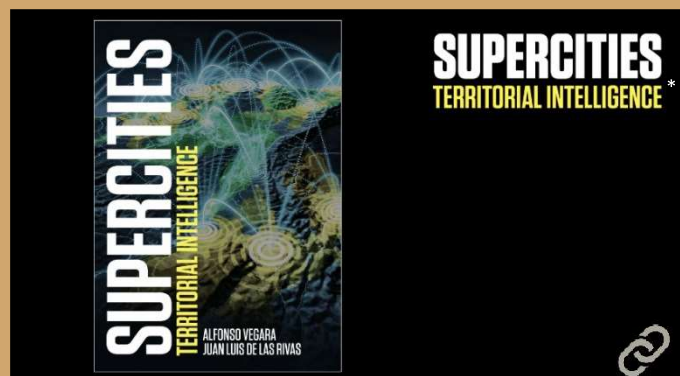
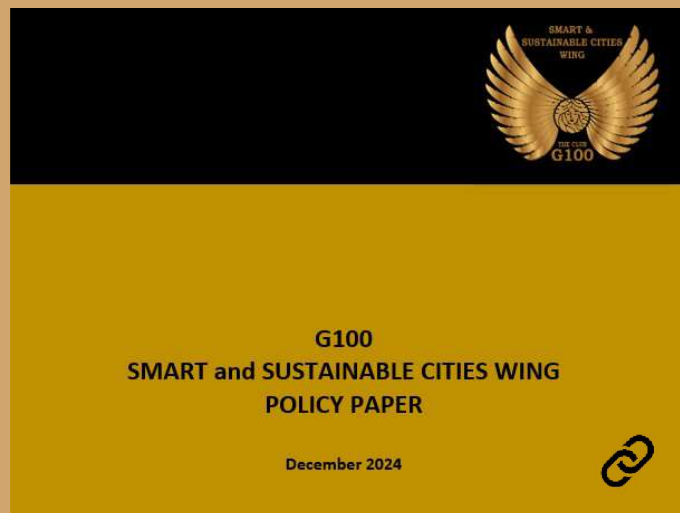


- 12-13.03.2026 Talinn- Smart City Exchange Forum 2026: Discovering Pathways to Resilient Cities
- 18-19.03.2026 London- Connected Systems Catapult Summit
- 17-22.05.2026 Baku- WUF 13 Housing the world <https://wuf.unhabitat.org/wuf13>
- 21-24.06.2026 Nairobi - Innovate4Cities Conference (I4C26) <https://www.innovate4cities.org/>
- 03-05.11.2026 Barcelona - Smart City Expo World Congress <https://www.smartcityexpo.com/>
- 11.2026 Antalya - COP 31

- G100 Events** <https://www.g100.in/g100-meetings/>
- 30.01.2026 Singapore – G100 Diplomatic Meetings
 - 18-12.06.2026 Manila – G100 ASEAN Meetings

Knowledge Hub

- Role of the Technology Sector**
- World Cities Culture Report 2025**
- COP30 Global Climate Action Agenda Outcomes Report**
- Global Corporate Sustainability Report 2025**
- World Urbanization Prospects 2025**
- Net Zero Guidelines for Cities**
- The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2025**
- AI for resilient infrastructure**



News From Our Wing Members & G100



The Rise of Smart Finance [🔗](#)

Gabriella Borda from Malta argues that a new wave of thinking is gaining momentum, one that blends sustainable finance with digital tools to mobilize capital for the systems that keep cities alive, calling for resilient, adaptive, and financially future-proof cities.



How to Address MENA region's challenges [🔗](#)

Misha Mittal wrote about how cities can reduce carbon emissions, improve energy efficiency, and optimize urban mobility worldwide while addressing water scarcity, extreme temperatures, and rapid population growth.



New Global President 2026 [🔗](#)

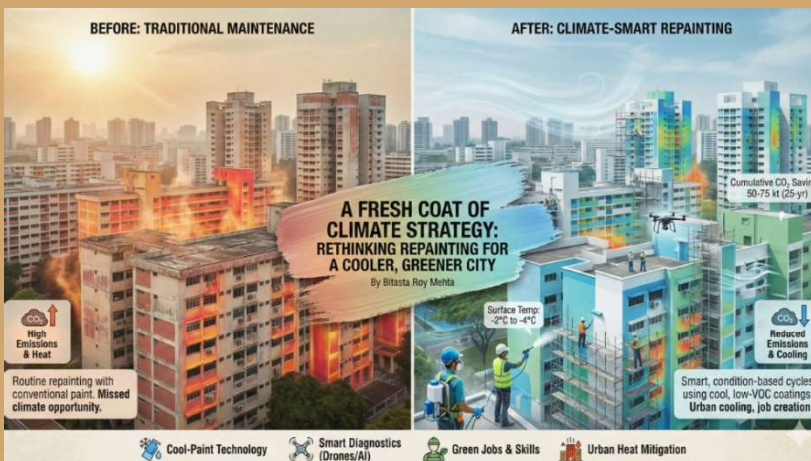
Dr. (H.C.) Hartini Binti Osman is the new G100 Club Global President for 2026, taking over from Bodil Valero. She is currently the G100 Global Chair for Philanthropy, Business & Poverty Eradication. She is also the Managing Director of Prihatin Group of Companies in Malaysia.

