

The unmissable events in 2018 for the community of major cities and metropolitan spaces

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July



05-07 Chefchaouen

First World Forum Intermediary Cities by UCLG

As the majority of future urban development will take place in intermediary cities, many of them located within metropolitan spaces, Metropolis joins the conversation on how the I-Cities should enter the dynamic of implementation of the global agendas with their own voice, their specific perspective, and their specific needs.

08-12 Singapore

World Cities Summit

With the theme "Liveable and sustainable cities: Embracing the future through innovation and collaboration" and jointly organized by our partner Centre for Liveable Cities, this summit is a unique opportunity to work together in solving the current and future problems of major cities.



10-12 Madrid - Barcelona - Valencia

Asia Innova 2018

Asia Innova is the main Casa Asia program dedicated to innovation and technological cooperation with Asia. This initiative brings together a select group of representatives from the most dynamic cities in Asia, as well as the most outstanding associations of cities, with representatives from the public and the private sector and Spanish research centers, with the aim of identifying opportunities for city-to-city cooperation in areas that include urban innovation, infrastructure management, sustainable urban mobility, urban finance governance, housing and economic development. As knowledge partner, Metropolis is facilitating the participation of experts from our Asian membership, fostering encounter with relevant stakeholders from the public, private and academic sector.

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16 New York

Local and regional governments forum at the HLPF

The yearly High-Level Political Forum (HLPF), the United Nation's main platform to follow-up and review the 2030 Agenda, will count in 2018, for the first time, with a special event that acknowledges the role that local and regional governments play in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The members of the Global Taskforce are gathering at the UN Headquarters to share their leadership in the localization of the SDGs 6, 7, 11, 12, 15 and 17.

August

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26-29 Gauteng Province

2018 Metropolis Annual Meeting

Under the theme "Inclusive Metropolitan Cities and City-Regions", our 2018 Annual Meeting is hosted by Gauteng Province and will take place in Johannesburg. The agenda is intended to ensure that key issues of inclusivity are placed on the global agenda of metropolitan areas.

The thematic sessions will focus on key issues for sustainable urbanisation such as migration, anti-racism, social cohesion, gender equality, youth employment, growth of urban poverty, empowerment of girl children and informalisation. Several prominent international speakers will be in attendance. In addition to our statutory meetings and the delegates programme, progress on several Metropolis initiatives and the training programme of the association will also be presented.

Additionally, political decision-makers of the metropolises from across the continent will convene the second Forum of African metropolises co-organized by UCLGA and Metropolis, to enrich the debates concerning the major global issues and to address the role of African cities in global organisations as a contribution towards Africities.

Cities are also invited to showcase examples of inclusive city programmes and practices that have helped to advance their development in an exhibition at the event.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet cities seeking to work together to action an inclusive city agenda. Registration and all the information related to the event are already available at the event's website metropolis.org/gauteng2018

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27-29 (tbc) Gauteng Province

Metropolis Observatory — launch of the Issue Paper #5

The collection of Metropolis Observatory Issue Papers presents contemporary subjects relative to the governance of metropolitan agglomerations and offers reference frameworks regarding the need to include the metropolitan viewpoint in the governance of cities and their territories. The sixth edition will be about the use of the Blockchain software platform in the management of metropolitan services, and will be launched in the framework of the 2018 Metropolis Annual Meeting.



web-based

Deadline for submissions -Guangzhou International Urban Innovation Award

Reaching its 4th edition in 2018, the biennial Guangzhou Award is putting a special focus on innovative approaches taken by local governments to accomplish the SDGs and meet the commitments of the New Urban Agenda. Metropolis has been one of the main partners of the Guangzhou Award since its launch in 2012, and highly encourages its members to present submissions online, at http:// apply.guangzhouaward.org. •

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San Francisco

Global Climate Action Summit

This summit will bring together leaders from state and local governments, business, and citizens from around the world, to demonstrate how the tide has turned in the race against climate change — in support of the Paris Agreement.

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UCLG ASPAC 7th CONGRESS INNOVATION DRIVEN DEVELOPMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE CITIES

er 2018 SURARAVA INDONESIA

A PLATFORM FOR TRANSFORMATION & INNOVATION

12-15 Surabaya

7th UCLG ASPAC Congress

The event carries the theme "Innovation-Driven Development for Sustainable Cities". The Congress aims to strengthen national and local leaders' commitments and capacities in creating better connectivity to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and New Urban Agenda. The Congress will be hosted by the Surabaya City Government and jointly organized with United Cities and Local Government Asia Pacific (UCLG ASPAC).

