



Netherlands

PROGRAMME

WORLD TRADE CENTER, AMSTERDAM

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026

SAFE AND ADAPTIVE CITIES - NAVIGATING THE URBAN FUTURE

10:00 Registration and Welcome Coffee

10:30 Welcome Remarks

Bas Jochims, Fund Manager, Bouwinvest | ULI Netherlands Chair

Femke Weller, General Manager, WTC Amsterdam

Renée Schoonbeek, Conference Moderator

10:50 Opening Keynote

Jan van Zanen, Mayor of The Hague

11:25 Trends and Tensions: An Economic Outlook on Resilience and Welfare

Otto Raspe, Chief Economist, Rabobank

11:55 Urban Ecosystem: A New Paradigm for City Design

Cécilia Gross, Architect & Partner-Director, VenhoevenCS

12:25 Closing first plenary session

Renée Schoonbeek, Conference Moderator

12:30 Networking Lunch

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13:30 Concurrent Breakout Sessions (two rounds)

1. **Defining Moments in City-Making: Lessons from the Urban Compass**
2. **The Caring City: Social Cohesion, Impact, and Financial Perspectives**
3. **Future Proof Futures: Exploring Sustainability and the Built Environment with AI**

13:30 Concurrent Guided Tour in World Trade Center

Welcome to World Trade Center Amsterdam: Welcome To Change

14:30 Refreshments & Networking

15:00 Welcome Back | Recap from Breakout Sessions

Renée Schoonbeek, Conference Moderator

15:20 Real Estate in the Era of Uncertainty: A Capital Markets Perspective

Tom Leahy, Executive Director, MSCI Research & Development

15:50 From Crisis to Catalyst: Designing Decision Frameworks for Adaptive Cities

Ana Lozano, Founder & CEO, Nidus Lab

16:20 AI Taker or AI Maker

Han de Groot, Founder, VOLT, initiator of the Dutch AI-Gigafactory initiative

Fireside chat with **Boudewijn Ruitenburg**, COO, EDGE

17:00 Closing Remarks

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17:15 - 19:00 Networking Drinks

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