

# WORLD METROPOLITAN DAY 7 OCT 2021

## *CARING METROPOLISES: FRAMING RECOVERY FOR ALL*

**The World Metropolitan Day 2021 leading event co-organised by Metropolis and UN-Habitat will take place on 7 October**

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to unfold and social concerns are on the rise, cities and metropolitan governments are taking the first steps towards recovery. Today, the world has an opportunity to recover from the pandemic in a way that boosts Sustainable Development Goals, promotes gender equality and increases human and planetary health at the metropolitan level.

As metropolisation expands, cities are becoming increasingly interdependent with their surrounding regions and rural peripheries. The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated that health, social and climate emergencies transcend municipal boundaries. Actions to build adaptability and prosperity can only arise when cities reframe their challenges and opportunities to reflect the dynamics of their entire territorial ecosystems. This broader vision that connects different communities and territories and is based on cooperation, solidarity and collective action is key to ensure resilience and create more just, green and healthy metropolises.

This interactive exchange, organised around a panel discussion, invites metropolitan leaders to discuss:

### **Creating caring metropolises**

- What are the key lessons learned from the pandemic to implement in global agendas?
- What are the social, economic and environmental transformations in which metropolises should focus to become more resilient territories?

**[Please register here](#)**



# AGENDA: 7 OCT 2021 | 15:00-16:00 CET

## 15:00 CET OPENING REMARKS

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### Video address

- **Wen Guohui**, Metropolis President and Mayor of Guangzhou

## 15:10 CET CREATING CARING METROPOLISES

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5-min presentations of each speaker on key lessons learned from the pandemic to creating caring metropolises (40-min in total).

15:10 | **Jordi Sánchez**, Vice-President of Urban Policies, Metropolitan Area of Barcelona

15:15 | **Carolina Cosse**, Mayor of Montevideo

15:20 | **Mario Durán**, Mayor of San Salvador

15:25 | **Rahmatouca Sow Dièye**, Adviser on Political Affairs and International Relations to UCLG Africa

15:30 Followed by a 20-min Q&A around:

- How can metropolises overcome sustainability challenges by creating more caring spaces and policies?
- What is the role of care and equity in improving metropolitan governance and achieving sustainability?
- How are recovery strategies building resilience to future shocks?

## 15:50 CET CLOSING REMARKS

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- **Remy Sietchiping**, Chief, Policy, Legislation & Governance Section, UN-Habitat

**Moderator:** Octavi de la Varga, Metropolis Secretary-General