

CONTACT SESSION 2

CARING CITIES INITIATIVE PROGRAMME

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Buenos Aires

Young experts from important world cities met at the end of January 2015 in Rosebank to discuss practical measures that can be introduced to make cities more inclusive and welcoming. The first working group contact session concluded with a conceptual framework that will be confirmed with supportive content to be developed. The event was attended by delegates from Berlin in Germany, Sao Paulo in Brazil, Mashhad in Iran, Mexico City in Mexico, Ramallah in Palestine and the Argentinian capital of Buenos Aires.

The Gauteng City Region Observatory (GCRO), a research think tank have been brought on board as content development partners as the experience from their undertaking of the Quality of Life Survey and GCRO barometer have been valuable reference points for the development of the Caring Cities Barometer. Their work is accessible at: <http://www.gcro.ac.za/projects-and-events>

Following on from the first contact session, nine dimensions were developed. These dimensions have been further refined and **10 dimensions** are proposed that constitute a Caring City. Specific **elements** that contribute to the make-up of the dimensions have also been developed. This is captured in the table below:

DIMENSIONS	ELEMENTS
Access to basic and essential services	Water
	Waste
	Energy
	Sanitation
	Roads
Mobility and Accessibility	Public transport
	Motor vehicle
	Cycling
	Walking
Sustainable Human Settlements	Housing
	Tenure
	Neighbourhood
Diversity	Language
	Religion
	Race

	Gender
	Lifestyle
	Orientation
	Culture
Social Inclusion	Rights
	Responsibilities
	Participation
	Nationality
	Communication
Natural Environment	Drinking Water
	Waste water
	Air quality
	Green behaviour
	Green infrastructure
Economic Inclusion	Informal economy
	Economic opportunities
	Skills and training
	Youth
Protection of the Vulnerable	Children
	Aged
	People with disabilities
	Indigent
	Migrants
	Women
Safety and security	Law enforcement
	Visible policing
	EMS
Communication	Mode
	Content
	Relationship
	Preference

Taking the Initiative forward:

According to the process plan of the Caring Cities initiative, the following is required as per the scope of work:

1. **Develop draft content focus and direction** – develop hard and soft measures in terms of Qualitative and Quantitative methodologies as proposed above. Refine the dimensions and elements of the Caring Cities barometer.

2. **Planning and Preparation of Contact Session 2** – confirm working group participation, logistics and venue for Contact Session 2 and develop the programme for the Contact Session.
3. **Contact Session 2 – Metropolis Meeting in Buenos Aires** – milestone event 2. Findings and reflection from Contact 1 and **Expand and update content development process**- use relevant data and information to develop hard and soft measures and update content development

Structuring the Metropolis Initiative output

The final output should be expected to contain the following:

1. A theoretical overview of Caring Cities
2. Developing the dimensions and elements of a Caring City barometer
3. Global perspectives on Caring – from the working group cities
4. Piloting the Barometer - selected cities from the working group
5. Proposals for policy and recommendations to Metropolis

The purpose of this contact session is to:

- Reflect on Contact session 1's Outcomes
- Present the revised dimensions and elements of a Caring City
- Obtain a perspective from the various participant cities in terms of what makes a City Caring
- To enhance indicators/measures for the caring cities barometer
- To confirm the way forward on the scope of work and plan of action of the Initiative
- To confirm future virtual contact sessions and an ongoing means of communication
- To identify pilot cities to test the Barometer
- To prepare for the first session of the Reference panel meeting and to interact with the reference panel.

Expectations of the working group for this session

- *Develop a brief position paper and presentation on the dimensions of Caring Cities that inform a Caring Cities barometer*
 - Expand on the definition of 'Caring' from the specific city context using information to generate and provide a framework of the new trends, thinking and possible case studies locally and globally to shape the definition.
 - Use the different dimensions and elements that inform a Caring City Barometer to answer the question: what makes "your city" Caring? - Provide a set of indicators and measures to inform the dimensions Caring Cities barometer.
 - Provide a list of qualitative dimensions that inform a Caring Cities barometer from your city's experience

This paper should be developed and circulated to all working group members a week before the session so that all members are familiar with the content. Only findings will be discussed and evaluated at the contact session.

Time	Event	Responsibility
8:30 -9:00	Introduction and welcome	Z Ebrahim
9:00 – 10:00	Reflections on Contact session 1 recap	Z Ebrahim - All
10:00 – 11:30	Caring Cities Dimensions and Elements	D Mushongera and Z Ebrahim
11:30 – 11:45	Tea break	
11:45 – 12:45	Caring Cities Dimensions and Elements	D Mushongera and Z Ebrahim
12:45 – 13:45	lunch	
13:45 – 14:45	Caring Cities Dimensions and Elements	Z Ebrahim
14:45 - 15:45	Global perspectives on Caring Cities	All working group members to share their papers and findings
15:30 – 15:45	Tea break	
15:45 - 16:00	Discussion – finalisation of Barometer	Facilitator
16:00 - 16:45	Selecting pilot cities – roles and expectations	Z Ebrahim
	Closure	
16:45 – 17:30	Caring Cities presentation to Reference panel	All