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The Gauteng Declaration

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The 2018 Metropolis Annual Meeting came to a close on 29 August with the launch of the Gauteng Declaration, in which the attending members, as well as representatives from partner organisations such as the UCLG, UCLG Africa and ICLEI, showed their commitment to building more inclusive metropolitan cities and city regions, in every aspect of human development.

The declaration was read by Magda Popeanu, Vice-President of the Montreal Executive Committee, as part of the closing ceremony for the event. The full text of the declaration can be found [here](#):

**GAUTENG DECLARATION
INCLUSIVE METROPOLITAN CITIES AND CITY-REGIONS**

Johannesburg, Gauteng Province, South Africa
August 29, 2018

The World Association of the Major Metropolises (Metropolis), represented by Governors, Premiers, Mayors, and public officials from every corner of the globe,

meeting in Johannesburg, Gauteng, South Africa, from 26 to 29 August 2018 for the historic Metropolis Annual Meeting, taking place during the centenary year of the birth of Nelson Mandela,

jointly with our World Organisation of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) and its African section, United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLGA), as well as with our sister organisation ICLEI (Local Governments for Sustainability) and all the other partners and associations,

DECLARE THAT:

During this centenary,

We share the willingness to work towards metropolises for and by their citizens, where participatory and effective metropolitan governance fosters economic development, sustainability, social cohesion and justice, gender equality and good quality of life;

We are committed to fostering links and exchanges between political leaders, policy makers and practitioners worldwide; to advocating for metropolitan interests and improving the performance of metropolises in addressing local and global challenges;

We are dedicated to the transformation of our institutions and the strengthening of governance systems in order to respond to the aspirations of a rapidly urbanising population; addressing urban sustainability challenges related to housing, infrastructure, basic services, climate change, food security and migrations; and ending violations of human rights;

We recognize that metropolitan areas are expanding due to the galvanising power of proximity, agglomeration and innovation; that targeted transformation of cities and city-regions, which are the cradle of our heritage, is critical to the vision of a brighter and more inclusive future; and that urbanisation is



Endorsing Organizations:

- United Cities and Local Governments, UCLG
- UCLG Africa
- ICLEI
- International Association of Public Transport, UITP