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Secretariat General



13 October Bogota

Metropolis and their peripheries are discussed at the 5th UCLG World Congress

Octavi de la Varga, Executive Director of Metropolis, was in charge of moderating the session “Community Forum: metropolitan and peripheral cities” organized in the framework of the 5th UCLG World Congress in Bogota, and in which the cities of Berlin, Brazzaville, Surabaya, Tehran and Nanterre were represented. This session was an opportunity to contribute to the establishment of the agenda of local and regional governments for Habitat III and its continuity.

The session was focused on the capacities of large cities and metropolises to contribute to the construction of more prosperous and equal societies, which offer high standards of quality of life, without depleting the planet’s natural resources.

The speakers addressed three issues around the concepts of governance and democracy, and highlighted citizen participation as a fundamental element. In addition, it was stressed a requirement to guarantee democracy: in order to provide good ser-

vices to the citizens, it is essential to know their exact needs.

The second issue in debate was related to the economic development and financing of urban agglomerations, over which the speakers stressed that cities must have autonomy. In addition, it was highlighted the importance of securing financial capacities and resources for cities to be taken in consideration in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.

Finally, the third block was dedicated to sustainable development and the right to the city. At this part of the discussion, speakers expressed the importance of incorporating a holistic approach to city planning. This approach should be applied in the design of urban policies so that it ensures the same opportunities for all groups of people, irrespective of their origin, culture and lifestyles; all without losing sight of the preservation of the environment and the mitigation of the impacts generated by cities.

Metropolis members: Berlin, Brazzaville, Surabaya, Tehran.



13 October Bogota

Security and mobility with a gender perspective

The Secretariat of Women of Bogota (SDMUJER), in representation of Metropolis Women, made the presentation “Building Safe Cities for Women with Safetipin”, as part of the learning forum on mobility which took place at 5th UCLG Congress.

Carlota Alméjiga Romero, director of knowledge management at SDMUJER, and César Pinzón-Medina, professional specialized in the SDMUJER, in collaboration with Kalpana Viswanat, director-founder of Safetipin – a mobile application that allows citizens to share information on security in public spaces –, were responsible for including the gender perspective in the session. They focused their presentation on the state and the perception of security of women during their travels around the city, and how to build a safer Bogotá for all, with the participation of its citizens.

The project, led by SDMUJER and articulated with several institutions and international enterprises, initiated in the framework of the International Seminar of Safe Cities held in 2013 in Bogota, which involved other cities that integrate the network: Medellín, Mexico City, Montréal and New Delhi. Since then, two phases of the project have been carried out: in the first phase, 4,000 km of streets were mapped; in the second phase, more than 300 km of the network of bicycle lanes in the Colombian capital were traveled.

In this framework, SDMUJER is now collecting three levels of information very useful for decision-making:

- points identified as unsafe by Safetipin
- points that women of different neighborhoods have identified as unsafe locations
- points where there have been at least one act of violence

In addition, during the forum, the participants were able to listen and to share views on other experiences in urban mobility and public transport systems deployed in multiple cities around the world, including Barcelona, Buenos Aires, Guatemala, Seoul, Belo Horizonte and Bonn.

Metropolis members: Barcelona, Belo Horizonte, Bogota, Buenos Aires, Seoul.

 14 October Bogota

Board of Directors meeting

In addition to presenting and approving our new strategic guidelines document, which underlines Metropolis' focus in metropolitan governance matters, the meeting served to address various issues of great importance for the development of our association's future activities.

Secretary General Felip Roca gave a review of the main actions carried out by the Secretariat General since the last board meeting, held in March in Mexico City. The Secretariat General now operates by a new procedures manual, which aims to provide Metropolis with greater planning, efficiency and transparency, in all the activities that we carry out. The Secretary General also explained the creation of a Metropolis brand identity manual, whose purpose is to promote an adequate use of the Metropolis brand by our members and collaborating entities. In addition, the budgets for 2016 and 2017 were approved.

The president of Metropolis Women, Laura Pérez Castaño, presented the strategies to incorporate the gender perspective as a fundamental axis of our association, and to place Metropolis as an international reference in urban policies designed for and by all citizens. In addition, the framework document "8 key messages to promote sustainable mobility with a gender perspective in our metropolises" was presented and approved. This document was the result of a strategic orientation workshop held in July in Barcelona, and was presented the day before the Board of Directors extraordinary meeting at the learning session on mobility of the 5th UCLG World Congress. A proposal of action lines for Metropolis Youth

was also proposed, towards the development of mechanisms to incorporate the youth perspective into the formulation of metropolitan policies.

As in every Metropolis Board of Directors meeting, in accordance with our statutes, the occasion served to ratify the new membership of South Tangerang, counting currently as the 138th member of the association.

During the meeting, a memorandum of understanding was signed between Metropolis and the People's Government of Guangzhou Municipality, which agreed on a joint commitment to promote urban innovation as a key element of sustainable development among the members of our association. An example of this commitment is the collaboration in the promotion of the Guangzhou International Award for Urban Innovation. The meeting was also the occasion to present a memorandum of understanding signed between Metropolis and the Tehran Municipality that encourages city diplomacy, the promotion of the Tehran Golden Adobe Award and the World Cities Day.

Berlin presented the final results of the PrepCity proceedings for Habitat III.

Fifteen members of our board of directors have participated in this meeting: Abidjan, Barcelona, Berlin, Brussels, Dakar, Guangzhou, Johannesburg, Mashhad, Mexico City, Montreal, Porto Alegre, São Paulo (state), Seoul and Quito. Buenos Aires and Hyderabad delegated their vote. Brasilia, La Paz and Tehran attended the meeting as observers.

Metropolis members:

Abidjan, Barcelona, Berlin, Brasília, Brussels Region, Buenos Aires, Mexico City, Dakar, Guangzhou, Johannesburg, La Paz, Mashhad, Montréal, Porto Alegre, Quito, São Paulo State, Seoul, Tehran.



Board of Directors meeting in Bogota

Metropolis Secretariat General

 14 October Bogota

New cooperation agreement with Guangzhou

Metropolis and the Municipal Government of Guangzhou have been working since 2011 to spread the Guangzhou led Urban Innovation programs and practices to the global communities of cities, urban institutions and academia. Metropolis and Guangzhou, along with other international partners have been successfully spreading the learning from Guangzhou Awards. During 2015 and 2016 Metropolis successfully represented and lobbied with the United Nations (UN), World Bank and other global agencies about values of Urban Innovation and Local Communities. Metropolis emphasized the important role of Urban Innovation during PrepCom sessions and various negotiations at the UN in preparation of New Urban Agenda (NUA), Habitat Three (HIII) and 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Metropolis highlights the important leadership position of Guangzhou on the world stage in spreading the message of Urban Innovation for local communities.

