Wednesday 31st October

Venue: St George’s Hall, Liverpool
Registration opens at 07:30

Master of Ceremony: Ms. Zoe Tabary

08:30 - 09:25 Opening Ceremony in the Concert Room

08:30 - 08:35 Welcome by the Right Worshipful Councillor Christine Banks

08:35 - 08:50 Opening remarks and update on the Shanghai Manual, Shanghai Municipality

08:50 - 08:55 Statement of Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations delivered by Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director, UN-Habitat

08:55 - 09:10 Opening remarks and keynote speech by Executive Director, UN-Habitat

09:10 - 09:25 Keynote speech by Joe Anderson OBE, Mayor of Liverpool

09:25 - 09:35 Live link to World Cities Day celebrations held in Glasgow

09:35 - 09:45 Introduction by Executive Director, UN-Habitat: Statement by H.E. Shaikh Hussam bin Essa Khalifa Al Khalifa, President of the Court of HRH the Prime Minister of Bahrain

09:45 - 10:00 Presentation by UN-Habitat on resilience strategies and good practices

10:00 - 10:30 Refreshment Break

10:30 - 12:00 Thematic Workshops

Four moderated workshops (running in parallel) with presentations from panel cities and experts to explore themes aligned with the 2018 World Cities Day theme of “Building Sustainable and Resilient Cities”

12:00 - 13:30 Hot buffet lunch for delegates and private sector representatives in the Great Hall

13:30 - 15:00 Plenary discussion on Building Sustainable and Resilient Cities in the Concert Room

15:00 - 15:10 Live link to World Cities Day celebrations held at UNESCO Headquarters Paris

15:10 - 15:30 Closing in the Concert Room

15:40 Group Photo

18:00 - 22:00 Social Event Liverpool Cathedral

Thursday 1st November

9:30 - 11:00 Urban Tour around Liverpool
Meeting point: Hilton Liverpool City Centre
A tour around Liverpool highlighting its economic resilience