



World Metropolitan Day

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Crossing boundaries

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World Metropolitan Day is the leading global campaign led by Metropolis and UN-Habitat promoting collective action to build more equitable and prosperous metropolises.

With a growing proportion of the world's population projected to live in larger and intermediate urban agglomerations, global challenges, from climate crisis to gender equality, must be successfully addressed in cities and metropolitan spaces. Indeed, the metropolitan scale is often the most appropriate one to deal with issues that are essential to the lives of individuals and communities and to address global issues. However, efforts to manage and plan at this scale are often put in jeopardy by administrative and political boundaries, disputes over competencies, and the lack of a shared strategic vision. Metropolitan management will only be effective if it manages to tear down invisible barriers that prevent the consolidation of common vision, joint strategy and coordinated action to bring about change and improve wellbeing.

The motto for World Metropolitan Day 2022 is 'Crossing Boundaries'. This evokes, first and foremost, the essence of metropolitan governance: collaborating across boundaries to best serve the dwellers of metropolitan

spaces. 'Crossing Boundaries' also refers to the erasure of social and physical obstacles, even national borders, that cut across the urban and metropolitan tissue. Today, there is a growing recognition that the impact of global megatrends may be indirect and cross-border. This is especially the case for the drop in quality of life due to deepening poverty and inequality, inflation and lack of access to affordable housing and adequate support in our care systems. As insecurity becomes the norm and our everyday lives are disrupted by the very tangible consequences of the climate, food, water and energy crises, our societies seem to be increasingly drifting apart.

On 7 October 2022, World Metropolitan Day, societies and authorities of metropolitan cities across the world are invited to reaffirm their commitment to crossing boundaries, tearing down walls and bridging the gaps. This is how we can achieve more integrated metropolitan areas that are home to thriving communities and provide solutions to the challenges of their people, and of the planet.

Who is World Metropolitan Day for?



We invite all levels of governments, private companies, academic institutions, civil society, international organisations, city networks, urban leaders and experts worldwide to join the movement by organising forums, webinars, workshops and other activities.

Since 2018, every 7 October, World Metropolitan Day commemorates the adoption of the Montreal Declaration on

Metropolitan Areas by providing a global forum that brings together metropolises from all over the world. The goal of #WorldMetropolitanDay is for local, regional and metropolitan governments – and their communities – to promote collective action to create resilience, advance socioeconomic justice and develop better public services for all our urban and metropolitan spaces.

Get involved!

We invite you to tune in and participate in the discussions, lectures and activities planned for the days leading to the World Metropolitan Day and to join us virtually or physically in our collective efforts to reimagine a better future together by organising:

- **Events:** organise a discussion or hold an online panel with guest experts, the possibilities are endless!
- **Local observance:** invite local governments of your metropolis to jointly discuss metropolitan issues
- **Workshops:** prepare a learning activity to spread awareness and share knowledge
- **Masterclasses:** open up a class or talk to disseminate knowledge on metropolitan governance
- **Commitments:** approve or enact a plan, policy, programme, regulation or project that contributes to achieving more resilient and caring metropolitan spaces
- **Make some noise** using the hashtag #WorldMetropolitanDay on social media!
- **Like and share our posts** at @metropolis_org and @UNHABITAT

Write to us at communication@metropolis.org to be part of the campaign.

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