During November 2015 Guangzhou and Metropolis discussed new avenues to further strengthen the cooperation to enhance knowledge networks and promotion of urban innovation to new cities, particularly in Asia Pacific, Africa, Middle East and Eurasia. The parties decided to strengthen the economic capacity framework to enable urban innovation as key driver of sustainable growth and prosperity for the Metropolis members and non-member cities. Among other objectives, both parties reviewed the options of setting up GHZ Urban Innovation Cities Lab as centers of excellence in five continents and commence Guangzhou Global Urban Innovation Scholarships for local governments. Guangzhou and Metropolis agreed to engage a dedicated and expert resource

to lead this cooperation program. Metropolis Senior Advisor, Mr. Sunil Dubey led series of discussions and workshops on this joint program. The President of Metropolis, Mr. Denis Coderre and Vice president of Metropolis, Mayor of Guangzhou, Mr. Wen Guohui welcomed the joint program of cooperation.

On 14 October 2016 during the Metropolis Board of Directors (BoD) extraordinary meeting in Bogota a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Municipal Government of Guangzhou and The World Association of Major Metropolises was signed (item 4.2 of the BoD agenda) in the presence of the Mayor of Guangzhou and the President of Metropolis. The MOU is signed for a two-year period commencing January 2017. Guangzhou will assist Metropolis with a financial grant to execute this joint program. Both parties will further work to develop new partnerships with external funding partners, multilateral development institutions and private sector organizations to boost Metropolis resources and financial funding. Metropolis Senior Advisor, Mr. Sunil Dubey from Sydney, Australia has been appointed by both parties to lead this joint program for the term of the MOU. He will work closely with Guangzhou to implement strategies to reach the objectives of the program. Mr. Dubey will be supported by Ms. Agnes Bickart, responsible for Metropolis Asia Pacific portfolio.


This MOU formalizes the commitment of Guangzhou and Metropolis towards the greater objectives of Habitat III and 2030 SDGs for the global community of cities and their inhabitants.

Metropolis members: Guangzhou.



Agreement with Guangzhou Municipality

Metropolis Secretariat General

 17 October Quito

Launch of the City Managers Community

On October 17, Metropolis held its networking event in Habitat III: “City managers implementing the New Urban Agenda”. The encounter brought together a significant number of members and was the starting point for the creation of a community of practice and knowledge among the managers of our metropolises. One of the objectives of the meeting was to identify the challenges large cities will address after Habitat III and which are the tools needed for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda from the point of view of management skills.

The session was opened by a keynote speech by Professor Edgard Pieterse, Director of the African Centre for Cities at the University of Cape Town, advocating for the operational character of the New Urban Agenda to help our cities to face the unavoidable metropolisation process, and guide them towards a more sustainable and equal growth model.

Following the opening speech, Mr. José Antonio Toral Valdivieso, Academic Coordinator of the Catholic University of Ecuador (PUCE) moderated two rounds of presentations from the following representatives of Metropolis members :

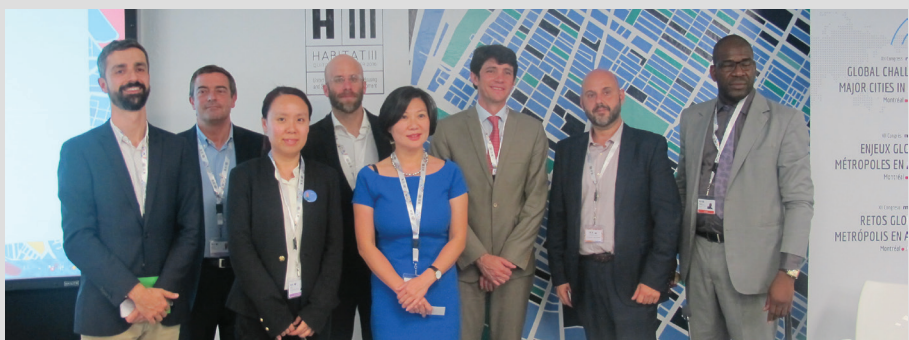
- Ms. Yolanda Bichara, Coordinator of the Council of Mayors of the San Salvador Metropolitan Area
- Mr. Jordi Martí, Manager at the Barcelona City Council
- Ms. Rahmatouca Sow, Deputy Cabinet Director of the Dakar Mayor’s Office
- Ms. Ching-Yu Yao, Mayor’s Advisory Officer at the Taipei City Government
- Ms. Zhou Dailin, Vice Chief Planner of Governmental Planning Division in Guangzhou Urban Planning & Design Survey Research Institute (GZPI)
- Mr. Eduard Saurina, Deputy Manager at the Barcelona Metropolitan Area
- Mr. Sebastian Ordóñez, Advisor to the Quito Mayor’s office
- Mr. Bakary Traoré, Finance Director at the City Council of the District of Bamako

The event also counted on thought-provoking interventions from Ms. Helen Fernández, Mayor in charge of the Caracas Metropolitan Authority, Mr. Thiago Teixeira de Andrade, Secretary of Housing and Planning of Brasília, and Roger Quiroga, Strategic advisor to the La Paz Mayor’s Office.

Over 2017, Metropolis looks forward to strengthening this community of city managers, bringing together more experiences from these public employees who are in charge of day to day administrative and operative management of the world’s largest cities.

Metropolis members:

Bamako, Barcelona, Brasilia, Caracas, Dakar, Guangzhou, La Paz, Quito, San Salvador, Taipei.



Launch of the City Managers Community at Habitat III

Metropolis Secretariat General

 19 October Quito

Session on Rebuilding the City

The city of Montréal led the Habitat 3 side event “Rebuilding the City” and invited Brussels, Johannesburg, Mexico City and Seoul to share concrete cases about the transformation of their urban spaces. These Metropolis members inspired the major cities of the world to reinvent themselves through the implementation of planning and intervention operations associated with processes of public participation.

The first presentation of the event was given by Mr. Chang Heum Byeon, President of the Seoul Housing & Communities Corporation, who explained the housing conditions in his city, where 60% of the residents are renters and most of them want to live in public housing, a wish that is fulfilled, though, just for 6% of them. Therefore, the city government plans to change this scenario by adding 80,000 public housing units by 2018, funded by resources from the private sector.

