ii. “Advancing Climate Action through Urban Law” e-learning course: This course explores the essential role that urban law plays in addressing the challenges of climate change. It delves into UN-Habitat’s Urban Law Module of the Law and Climate Change Toolkit, which is a valuable resource for countries, local governments, professionals, academia and other stakeholders seeking to adapt their urban planning and environmental regulations and policies to manage climate change effectively. This course was launched during COP28 and can be accessed via UN-Habitat’s hub of e-learning tools, Habitat Learn. In the first month of its launch, the course was accessed by 167 learners globally, with 17 successfully completing the course.

b. Capacity Development Programmes and Initiatives

i. MetroHUB Global Capacity Development Programme

The MetroHUB Global Capacity Development Programme continued to advance knowledge and advocacy on various metropolitan topics. The programme delivered several trainings and courses to metropolitan representatives, academia members and other urban actors over the year. In 2023, more than 200 participants from Italy, Mexico and Spain enhanced their capacity on metropolitan management through four different capacity development sessions.
A key result of 2023 was that the growing demand for capacity development on MetroHUB led to the request by Politecnico di Milano, Italy, to establish a MetroHUB Centre as a one-stop-shop to disseminate globally the tools and expertise on metropolitan management.

Workshop on the Milano MetroHUB Centre

Professors, researchers and administrative teams of the Milano Polytechnic’s (POLIMI) Department of Architecture and Urban Studies

Identifying key actions to link POLIMI’s high-quality research and training with UN-Habitat’s project design and implementation as the basis of the MetroHUB Centre.

Sep 27, 2023, Spain

Key result: the session culminated in the signing the new agreement to support Barcelona Metropolitan Area on metropolitan management

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POLIMI

Summer School on metropolitan management

Delivered a keynote speech on metropolitan and regional management and its significance to preserve natural resources

The ‘International Landscape Off Limits Workshop’, at POLIMI Campus in Piacenza.

Sep 18, 2023, Milano Italy

Urban and metropolitan policies aligned with the 2030 Agenda

Two-day interactive training: Discussing challenges, trends, and practices in city governance and financing.

Designed to bridge academia and practice for better urban policies by identifying and building synergies.

Sep 2023, Mexico, Virtual

The Global Metropolitan Phenomena and its Significance for Sustainable Development.

Metropolitan lecture as part of capacity development on Sustainable Development Goals and other Global Agendas.

Feb 12, 2023, Milano Italy

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Sep 2023, Mexico, Virtual

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