

World Metropolitan Day  
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## Caring metropolises: Framing recovery for all

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**The World Metropolitan Day 2021 leading event co-organised by Metropolis and UN-Habitat will take place on 7 October.**

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to unfold and social concerns are on the rise, cities and metropolitan governments are taking the first steps towards recovery. Today, the world has an opportunity to recover from the pandemic in a way that boosts Sustainable Development Goals, promotes gender equality and increases human and planetary health at the metropolitan level.

As metropolisation expands, cities are becoming increasingly interdependent with their surrounding regions and rural peripheries. The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated that health, social and climate emergencies transcend municipal boundaries. Actions to build adaptability and prosperity can only arise when cities reframe their challenges and opportunities to reflect the dynamics of their entire territorial ecosystems. This broader vision that connects different communities and territories and is based on

cooperation, solidarity and collective action is key to ensure resilience and create more just, green and healthy metropolises.

This interactive exchange, organised around a panel discussion, invites metropolitan leaders to discuss:

## Creating caring metropolises

- What are the key lessons learned from the pandemic to implement in global agendas?
- What are the social, economic and environmental transformations in which metropolises should focus to become more resilient territories?
- How are recovery strategies building resilience to future shocks?

## Speakers

- **Jordi Sánchez**, Vice-President of Urban Policy, Metropolitan Area of Barcelona
- **Carolina Cosse**, Mayor of Montevideo
- **Mario Durán**, Mayor of San Salvador
- **Rahmatouca Sow Dièye**, Adviser on Political Affairs and International Relations to UCLG Africa
- **Remy Sietchiping**, Chief, Policy, Legislation and Governance Section at UN-Habitat

**Moderator:** Octavi de la Varga, Metropolis Secretary-General

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