A year after the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic, metropolitan challenges are still on the rise, and reduced access to adequate housing, public and green spaces, services and infrastructure is exacerbating inequality. The world now has an opportunity to recover from the global pandemic in a way that makes our metropolitan areas better places to live.

To move towards a more equitable society, both city and metropolitan governments need to ensure that local services place a greater emphasis on the people who use them. In this regard, metropolitan governments are uniquely positioned to bring about change and ensure wellbeing.

Metropolis is offering support to metropolitan areas by bringing new ideas and perspectives through some remarkable initiatives:

- **MetroTalks** explores the future of metropolitan spaces with urban thinkers. This series is about innovating to help rebuild cities to create better places for all.
Learning from cities features innovative insights from city leaders on how cities are governed and built.

The Cities for Global Health platform highlights concrete policies and strategic recovery plans in a post Covid-19 urban scenario.

To support metropolitan spaces in creating a caring society that places people at the heart of decision-making, Metropolis has developed a Toolkit with key insights on:

- Sustainability and climate change
- Governance and citizen engagement
- Equity in health and care
- Gender equality
• Public space and housing
• Mobility, accessibility and transport
• Sustainable economy
• Digitalisation and innovation

Today, more than 30 metropolitan governments and international organisations have joined this call to action to create more inclusive, democratic and sustainable metropolitan spaces.

There is still time to be part of this initiative! To join us, please email Laura Valdés, Metropolis Policy Officer.

SDGs

3 - Good Health and Well-Being

11 - Sustainable Cities and Communities