The presentation of Seoul was followed by Johannesburg’s Development Planning Department Director, Ms. Linah Dube, who showed the city’s vision to become more compact and polycentric, with the creation of socially inclusive and low carbon neighbourhoods, integrated by targeted infrastructure investment in priority areas.

Next, Mr. Pascal Smet, Minister of Mobility and Public Works of the Brussels Capital Region, showed how his city transformed itself from a city for cars to a city for people, having converted parking areas and highways into parks, squares, pedestrian-only spaces and exclusive bicycle lanes. In addition to expressive changes in the urban design in recent years, Mr. Smet underlined the importance of the leadership of citizens in changing habits: he himself travels every day to his office by bicycle, and believes that every person should unlock the potential of rebuilding the city on a daily basis, and that the ones who are in charge of the administrations should give the example.

Mr. Felipe de Jesus Gutierrez, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development of Mexico City, also highlighted the recent transformations in the Mexican capital that counted on the strong participation of citizens. In this process, abandoned areas were restored and open public spaces were reactivated, recovering the cultural relevance of historical protected buildings, boosting local economic activities and avoiding gentrification.

The session was closed by a presentation by Mr. Russell Copeman, Member of the Executive Committee of the City of Montreal, who showed the present outcomes of an urban renovation process that started back in the 1980s. Since then, Montreal has been investing in planning and urban projects that resulted in the booming development of its downtown area and the transformation of industrial areas into green, livable neighborhoods, among other redevelopment projects.

After the event, attendees declared to be satisfied with the high quality of the presentations and impressed by the high interest of the theme. “We were able to show concretely how the New Urban Agenda could be implemented by the examples put forward by our respective cities”, stated Sylvain Ducas, Director of Urban Planning of the City of Montreal, who moderated the session.

Metropolis members:

Brussels, Mexico City, Johannesburg, Seoul.



Session on rebuilding the city at Habitat III



26 October Barcelona

25th Anniversary of MedCities

Metropolis Secretary-General Felip Roca and Executive Director Octavi de la Varga participated on the Association's behalf at the event marking the 25th anniversary of the establishment of Medcities. The theme for the celebration was "25 Years Working for Urban Development in the Mediterranean".

Medcities is a network of Mediterranean cities created in Barcelona in November 1991 as an initiative of the Mediterranean Environmental Technical Assistance Programme (METAP). Medcities seeks to shore up decentralized ac-

tions involving technical assistance as the best way to promote awareness regarding urban environmental problems and to convert the actions into a driver of municipal power in developing countries in relation to the management of urban environmental matters. Medcities continues to offer this support and since it began has expanded its activities from an initially local sphere to a broader field of sustainable development.

Metropolis and Medcities have two member cities in common: Sarajevo and Tunis.



14 November Barcelona

Brazilian cities peer learning day

Eight mayors from Brazilian cities visited Barcelona for a peer learning day on urban management organized by UCLG, Metropolis, FNP and Barcelona City Council. The goal of these mayors was to identify opportunities and challenges in transferring the exemplary policy practices of Barcelona to their own cities.

The mayors and their teams visited the Barcelona Metropolitan Transportation Company, the Mediterranean Ecoparc, one of the main waste treatment facilities of the metropolitan area, Barcelona Activa, a business and entrepreneurial centre, and the 22@ urban renovation project. The programme included a briefing, site visits, and a dynamic debate on how to share experiences and apply the lessons learned in each of the participating cities



17 November Barcelona

Metropolis at the Smart City Expo World Congress

Metropolis Executive Director Octavi de la Varga was invited by the organizers of the Smart City Expo world congress to moderate the round table entitled "Local and Regional Cooperation to Achieve a Balanced Territorial Development".

The session was an opportunity to initiate an open discussion among the representatives of local governments and the private sector

in Morocco, Colombia, and Spain on ways to create synergies that lead to the sustainable development of territorial management and urban policies enabling equal opportunities for citizens. It also discussed whether the creation of coordinated institutional frameworks can advance a balanced territorial development. More than 90 people from government bodies, private businesses, and academia attended the round table.



21 November Barcelona

Launch of the Metropolis Observatory

We launched Metropolis Observatory, a project that aims to bring together various actors in a space for reflection on the phenomena of transformation that characterize contemporary major cities and the development of metropolitan areas.

With the support of the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona, the Metropolis Observatory aims to provide frameworks for the major cities of the world on the need to incorporate the metropolitan vision into the governance of cities and their surrounding territories.

The event was held at the Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB) under the motto “The challenges of major cities” and focused on the analysis of metropolitan trends in the world, the challenges of metropolitan governance and the different approaches to manage large urban agglomerations.

The session was opened by the Secretary General of Metropolis, Felip Roca, and by the Director of International Relations and Cooperation of the Barcelona Metropolitan Area, Oriol Illa.

In the first block of the conference, Mariona Tomàs, associate professor of political science at the University of Barcelona and expert in metropolitan governance, presented the first volume of the Issue Papers of the Metropolis Observatory collection, which analyzes the

contemporary metropolitan trends and the multiple governance models which are put in practice. Then, Josep Maria Coll, senior associate researcher at CIDOB, presented the concept “Wise cities” as a new paradigm for cities worldwide.

Then, a round table about different approaches of metropolitan governance was moderated by Edgardo Bilsky, director of studies in UCLG. In this part of the program, Philippe Rivet and Tito Handal presented their challenges as directors of the metropolitan observatories of the Montreal Metropolitan Community (CMM) and of San Salvador, respectively. The head of Greater Paris, Pierre Mansat, and the manager of the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona, Ramon Torra, presented the specificities of their regions and the different instruments and indicators used in their management.

In the final block of the conference, Verena Goranko, policy adviser at GIZ, presented the tools offered by the German international cooperation agency to achieve the objectives of sustainable development through metropolitan cooperation.

The event was closed by the Vice President of the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona, Alfred Bosch, who congratulated Metropolis and its stakeholders, and underlined the continuity of the AMB’s commitment to support this project.

Metropolis members: Barcelona, Berlin, Île-de-France, Montréal, San Salvador.



Metropolis Observatory launch session

Metropolis Secretariat-General



29 November Barcelona

Metropolis engages in the City to City FAD Award 2016

The City to City Barcelona FAD Award highlights and rewards urban initiatives that improve people's quality of life across the world. The 2016 event included a call for initiatives that approach the notion of learning of the City, understanding the public space as an essential element in our personal and collective education.