Recognition from the Eisenhower Foundation



Urban planner, president of the Metr6poli Foundation and G100 Wing Denim Club Global Partner **Alfonso Vegara** has been recognized with the 2025 James and Carol Hovey Impact Award granted by Eisenhower Fellowships. The award highlights his innovative work on the "Cities" project and his ability to foster creative collaborations that have transformed cities and improved quality of life in more than 20 countries. [🔗](#)

Rethinking Repainting for a Cooler, Greener City



Bitasta Roy Mehta from Singapore wrote on why policymakers, industry and civil society should care about integrating "maintenance cycles + climate criteria + procurement policy, to unlock scalable, systemic benefits, making the slow, steady work of maintenance a powerful and reliable part of the global climate solution. [🔗](#)

Smart City Expo World Congress 2025







The G100 Smart and Sustainable Cities Wing organized a panel session titled 'Fostering more inclusive, resilient and sustainable urban development' on November 5th at the **Smart City Expo World Congress (SCEWC25)** in Barcelona, thanks to our Wing's strategic partnership with the SCEWC`25. countries.

The 14th edition of SCEWC25 was closed with more than 592 speakers from the five continents, 1.190 exhibitors, 27.104 attendees, and 359 sessions.

The panel followed by the networking session and the G100 dinner started with the keynote speech of

[H. Zeynep Bodur Okyay](#) who is the Global Chair of [G100 Smart and Sustainable Cities Wing](#) and the President and CEO of [Kale Grubu](#) . Moderated by [Berrin Benli](#), the panel consisted of the following speakers:

-  [Alfonso Vegara](#) – G100 Wing Denim Club Partner
-  [Martina De Sole](#) – G100 Wing Global Advisory Council Member
-  [Olga Chepelianskaia](#) – G100 Wing Country Chair for India
-  [Verónica Ramírez del Valle](#) – G100 Wing Country Chair for Spain

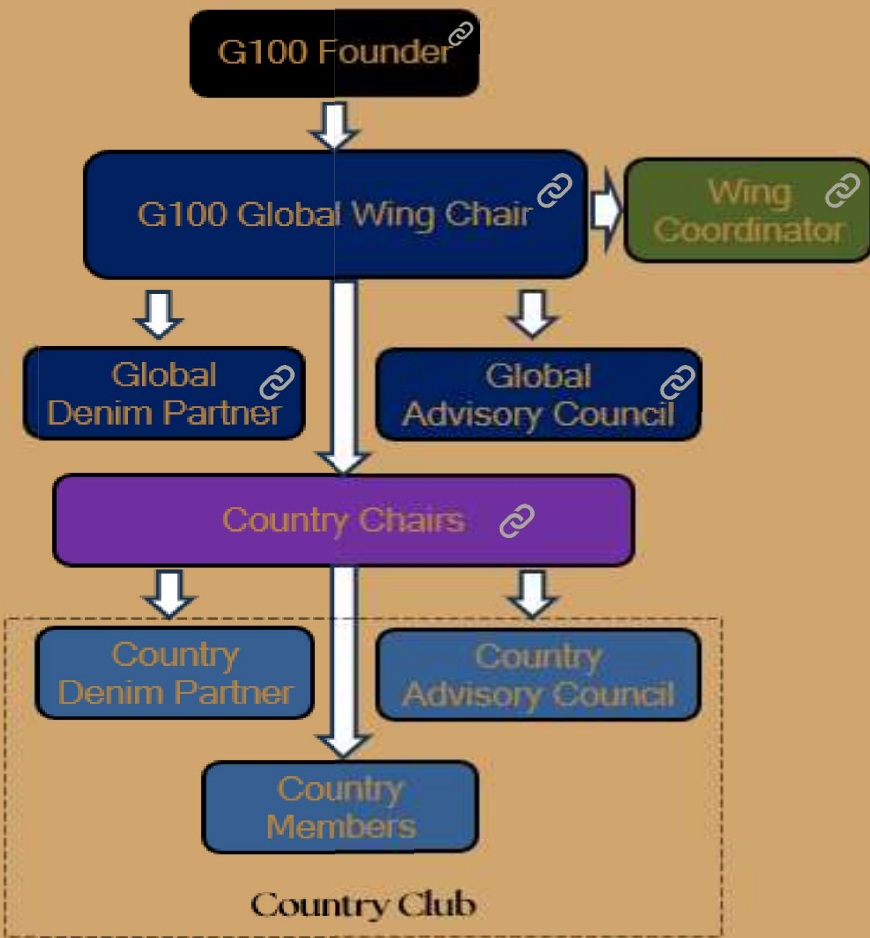


It was a great coincidence to have met **Excellency Dr. Maimunah Mohd Sharif**, former UN-Habitat Executive Director (2018–2024), former Mayor of Kuala Lumpur and Advisor on Sustainable Urbanization, now the Property Adviser at KLCC Properties, who was **honored with the 2025 Leadership Award** of SCEWC25. Just recently, her Excellency Dr. Sharif **honored our G100 Wing** to become the **5th Global Advisory Council Member**. Many thanks to Dr. Harbeen Aurora and Soul Sister Datin Hartini Osman in Malaysia for their support in the process.



The event was also attended by G100 Wing members **Külle Tarnov** from Estonia, **Olenka Ochoa Berreteaga** from Peru, **Samira Al-Dahiyat** from Jordan and **Gabriella Borda** from Malta.

OUR WING STRUCTURE



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REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF OUR 56 MEMBERS



IN 2025:

At COP30, governments endorsed a new and bold Gender Action Plan that places women's leadership at the center of climate action.

FOR ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS

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Photo: UN Climate Change/Aluna Worth

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