

## **Urban Innovation During the Covid Times: Guangzhou Session at the UCLG World Council Meeting 2020**

**Time & Date:** 11 November, 2020

12:00-13:00 (CET), 19:00-20:00 (CST)

**Meeting Format:** Webinar

**Registration link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwtc-qqqjgvGdBeOpvmZalt2REk4PmQyiUv>

**Hosts:**

- United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)
- World Association of the Major Metropolises (Metropolis)
- Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC)
- City of Guangzhou

**Organizers:**

- UCLG Community on Urban Innovation
- Guangzhou Institute for Urban Innovation (GIUI)
- Guangzhou Award Secretariat
- Southern Finance Omnimedia Corp.

**Introduction:**

The Guangzhou International Award for Urban Innovation (Guangzhou Award) serves as a platform for the sharing and exchange of innovative practices in the local implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and New Urban Agenda (NUA). Its objective is to contribute to the creation of inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable cities and human settlements. Since the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, cities and local governments have been facing

severe challenges. The interactive side event will invite experts of urban innovation as well as city representatives to discuss about the new trends of urban innovation emerged during the pandemic and how urban innovation helps build back better. Each panelist will present for around 10 minutes and the rest of the time will be devoted to interactive Q&A and comments from the floor.

**Draft Agenda:**

<b>Part I: Remarks (12:00-12:12)</b>	
<i>M.C.: Mr. Nicholas You, Executive Director, GIUI</i>	
12:00-12:04	Remark by Ms. Emilia Saiz, Secretary General, UCLG
12:04-12:08	Remark by Mr. Octavi de la Varga, Secretary General, Metropolis
12:08-12:12	Remark by Mr. Gao Yuyue, Deputy Secretary General, Guangzhou Municipal Government
<b>Part II: Panel Discussion (12:12-13:00)</b>	
<i>Moderator: Mr. Nicholas You, Executive Director, GIUI</i>	
12:12-12:17	Introduction to the panel discussion and panellists
12:17-12:25	Panelist 1: Mr. Jose Siri, Senior Science Lead – Cities, Our Planet Our Health Programme, Wellcome Trust
12:25-12:33	Panelist 2: Dr. Mark J. Nieuwenhuijsen, Director of the Urban Planning, Environment and Health Initiative and the Air pollution and Urban Environment research program, ISGlobal

12:33-12:41	Panelist 3: City representative of Xi'an, China
12:41-12:49	Panelist 4: City representative of eThekweni, South Africa
12:49-13:00	Q&A