Seven of the 28 finalist projects were presented by Metropolis members: Bogotá, Buenos Aires, Istanbul, Madrid, Medellín, Montréal, and Santiago de Chile.

Metropolis jointly collaborated with Fomento de las Artes y del Diseño (FAD) on promoting the Award and boosting its renown through their various channels of communication, and also took part in the awards ceremony for the winners. It has been suggested that the finalist projects be published on the Policy Transfer platform.

Collaboration with GIZ

March 2016 saw Metropolis become an associate member of GIZ, the German Cooperation Agency, on international urban cooperation.

The European Union chose this consortium in November 2016 to develop a program on sustainable and innovative cities and regions in Latin America.

Fighting corruption

As part of International Anti-Corruption Day promoted by the United Nations on 8th December, Metropolis added its signature to the declaration sponsored by UN-Habitat on the fight against corruption at a local level.

The declaration emphasizes the commitment to implement Sustainable Development Goal no. 16 and "promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provi-

de access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels". It also aims to support the principles of the New Urban Agenda, including the need for responsible management of financial mechanisms, expenses, and allocation of resources; land management and use; the contracting and regulation of transport; the impact of local investments, and contractual relations with service providers.



12-13 December Oxford

Technical Taskforce on city diplomacy

Metropolis was one of 13 networks (C40; CityNet; European Cities Against Drugs - ECAD; IADB Sustainable and Emerging Cities; ICLEI; Key Cities; Polis; Strong Cities; UCLG; World Cities Culture Forum; South African Cities Ne-

twork and UBC - Union of the Baltic Cities) invited by University College London to the City Leadership Laboratory to train a technical taskforce on city diplomacy.



24 November and 14 December Barcelona

Gender mainstreaming training for the Secretariat General team

Gender equality is one of the key focal points in the vision of our association, as the Metropolis Board of Directors established and approved in Bogotá. Under the provisions of the United Nations, working towards this goal requires transversalising gender perspective in all of the policies, procedures and structures of any organisation.

In this regard, the team at the Secretariat General did an introductory course on gender

transversality, given by the Women's Information and Resource Centre (Centro de Información y Recursos para las Mujeres - CIRMD). This training covered basic concepts, questioned existing points of view and stereotypes in our daily lives that lead to inequality and discrimination, and looked at specific examples like incorporating gender perspective into urban projects. The sessions finished with a series of proposals from the team at the Secretariat General to bring gender perspective into the association, including:

Using inclusive language in all the association's communications (texts, images, logos, etc.)

Ensuring equal participation of male and female speakers at the sessions

Applying gender perspective in designing, monitoring and evaluating projects

Applying gender perspective in all training courses

The CIRMD is a municipal service of the Barcelona City Council that aims to promote real, effective equality among men and women based on respect and fairness.



6 Winning projects in “Youth, Sports, and Social Cohesion” Contest

Under the framework of the Metropolis initiatives, six multidisciplinary projects in Barcelona, Buenos Aires and Medellin were chosen on 16 December as examples of how to promote integrated sports to encourage inclusion of at-risk youth.

The projects were classified into two categories: “Project bank”, for those that are already completed, and “Project lab”, which are projects that have not yet been launched but centre around sport. The winners in each category are as follows:

Project bank:

- Medellin: “Caddies”. Country Club Executives.
- Buenos Aires: “Pasión sobre ruedas” (Passion on wheels). Valeria Espinoza.
- Barcelona: “Ma´ isah: criquet femení” (Ma´ isah: women’s cricket). Associació Enxarxa. (in Catalan)

Project lab:

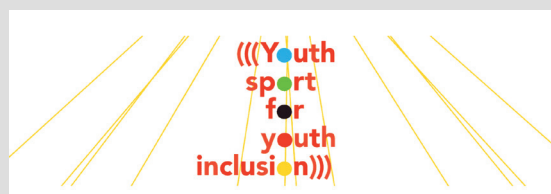
- Medellin: “Formación de formadores” (Teacher training). Grupo Internacional de Paz.
- Buenos Aires: “Programa deportivo Medalla Milagrosa” (Miraculous medal sports programme). Fundación Acción País - Fundación Pilares.
- Barcelona: “26 de Abril” (26 April). Guillermo Cruz/ Raul Sanchez.

Under the framework of the Metropolis initiatives, six multidisciplinary projects in Barcelona, Buenos Aires and Medellin were chosen on 16 December as examples of how to promote integrated sports to encourage inclusion of at-risk youth. The “Youth, Sports and Social Cohesion” contest was held by the Barcelona City Council Sports Institute (Instituto Barcelona Deportes - IBE), in coordination with the Government of the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires and the Medellin Mayor’s Office. Of a total of 86 projects submitted, 56 were chosen to be put before the

panel of judges, presided over by Metropolis Secretary General. The contest was held to promote integrated sports to encourage inclusion of at-risk youth.

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Metropolis members: Barcelona, Buenos Aires, Medellin.



Sports for youth inclusion initiative



4 November Seoul

Visit of the Secretariat General to Metropolis Training headquarters

The executive director of Metropolis, Octavi de la Varga Mas, and the responsible for Asia Portfolio, Agnès Bickart, met with Mr. Chang-Beom KIM, the representative of the office of the mayor of Seoul, Mr. Park, and with Mr. Won, the director of the Training Institute (SHRDC) in the city of Seoul on the 4th of November of this year.

At this official meeting, the participants discussed the important role that Metropolis is going to play in the launch of the New Urban Agenda (NUA), as well as the Sustainable Development Goals. The issue of strengthening capacities is at the forefront of the NUA. The purpose of this meeting was to share with the city of Seoul (Metropolitan Government of Seoul) Metropolis' expectations of the training program and the role of the headquarters of the Metropolis International Training Institute and its four training satellites in Cairo, Mashhad, Mexico City and Paris.

Faced with the priorities imposed by ever-present urban growth and the need to facilitate and improve the competencies of city managers, political leaders, heads of policy and employees of the administrations at the core of city development, the Metropolis training program is even more relevant than ever given the fact that it is an ineluctable tool to assist with decision-making and planning and management of large cities.

To launch a program aimed at strengthening capacities, Metropolis currently has a variety of services and tools.

The training program in conjunction with the Training Institute in Seoul and its four satellites in Cairo, Mashhad, Mexico City and Paris; the Policy Transfer platform developed by Berlin; and finally the City Managers community, a space of exchanges of experiences and knowledge among the city managers belonging to Metropolis. These three instruments will have the mission of working in a more integrated and coordinated fashion in the forthcoming Metropolis action plan for the period 2018-2020.

