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The 2025 Workshop for Thought Leaders

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The 2025 Workshop for Thought Leaders, co-organized by Metropolis and the Guangzhou Institute for Urban Innovation (GIUI), will center around the theme: *How can cities effectively harness digital technology to accelerate the local implementation of global development agendas?*

This workshop, 3 -6 June, aims to respond to the urgent need for practical strategies that **leverage digital technology to enhance public administration, urban sustainability, resilience, citizen engagement, and service delivery**. With its dynamic, solution-oriented approach, the workshop seeks to

inspire participants to reimagine their cities in the digital age — where technology is not just a tool but a catalyst for creating smarter, more resilient, and inclusive urban futures. The event will spotlight emerging practices that enhance community resilience, promote sustainability, and strengthen citizen-centered governance in an era of rapid technological transformation.

Since 2014, the Workshop for Thought Leaders has been a flagship platform under the Guangzhou International Award for Urban Innovation, providing a **unique space for global dialogue on urban challenges and innovative solutions**. Through four successful editions, the workshop has brought together city leaders, urban practitioners, and private sector stakeholders to exchange ideas, share knowledge, and collaborate on actionable strategies.