12-30 web-based

Metropolis training: Metropolitan governance and gender perspective

This online training course, organized in collaboration with the Open University of Catalonia (UOC), is designed to provide Metropolis members with a full kowledge of metropolitan governance with gender perspective. With a capacity up to 25 members, it will be cost free and will be launched in September. The course, available in English and Spanish, will last 14 weeks and will offer city officials and decision makers with an integral knowledge on how to design their policies at metropolitan level.



(tbc) web-based

Guangzhou International Award for Urban Innovation: release of shortlisted submissions

Reaching its 4th edition in 2018, the biennial Guangzhou Award is putting a special focus on innovative approaches taken by local governments to accomplish the SDGs and meet the commitments of the New Urban Agenda. The Award's technical committee will select 15 shortlisted cities, which will be invited to Guangzhou to present their submissions in person before an eminent panel of jurors.

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15 (tbc) Hangzhou

BRLC (UCLG ASPAC Committee on the Belt & Road **Local Cooperation) 2018 Computing Conference**

Jointly hosted by Alibaba & Hangzhou Municipal Government this symposium aims at creating a platform for innovation and entrepreneurship with various inspiring events. It will feature keynote speech by Jack Ma, start up forums, city brain results release. It would also contain special session dedicated to Ant financial, new retail business practice, Ali big data, ecommerce visions, Artificial Intelligence, etc. It would greatly help young participants to learn and network with their peers to explore collaborative opportunities.

20-21 Mexico City

Five years of the AL-LAs project

AL-LAS is an Euro-Latin American alliance of cooperation between cities, which counts on the active participation and leadership of our members, namely Belo Horizonte, Brasília, Madrid, Medellín, Mexico City, Minas Gerais, Montevideo, Quito and Rio de Janeiro. It fosters the internationalization of local governments as a public policy and helps building capacity within local administrations towards this end.



17-21 Montréal

Metropolis Pilot Project: Revitalization strategies through Urban projects

The objective of this pilot project is to the exchange experiences on innovations of urban revitalization strategies between metropolises sharing the same territorial characteristics, governance and quality of life issues. The analysis will be based on the forms and processes for the city's transformation, by looking at concrete examples of major Urban Projects, through the analysis of 5 themes: The urban form, the urban design as a continuous process of thoughts and shaping of programs and urban spaces, the participation processes, the financing and regulation of the project, the governance and its influence on decision-making, the formalization and the ownership. •

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18-20 Mexico City

Ceremony of the 3rd International Award UCLG -**Culture 21**

The award recognizes leading cities and individuals that have distinguished themselves through their contribution to culture as a key dimension in sustainable

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Global Social Economy Forum (GSEF)

Welcomed by the Mayor of Seoul, Won-Soon Park, the GSEF reaches its 4th edition with the central theme "values and competitiveness for an inclusive and sustainable local development".



worldwide

Metropolitan Day

To celebrate the anniversary of the Montréal Declaration on Metropolitan Areas (October 7, 2015) and promote the idea that global challenges operate and must be addressed at the metropolitan scale, Metropolis - in partnership with CIPPEC, the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), UN-Habitat's MetroHUB and partners - encourages its members to organize a day for local leaders to meet up with all metropolitan peers within their territory in order to discuss pressing issues they face as a metropolitan community. So far, the following Metropolis members have committed to join the campaign: Montevideo (Oct. 3), Montréal, Quito (Oct. 1) Tijuana and Valle de Aburrá.

1st week (tbc) Quito

Metropolis Pilot Project: Surplus Food Network

This pilot project aims to exchange experiences on how to reduce food waste while strengthening service delivery and expanding citizens participation. A special focus will be made on citizens' education for a better use of surplus food.

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2nd week (tbc) Medellin

Metropolis Pilot Project: Intersectionality in **Metropolitan LGTBI Policies**

This pilot project led by Montevideo intends to draw together common knowledge about how the intersectional approach can be applied in public policies. The intersectional approach acknowledges that all people, including those who identify as LGBTI (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex), are affected by multiple inequalities and that this intersection creates new kinds of discrimination, which differs from the sum of these inequalities.