Metropolis members: Seoul.



Meeting at the MITI headquarters

Seoul Municipality

Membership fees payment status

Metropolis currently has 138 members. As of 31 December 2016, **72 members have paid a total of 595,592€.**

The accession of South Tangerang was ratified during the Board of Directors held in October in Bogotá.

We remind all our member cities that they must be up to date with the payment of their annual fees to the Association.

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Thanks to these annual fees, Metropolis can maintain its activities and enhance services delivered to members.

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A reminder letter was sent in July to all members who, by that date, had not paid their annual fees.



Regional Secretaries

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Caribbean

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Asia



Members

Ahmedabad	Chengdu	Faisalabad	Hyderabad	Lahore	Shiraz
Ahvaz	Chongqing	Fuzhou	Incheon	Manila	South Tangerang
Ammam	Colombo	Guangzhou	Isfahan	Mashhad	Surabaya
Bangalore	CPAFFC	Gujranwala	Istanbul	Nanning	Tabriz
Bangkok	Daegu	Gwanju	Jakarta	New Delhi-NIUA	Taichung
Beijing	Daejeon	Gyeonggi	Jilin	New Taipei City	Taipei
Beyrouth	Dalian	Haikou	Kaohsiung	Port Moresby	Tehran
Bhopal	Dili	Hangzhou	Karaj	Ramallah	Tianjin
Busan	Diyarbakir	Hanoi	Kathmandu	Seoul	Ulsan
Changchun	Dubai	Harbin	Kolkata	Shanghai	Wuhan
Changsha	East Kalimantan	Hunan	Kuala Lumpur	Shenyang	Xi'an
			Kunming	Shenzhen	Zhengzhou

Focal Points



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Mayor of Seoul



Regional Vicepresident
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Mayor of Mashhad



Bonthu Rammohan
Mayor of
Hyderabad



Liangzhi Tang
Acting Mayor of
Chengdu



Kadir Topbas
Mayor of Istanbul



Wan Yong
Mayor of Wuhan



14 October Bogotá

Guangzhou Award 2016: Preselected Projects

During the latest World Summit of Local Regional Leaders (5th UCLG World Congress) which took place in Bogotá, the Urban Innovation Workshop organized by the People's Government of Guangzhou Municipality was the opportunity for the public to get to know the 15 finalists of the 3rd Guangzhou International Award for Urban Innovation. Among the short-listed initiatives there are projects from five Metropolis members: Addis Ababa, Brussels Capital Region, Jakarta, La Paz and Ramallah.

The event was opened by the Vice-president of the Chinese People Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC), Mr. Song Jingwu, the President of Metropolis and Mayor of Montreal, Mr. Denis Coderre, and the Co-president of Metropolis and Mayor of Guangzhou, Mr. Wen Guohi. All three congratulated the organizations responsible for the third edition of the award, and emphasized its main objectives, which are to promote innovative initiatives undertaken in different cities and to improve the well-being of their citizens.

The workshop's more than 120 attendees had the opportunity to know briefly the main features of the 15 cities selected by the technical committee of the award. This presentation was followed by a debate on urban innovation, the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and the new Urban Agenda. The debate was moderated by Nicholas You, adviser to the Guangzhou Award, and counted on the active participation of Peter Woods, ambassador of UCLG ASPAC, Sunil Dubey, advisor of Metropolis, Monika Zimmermann, Director of the Technical Committee of the Guangzhou Award, Arab Hoballah, Chief of Sustainable Lifestyles, Cities and Industry at UNEP, and Neal Pierce, Citiscope editor-in-chief of the Citiscope.

Different strategies for the promotion and replicability of innovation projects between cities were discussed, and the Metropolis Policy Transfer Platform was cited as a tool that effectively connects international experts and shares concrete examples of good practices from cities around the world.

Metropolis members: Addis Ababa, Brussels Region, Guangzhou, Jakarta, La Paz, Ramallah.



Urban Innovation Session at the 5th UCLG World Congress



31 October Tehran

Tehran's Golden Adobe Award

A comprehensive, scientific, and non-governmental initiative, Tehran Golden Adobe Award (TGA) aims at introducing and supporting the top international urban management projects as well as exchanging the experiences of the civic management.

The Third Edition of the Golden Adobe Global Award for Top Management Projects has been supported by Metropolis and was held in Tehran on October 31, 2016 to mark the UN World City Day. In the framework of the MoU recently signed between the Municipality of Tehran and Metropolis, the association has committed itself to keep providing support

and International sponsorship to one of the most promising and prominent Urban distinction in the region.

More than 150 international, regional, and local delegates participated and celebrated the World city day with two technical panels dedicated to Smart City and Resilience in cities. UNHabitat, Asian MayWCT, ISOCARP and the Mayor of Sarajevo and Balbeck attended this event.

Out of 21 shortlisted projects, 7 superior practices or projects were announced as projects of the year.

Tehran's Golden Award focuses on the following seven areas of urban development:

- Architecture, urban development, and cultural heritage
- Sustainable development and urban environment
- Urban infrastructures, facilities, and utilities
- Social and cultural development
- Smart City and municipal e-government
- Financing, investment and urban economy
- Local governance, urban management, and planning

A Metropolis Secretariat General delegation attended the conference and ceremony. After presenting the new strategic orientations endorsed by the Metropolis Board of Director, Octavi de la Varga, Executive Director of Metropolis highlighted the challenges that majors cities are facing currently within the new international agenda and was proud to deliver the award to the cities among which four cities are Metropolis members. The cities of Barcelona, Berlin, Tabriz and Tehran have been rewarded in different categories.

Next Edition of the Tehran Golden Adobe Award is scheduled for the same date in 2017.

Metropolis members:

Barcelona, Berlin,
Guangzhou, Tabriz,
Tehran.



Tehran Golden Adobe Award

Tehran Municipality



3-4 November Seoul

SHRDC International Forum

Organized by Seoul Metropolitan Government, the Forum touched based on what the city of Seoul has achieved through the implementation of the Metropolis global training institute (MITI) and through the sharing of Seoul's policies in different areas such as Transportation, Water Management, EGovernment, Urban Railroads, Environment, Emergency Management.

Executive Director Octavi de la Varga presented the Metropolis training program new strategic orientations which were endorsed by our last Board of Directors held last October in Bogota, Colombia. Within the new guidelines set up by the New Urban Agenda for the two coming decades, training remains a key tool and asset for city leaders, managers and policy makers to better the way they rule, manage and plan their metropolitan areas.

