

Metropolises in the Americas: discussions for the launch of the Pan-American Metropolitan Report

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From Canada to Chile, the Pan-American region has historically undergone intense urbanisation dynamics, resulting in a very heterogeneous metropolitan context, not only in physical configurations but also in formal or informal planning and governance arrangements. By 2030, the region is expected to have 424 metropolises, and by 2050 its urban population will exceed one billion people, equivalent to 80% of its total population, making it the most urbanised region on the planet.

Taking as a starting point Metropolis' newest publication, the Pan-American Metropolitan Report, which analyses 38 metropolitan indicators in 23 metropolitan spaces in South America, Central America, the Caribbean, and North America, this session will promote an open debate on the current and future state of metropolitan spaces in the Americas, seeking to inspire decision-makers in the region to explore innovative, sustainable and inclusive solutions to their metropolisation phenomena.

The session will consist of rounds of questions and answers between representatives of the Metropolis membership from four countries in the region, who will discuss both the complexity of urban realities that go beyond jurisdictional boundaries, as well as the possibilities of measuring the fulfilment of sustainable development goals and targets with feasible indicators.

Moderation

Lia Brum, Metropolis Research and Policy Officer

Panelists

- Yadira Díaz Cuervo, **Bogotá's** Undersecretary of Socio-economic Planning. Industrial Engineer, Master in Economics and PhD in Economics, interested in issues such as inequality and poverty with a focus on quantitative research methods, and the use of these for the design, analysis and evaluation of public policies.
- Libertad Zavala Marín, Director of Management of the Institute of Planning and Development Management of the Metropolitan Area of **Guadalajara**. Responsible for the direction of the management that monitors the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals at the metropolitan level.
- Adriana de los Ángeles Rodríguez Vizcaíno, Coordinator of International Cooperation, Municipality of the Metropolitan District of **Quito**. Responsible for monitoring the localisation of the Sustainable

Development Goals and their implementation in government projects.

- Leonardo Galardinovic Alves, Public Policy and Government Management Analyst at the Executive Secretariat of Planning and Priority Deliveries of the Prefeitura de **São Paulo**, area responsible, among other issues, for the integration of planning instruments and the municipalisation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Agenda

1. Presentation of the Pan American Metropolitan Report
Lia Brum (5 min)
2. Question #1: the metropolitan scale
How important is it for your government to have access to metropolitan scale data to plan and implement public policies and services?
Maximum 5 minutes per panelist, preferably without slides.
3. Question #2: specific metropolitan indicators
Could you briefly explain a specific indicator in which your metropolis stands out in the Pan American Metropolitan Report? Individual questions will be addressed to each panellist on specific indicators
Maximum 5 minutes per panellist, preferably without slides.
4. Questions from the audience
10 minutes
5. Final remarks
Jordi Vaquer, Metropolis Secretary General (5 min)