15-19 Bogotá

International Conference on Walking and Liveable Cities

Welcomed by the mayor of Bogotá, Enrique Peñalosa, this is the annual event of Walk 21, a network dedicated to supporting and promoting more walking to help make walking an enjoyable part of daily transport, recreation and health through effective policies, programs and planning all over the world.

25-26 Rome

IV European Metropolitan Authorities (EMA)

The EMA is an initiative promoted by the Barcelona Metropolitan Area which has become a consolidated forum for dialogue between the political leaders of Europe's major metropolitan areas. Organized yearly since 2015, the yearly one-day conference has become a platform for political dialogue between metropolitan areas and cities, EU institutions and national governments.

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29-30 Buenos Aires

Urban 20 (U20)

U20 is a new city diplomacy initiative, led by the cities of Buenos Aires and Paris and convened by C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group (C40), in collaboration with United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG). Urban 20 serves as a forum for cities to engage with the G20 process and enrich G20 discussion with their unique urban perspective on global issues. To amplify the U20 message and raise the voice of cities, Buenos Aires is hosting an inaugural U20 Mayors Summit on October 29-30, 2018. A month ahead of the G20 summit, this highlevel event will be crucial to highlight cities' contributions to the G20 agenda.

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World Cities Day

Since 2014, the World Cities Day marks one of the most important dates in the calendar of worldwide activities for cities and metropolitan areas. Metropolis encourages its members to share information about the events promoted in the local level to celebrate this date.

October - November



28-4 Seoul

Metropolis Training: Governance for Sustainable Development

In order to address urban challenges, a training course on governance for mutual prosperity of worldwide cities is organized by the Seoul Human Resource Development Center (SHRDC).

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SHRDC International Forum

The annual forum organized by the headquarters of Metropolis training and capacity building programs is the occasion to gather the MITI regional centers, the SHRDC international alumni and partner institutions to showcase the outcomes of the training and to share strategies on training for city officials worldwide.

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5-7 Lille

AIMF 2018 CONGRESS OF FRANCOPHONE MAYORS

The 2018 Congress of French Mayors will be held in Lille from 5 to 7 November. After a first day devoted to the life of the association (Bureau and General Assembly), the second day will be dedicated to exchanges on the theme "Cities and sport at the service of development and better living together". Finally, the last day of work will focus on monitoring ongoing programs, including support for regional networks, the AIMF-European Union strategic partnership, and the City Health and Safety Initiative.

5-8 Madrid

UCLG World Council

As the metropolitan section of UCLG, Metropolis represents one of its vice-presidencies. Bringing UCLG's constituencies, the World Council is the main policy-making body of the organization, responsible for deciding the network's policies and ensuring that general policies approved by the General Assembly are implemented. •

5-8 Madric

Metropolis Observatory: Presentation of a new publication of the Issue Papers collection

Release of the new edition of the Metropolis Observatory's Issue papers collection during the 2nd World Forum on Urban Violence to be held in Madrid from 5 to 8 November 2018. This issue paper will be led by the city of Madrid and will discuss the subject of security and public spaces in metropolitan territories. This public presentation will be attended by the Secretary General of Metropolis. with an opportunity to enhance e-government capacities in daily administration.

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11-18 Seoul

Metropolis Training: e-Government & e-Tax System

Governments pursue finding new ways to effectively create public value by implementing quality policies in regards to innovative, effective, inclusive, collaborative, open and citizen-oriented services. The purpose of this international training program is to provide city officials with an opportunity to enhance e-Government capacities in day-to-day city administration and for city-to-city cooperation in building a smart city strategy and better e-Governance by sharing the best practices and experiences



13-15

Smart City Expo World Congress

Smart City Expo World Congress is the world's leading event for cities, a 3-day conference & expo that brings together over 700 cities, 420 speakers, 700 exhibitors and more than 18,000 international visitors to connect and share their vision of how to build a smarter and more sustainable future for our cities. In order to visualize a more gender-responsive governance, and with the commitment to increase women's participation and strengthen the leadership of women in public institutions, Metropolis will organize a meeting of women mayors. In addition, Metropolis will release a new Issue Paper on metropolitan finances together with a City Managers meetings, aiming at discussing, from a technical and management point of view, the topic tackled by the issue paper previously released.