Since the inception of the Metropolis International Training Institute in 2013, Metropolis has been paving the way towards improving

cities management through a robust Capacity Building program led by the 5 Metropolis members: Cairo (HBRC), Masshad (ISCO) Mexico City (EAP) Paris Region (IAU) and Seoul (SHR-DC).

Invited by Seoul Metropolitan Government, five Metropolis members presented a significant project in partnership with the city of Seoul: Jakarta (Smart and Sustainable City), Shanghai (Strategic Thinking in Planning a Global City), Tehran (sustainable mobility), Katmandu (Public Transportation) y Bangkok (Waterworks). The Metropolis delegation met with the President of the MITI Mr. Ahn, the new Director of SHRDC Mr. Won, key officials from Seoul Metropolitan Government (SMG) and from the Seoul Urban Solutions Agency (SUSA). Seoul shows its interest in participating and being showcased during the XII Metropolis World Congress in 2017.

Metropolis members: Bangkok, Cairo, Mexico City, Île-de-France, Jakarta, Kathmandu, Seoul, Shanghai, Tehran.



SHRDC International Forum

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3-4 November Seoul

Knowledge exchange on water management

A total of 13 participants who are currently working in the field of waterworks from Metropolis member cities (Mexico City, Hanoi, Colombo, Quito, Beijing, Shanghai and Bangkok) and other cities (Loja and Tokyo) attended the Water Management training course in Seoul from November 15 to 23, 2016.

To construct sustainable cooperative relations in water management by sharing information, knowledge and technologies in water supply and sewage treatment was the main objective. A city presentation time took place to introduce each other's cases under the guidance of

Dr. Young-june CHOI, Director at Seoul Water Institute.

Participants visited various water management related sites such as Waterworks Equipment Management Center, Waterworks Museum, Seoul Water Institute, Arisu Purification Center, Seoul Waterworks Authority, Sewage Treatment Plant and Cheonggyecheon Museum to expand relevant knowledge. Especially, at Sewage Treatment Plant, participants could discuss the differences between the sewage treatment systems in their cities and share unique problems each city faces.

Metropolis members: Bangkok, Beijing, Mexico City, Colombo, Hanoi, Quito, Seoul, Shanghai.



Participants of the training on water management

SHRDC



5-7 December Guangzhou

Winners of the 3rd Guangzhou International Award for Urban Innovation are disclosed

Once more, Guangzhou paid tribute to global wisdom in implementing urban innovation solutions, awarding five different cities of the world for their ingenuity and innovation to cater for local urban challenges. The third edition of the Guangzhou International Award for Urban Innovation was celebrated from December 5 to 8, at the Guangzhou International Urban Innovation Conference & Festival, which brought together leaders and experts from all over the globe.

La Paz and Seoul were the Metropolis members among the winners of the award, which were announced at a ceremony on the evening of December 6. With the projects “Zebras”, about youth engagement on pedestrian safety, and “Songpa Solar Sharing Power Plant”, about a system of solar power plants which share community revenues, the Bolivian and South-Korean capitals won the prize along with Boston, Copenhagen, Qalyubeya and Songpa-gu. Nonetheless, Addis Ababa, the Brussels Capital-Region, Jakarta and Ramallah were among the 15 finalists, shortlisted from more than 300 submissions, for projects, respectively, about a sustainable transport system, the long-term redevelopment of a vast area of neighborhoods, a model of participatory planning and budgeting, and updating urban data management systems. Detailed information

Metropolis members: Addis Ababa, Brussels Region, Guangzhou, Jakarta, La Paz, Ramallah, Seoul.

about these projects, as well about the winners of previous editions of the award, is available at the Policy Transfer Platform.

The institutional support given by Metropolis was made visible with the presence of a strong Metropolis delegation at the conference. Welcomed by the Honorable Mayor of Guangzhou Guohui Wen and the Regional Secretary for Asia-Pacific, Mr Liu Baouchun (Director General of the Foreign Affairs Office of the People’s Government of Guangzhou Municipality, and of the Urban Innovation Community as well), and headed by Mr Henri-Paul Normandin, chief of the International Relations office of the City of Montréal (Metropolis Presidency), the delegation included our Secretary General, Mr Felip Roca, the Secretariat General’s Executive Director (Mr Octavi de la Varga), as well as Ms Agnès Bickart, responsible for the Metropolis Asia Pacific portfolio, and Mr Sunil Dubey, Senior Advisor for Metropolis.

In addition, the delegation counted on the participation of the senior professionals who are in charge of the local coordination of the XII Metropolis World Congress in Montréal, Ms Clémence Gaborieau and Mr Alain Brissette.



3rd Edition of the Guangzhou Award

Guangzhou Award



11-12 December Tehran

Barcelona presents its new master plan for gender mainstreaming in Tehran

Ms. Laura Pérez, President of Metropolis Women and Councilor for Feminisms and LGBTBI of the Barcelona City Council, together with other international experts and institutions, participated as panelist at the First International Conference on Women and Urban Life that took place in Tehran on 11 and 12 December. Ms. Pérez gave a speech on “Empowerment and Social Justice” fostering on the design and development of urban policies, with liveable cities as the main axis, and focusing on the experience of Barcelona and its new Plan for Gender Justice.

“We need the empowerment of women, both collectively and individually, and the promotion of policies that facilitate their involvement in public life and that drive relations between City Council and community action by women groups and social movements” Ms. Pérez said in a statement before the media.

“It is important to consider that women’s and men’s needs are sometimes the same, but not always. We aren’t in the same position, nor do we dedicate the same time to the care of dependents, or have the same access to the job or housing markets, or to the same economic resources. We do not move around the city in the same way. The strong development of the public transport network in the city, which is mainly used by women, is important” Ms. Pérez commented during the Q&A debate.

Apart from her intervention during the Conference, Ms. Pérez held a protocol meeting with Dr. Zahra Moshir, Head of Deputy office of Women’s Affairs of Tehran Municipality, during which they agree to continue collaborating on gender and urban governance. The President of Metropolis Women also had the opportunity to learn about projects in Tehran aiming at women’s empowerment and the creation of gender-responsive public space.

