

World Metropolitan Day

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Metropolitan governance in Africa

Metropolis learning webinar

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Metropolitan Governance in Africa: Models of Metropolitan Governance

1st October 2021, 1.00pm CET Barcelona Local Time, 12:00 CET+1 Rabat Local Time (UTC+1)

Registration here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcsdeCpj8iEtFF4SibIINS80OaODACWvgM>

Metropolitan governance, "a process of coordination of actors, social groups and institutions with the intention of achieving debated objectives that have been collectively discussed and defined in fragmented environments" (Borraz and Le Galés, 2001: 350) can be the key to responding to the challenges of urban agglomerations and providing real equality of opportunities, incorporating gender mainstreaming into the concept of governance itself.

In Africa, the diversity of governance actors and agendas has made addressing urban problems complicated, but it can also be seen as an opportunity to harness additional skills and resources through collaborative urban governance processes that bring together different actors and stakeholders to develop and implement more holistic and inclusive strategies. In addition, the adoption by several levels of governments of Global agendas like the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable development, the Paris Agreement, the Addis Ababa Action, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and the New Urban Agenda require sustainable urbanisation and for our purposes sustainable metropolisation¹.

¹ Metropolis, African Metropolitan report (2019).

To highlight the challenges that African cities face due to rampant urbanization, Metropolis and UCLG-Africa decided to design the launch of a learning program on “Metropolitan Governance in Africa”. Based on a pedagogical content designed by Metropolis, this learning program aims to introduce the metropolitan reality and how metropolitan governance with a gender perspective can be the key to face the challenges and threats that surround our metropolises.

The first webinar of the program will be held on October 1, on the occasion of World Metropolitan Day. It will analyze the different models of metropolitan governments, as well as the elements that characterize each of them.

The session will last 2.30h.

Interpretation will be available in English and French.

PROGRAM

TIME	CONTENTS	NOTES
1.00-1.10 CET	Welcome address by Jean-Pierre Elong MBassi, UCLG Africa Secretary General.	
1:10-1:20 CET	Welcome address by Octavi de la Varga, Metropolis Secretary general.	
1:20-1:50 CET	“Models of Metropolitan Governance; the African Context” by Michael Sutcliffe, Director and Co-Founder, City Insight.	
1:50-2:20 CET	“Metropolitan Governance and Gender: Implementing a Gender approach” , by Sue Bannister, Director and Co-Founder, City Insight.	
2:20-2:40 CET	Interactive session with participants (Kahoot).	
2:40-3:20 CET	Open debate: sharing of experiences, opinions and concerns among the participants.	
3:20-3:30 CET	Wrap up and closing of the Webinar.	Moderator