Metropolis Pilot Project: Metroairports

This pilot project led by the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona deals with the economic and social aspects of the territories located right next or around airports. It focuses mostly on subjects related to the Right to the City, such as creation of jobs, mobility, access to housing, security, relationship with the airport's activity, transport related infrastructure, open spaces and development of local communities, among others.

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20-24 Marrakesh

Africities 2018

Africities Summit is the appointment for Africa's local authorities. Organized every three years by UCLG Africa, Africities has become a distinguished opportunity for the evaluation of the implementation of decentralization policies in Africa. On this occasion, Marrakesh will become the capital of African cities and territorial communities and will live the rhythm of this long-expected continental gathering, in order to put the markets, projects and the potential opportunities of African cities and territorial communities into perspective.



27-28

Smart City Paris Forum 2018

Smart City Paris Forum 2018 is placed under the sign of Reinvesting the City of Paris. The coming years open a new stage in the life of Paris: 100 years later, the Olympics will once again take place in Paris, which will continue its transformation to meet the major challenges of the twenty-first century, now preparing to enter its third decade: climate challenge, energy sobriety, a post-carbon city, a radiant metropolis open to the world, a world city providing its residents a high quality of life. Metropolis will be present and supports its partner: ETI Chair, one of the coorganizators of this Forum.

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Metropolis Training: webinar on preventive controls in public management

Every two months, Bogotá promotes online encounters for technical conversations about specific topics to share policies and measurement strategies with different metropolises of the world. Every webinar has a specific theme and counts on one more Metropolis member as an invited speaker. •

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03-14 Katowice

COP24

24th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) One of the most important tasks of COP24 will be to work out and adopt a package of decisions ensuring the full implementation of the Paris Agreement. Moreover, COP24 will include the socalled Facilitative Dialogue, intended to support the implementation of national commitments, in which local and regional governments should take part.



23rd Mercociudades Summit

Mercociudades is the most important network of local governments of Mercosur, the South American trade bloc composed of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru and Surinam. Metropolis and Mercociudades have 13 members in common, among them La Paz, which at this 23rd Summit will take the Presidency of the network from Córdoba, for the period 2018-2019. •

10-12 Barcelona

11th International Forum on Urbanism (IFOU) **Congress 2018**

In the framework of the International conference titled "Reframing Urban Resilience Implementation: aligning sustainability and resilience" - to be held in Barcelona from 10th to 12th December 2018 - Metropolis in collaboration with the Urban Resilience Research Network and the Universitat International de Catalunya is organizing a Panel for discussing the implementation challenges of resilience at Metropolitan scale.

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12 Toulouse

Toulouse Smart City Forum 8

This forum will host the entire ecosystem of the metropolis of Toulouse to share visions of the future but also experiences, projects and achievements. The call for citizen projects, and the Eco Mobility Awards, will also be highlights intended to pay tribute to the commitment of all those who build a smarter city – smarter because more sustainable, innovative, compassionate and turned towards the future. Metropolis will be present and supports its partner: ETI Chair, one of the coorganizators of this Forum.



(tbc) Guangzhou

Guangzhou International Urban Innovation Conference

This conference culminates with the final assessment by the jury and ceremony of the 4th edition of the Guangzhou International Award for Urban Innovation. In 2018, the Guangzhou Award is putting a special focus on innovative approaches taken by local governments to accomplish the SDGs and meet the commitments of the New Urban Agenda.

(tbc) Hangzhou

Belt & Road Local Cooperation (BRLC) General Assembly

The BRLC is constituted by cities from the countries which are part of the Belt and Road Initiative – the development strategy launched by the Chinese government to promote economic co-operation along routes from Eastern Europe to Asia and the Pacific. Co-organized by UCLG ASPAC, the BRLC Assembly aims at strengthening regional cooperation and collaboration for sustainable economic and environmental development that would also be impactful for sustainable urban development, sharing the experiences of Chinese local governments in city management, economic development and social welfare.

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... organizing an event which you would like to see in our calendar?

Do not hesitate contacting our regional liaisons at the Metropolis Secretariat General, who will indicate the most suited activities for each type of audience within your metropolitan government.

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