

**NEWS**



**Rabat Mayor Fatiha El Moudni elected President of Metropolis' Board of Directors**

Wednesday 19/02/2025

At its first Board of Directors meeting of 2025, Metropolis elected **Rabat Mayor Fatiha El Moudni** as its new **Board President**. The Board also welcomed new members and approved the network's first-ever associate member.

Following a tribute to outgoing President **Barthélémy Dias** for his visionary leadership, El Moudni expressed her commitment to continuing the organization's mission:

*"I'm proud to acknowledge that the presidency of our organization will continue to be occupied by an African leader. We are halfway through our mandate, and our mission remains more resolute than ever. We will celebrate our achievements and reflect on future challenges together in our 40th Anniversary Congress later this year. Let's uphold our commitment and make Metropolis a driving force for a more equitable and resilient future for all communities."*

### **President El Moudi's acceptance speech**

The Board also approved the membership of **Dhaka North City Corporation, Freetown City Council, Lviv Agglomeration, Medan City Government, Metropolitan Region Bogotá, and Muğla Metropolitan Municipality**. Additionally, **Guangzhou Academy of Social Sciences (GZASS)** joined as the network's first **associate member**. Founded in 1981, GZASS is a leading research institute affiliated with the Guangzhou municipal government.

With these milestones, Metropolis looks ahead to a year of strengthened collaboration, global engagement, and impactful initiatives.