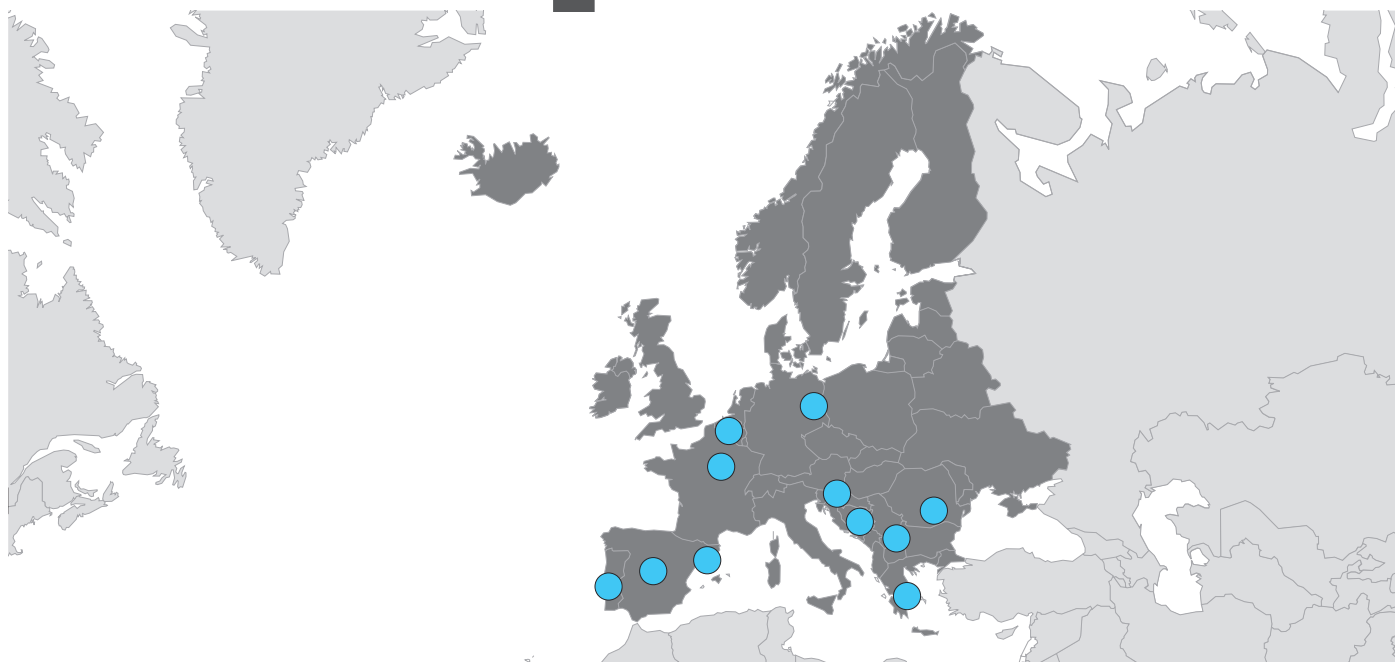
Brussels also attended the First Conference on Women and Urban Life.

Metropolis members: Barcelona, Brussels Region, Tehran.



International Conference on Women and Urban Life

Europe



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5-7 October Madrid

Engendering Habitat III

The Presidency of Metropolis Women participated in the 5th International Engendering Habitat III: Facing the Global Challenges in Cities, Climate Change and Transport held in Madrid days before the Habitat III Conference. This congress focused on analyzing the presence of gender in the three most important international agendas:

1. Participative strategies established for Habitat III;
2. Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals; and
3. Policies against climate change arising from agreements at the Climate Change Conference in Paris in December 2015.

Thus, the congress was broken into two plenary sessions with expert speakers and eight themed blocks focusing on issues ranging from Urban Design and Architecture to Safety and Protection in Cities, Accessibility, Migra-

tory Movements, Environmental Challenges, Urban Planning and Gender Methodology in Research, Gender Equality in matters of Sustainable Development and Climate Change.

Metropolis members: Madrid.



5th International Engendering Habitat III

Metropolis Secretariat General



16-18 November Barcelona

Final conference on Climate Metropole+

The Metropolitan Area of Barcelona (AMB) held the final conference of the Climate Metropole+ initiative, aimed at addressing the main challenges of adapting to climate change and the actions to take in order to cope with them. The event was organized by the environment department of AMB, and served to present the conclusions of the project and the future initiatives which resulted from the exchange of experiences between the metropolitan areas of Barcelona, Berlin, Liverpool and Lyon.

One of the main conclusions of this period of collaboration was that climate change has to be understood from a holistic point of view, in which the environmental, political, economic and cultural dimensions must be approached hand in hand. In this sense, climate change adaptation requires the collaboration of all the parties involved to address the problem and raise optimal solutions from different areas. Some examples of this type of collaboration are the AMB's Metropolitan Observatory of Climate Change (METROBS), and the observatory of Lyon. It is considered that it is necessary to promote interdepartmental approaches and partnerships between the public and private sector, also implicating the citizenship in the process.

Eloi Badia, vicepresident of environment of AMB, opened the conference by welcoming the participants. For its part, the Octavi Varga, executive director of Metropolis, presented the main challenges of the urban areas in the world and noted the initiative Climate Metropole as an example of the type of collaborative projects promoted by our association.

The coordinators of the initiative, Ana Romero (AMB), Luce Ponsar (Lyon) and Vicki O'Kelly (Liverpool), presented the main lessons learned from the project and the desire to continue with a more ambitious future project in the framework of the adaptation and citizen awareness.

Launched in June 2015, the Climate Metropole+ initiative comes to an end after having promoted the exchange and generation of knowledge about the different measures and actions for articulating policies of climate change adaptation in cities; all this through seminars and workshops and the first-hand observation of the actions of the four cities involved in the initiative.

Metropolis members: Barcelona.



Climate Metropole+ conference

North America



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21-22 November Paris

Promotion of the 12th Metropolis World Congress at the Cities for Life Summit

The second edition of the Cities for Life Global Summit on inclusive, smart and resilient cities, created in 2015 by the city of Medellín, was held at Paris City Hall (21-22 November 2016). This major international event took place in Paris at the centre of a network of cities committed to social inclusion, resilience, and innovation for the greatest number of people. In addition to the host city, Metropolis cities and mayors from Dakar, Medellín, Cairo, Brussels Region, Bangkok, Bamako, Tunis, Athens,

Amman and Caracas participated in the event which attracted 3000 participants and 150 international leaders and city managers.

A small delegation from Ville de Montréal and the Secretariat General composed by Dominique Poirier, Agnès Bickart and Marilyn Lessard participated at the Summit in Paris in order to ensure the good awareness regarding the 12th Metropolis World Congress (19-22 June 2017).

Metropolis members: Montréal.

