

## NEWS



## Countdown to the 12th Metropolis Congress in Montreal

Wednesday 29/03/2017

A delegation of the Metropolis Secretariat General travelled to Montreal to finalise the programme of the "Global challenges: Metropolises in action" conference and to discuss other themes specific to the organisation of this triennial event.

The Marathon Committee meeting, which was held to decide on the Congress' final programme, was

attended by 25 people including members of the International Relations Office and other services of the city of Montreal, OPC (Professional Conference Organisers) Tribu, the NPO (non-profit organisation) as well as experts.

During the meeting, six teams organised by topic reviewed the 200 calls for contributions received and adopted 25 parallel sessions in total, training workshops and field workshops, active lunches, community activities, laboratory workshop, Hackathon, City Buzz Zone, etc.

A dynamic *Hub* Area connected to the heart of the congress will give centre stage to metropolitan initiatives and Montreal start-ups.

All sessions will, insofar as is possible, be balanced in terms of gender representation, regional and political-technical diversity, not forgetting the ever-increasing challenges of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Already more than 50 mayors have responded to the appeal made by Denis Coderre, Mayor of Montreal.

Here are the topics of the plenary sessions:

- Intelligent metropolises
- Inclusion and living together
- Mobility and urban design
- Metropolises and environment
- Economic development, collaborative economy and circular economy
- Metropolitan leadership and governance

The meetings of the Board of Directors and the General Assembly will have the task of renewing the Board of Directors' decision-making bodies, approving the 2018-2020 action plan, electing the host cities for our next annual meetings 2018-2019 and for the XIII World Congress and appointing the new Secretary General of Metropolis.

In view of the celebration of 375 years of the city of Montreal and the many requests for this conference, **we invite you to enrol here before April 13**, date on which the preferential rate ends. The entire team of the General Secretariat and the City of Montreal are at your service to facilitate your enrolment, or any other steps relating to your journey to Montreal.