Latin America and the Caribbean



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16 October Quito

Metropolis at the Gender Assembly Day and FEMCITY

Metropolis wanted to help build the New Urban Agenda, making sure gender mainstreaming had a strong position in the debates and sessions organised in conjunction with Habitat III. So, on 15 October, two days before the beginning of the global conference, Metropolis Women President Laura Pérez Castaño participated in a panel discussion entitled: "Women's Political Agenda and Representation in Urban Decision Making" held under the framework of the Women Assembly Day. The main goals of this event were to consolidate strategic priorities and feminist practices in the New Urban Agenda and encourage recognition of grassroots women's movements and honour the agreed-upon commitments.

Likewise, on 17 October, Metropolis participated in the Habitat III-Flasco Alternative Forum, as a speaker at the event coordinated by Dr Ana Falú of the National University of Córdoba entitled Femcity: a citizens' view, on the opening panel: "The right to the city: Urban planning with a gender perspective and the rights of women".

Taking advantage of this exceptional opportunity, Metropolis strengthened its ties with other organisations and academic bodies it shares common goals with: Gender Hub UN Women, Huairou Commission, WICI International, Red Mujer and Habitat, and CEPAL.



4-6 November Valparaiso

"The Storm" brings together Metropolis members and partners to promote creative cities

Representatives of Barcelona, Buenos Aires and Medellín have participated between the past November 4 to 6 of the eighth edition of the International Conference on Creative Cities, organized by the Kreanta Foundation. This edition of the event, called La Tormenta ("the storm", in Spanish), was held in Valparaiso and was organized in collaboration with the University of Playa Ancha, and also counted with the participation of representatives of the metropolis of Nantes, and the cities of San Sebastian and Valparaiso.

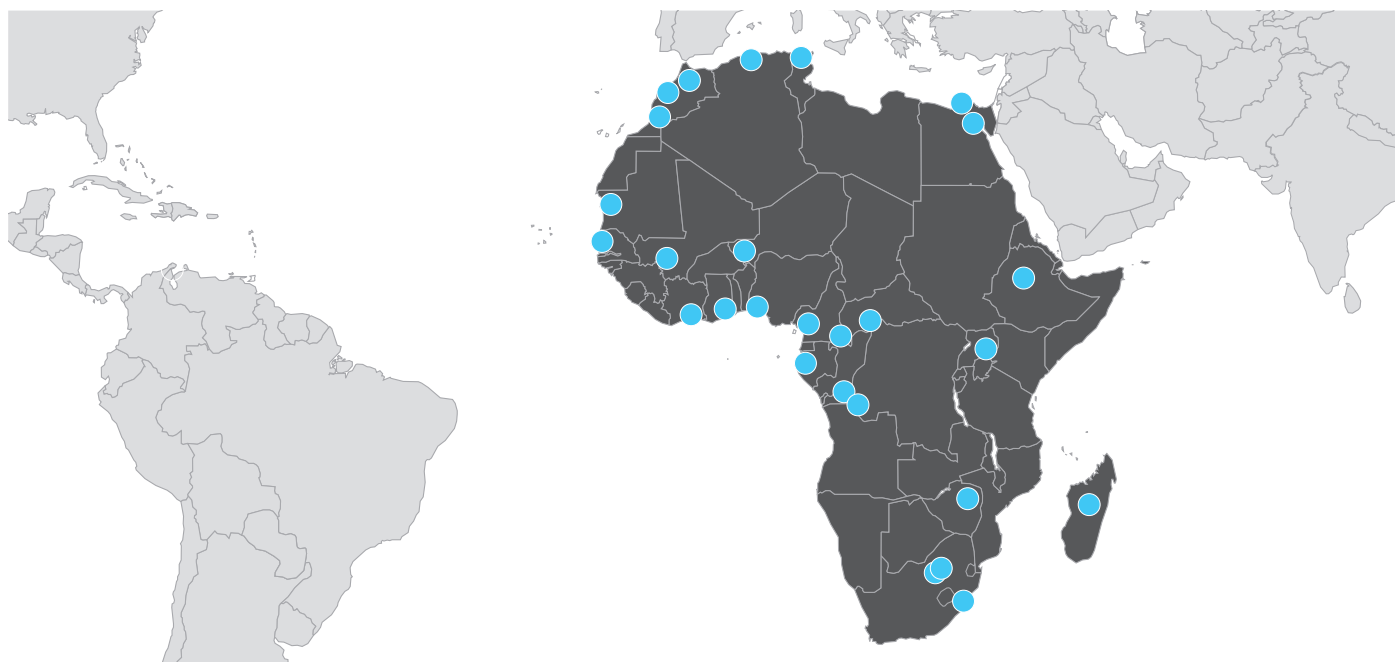
Supported by Metropolis in the framework of the Creative Cities initiative, the event counted on the support and participation of ten local, regional and national institutions in Chile. The opening ceremony was attended by the Minister of Economy of Chile, Luis Felipe Céspedes. The event featured the following speakers,

among others: Juan Luis Mejía, rector of EAFIT University of Medellín and former Minister of Culture of Colombia; Anna Majó, director of digital innovation of the Barcelona City Council; Matías Zubiria, director of Innovation and open government of the City of Buenos Aires; Jean-Luc Charles, director general of Samoa (public consortium that manages the Nantes Metropolis) and Kepa Kortá, director of the office of strategy of the municipality of San Sebastian. They have also participated in the session speakers linked to local universities and the civil society of Valparaiso.

The sessions brought together more than three hundred attendees and addressed topics related to city strategies on innovation, knowledge economy, economic promotion, sustainability, urban projects, open government and citizenship

Metropolis members: Barcelona, Buenos Aires, Medellín.

Africa



Members

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12 November Marrakesh

COP 22 Climate Summit for Local and Regional Leaders

Casablanca, Montréal, Nouakchott, Rio de Janeiro, and Seoul took part in the Climate Summit for Local and Regional Leaders held on 14 November as part of COP22 in Marrakesh from 7 to 18 November. From the Secretariat General, Metropolis Executive Director Octavi de la Varga also attended the summit, co-organized by the Association of Regions of Morocco (ARM) and the Association of Presidents

of Municipal Councils of Morocco (AMPCC) in partnership with the leading international networks of local, metropolitan, and regional governments, including Metropolis. Metropolis and the participating elected officials supported the Marrakesh Roadmap: For a Global Action Framework towards Localizing Climate Finance: The Marrakesh Roadmap for Action of Cities and Regions for Climate.

Metropolis members: Casablanca, Marrakesh, Montréal, Nouakchott, Rio de Janeiro, Seoul.



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