

WORLD METROPOLITAN DAY | CROSSING BORDERS

7 October 2022 | Bogotá, Colombia 8:00 AM (GMT-5)

Alcaldía Mayor de Bogotá – Auditorio Huitaca (Cra. 8 No. 10 – 65)

METROPOLIS OF CARE: REDRAWING BORDERS WITH EMPATHY

As part of the celebration of World Metropolitan Day, Bogotá Mayor's Office and Metropolis propose a global conversation about the relevance of care as a framework for strengthening metropolitan governance conceived from a vision of collaboration and empathy, not only in the face of the intense process of urbanisation that the world is experiencing but also in light of the opportunity that "redrawing the borders" of our cities and metropolises provides to assure that no citizen or place is left behind.

About the event

It is becoming increasingly evident the need for new and solid metropolitan governance schemes that eliminate barriers and facilitates decision-making to address global challenges like the growing migration to large cities, the climate crisis, and food insecurity, among others. We need true metropolises that care for people, governments and the planet.

Reorganizing metropolises around care means putting the conditions for ensuring the well-being of people, the planet and democracy at the centre of governance and planning. It also means redesigning and crossing traditional political and administrative boundaries, overcoming disputes over responsibilities and collaborating to build a shared vision that better serves our citizens.

[Bogotá Call to Action](#), approved during the last Metropolis Board of Directors in July 2022, makes a call to the major cities and metropolises to face today's global challenges and to focus on the well-being and future prospects of millions of people, governing with empathy to solve local problems while maintaining a global perspective.

From a boundary-crossing vision, Metropolitan governance means assuming metropolitan agglomeration as the right decision when it comes to planning and providing decent living conditions, offering quality social services and guaranteeing the right to the city for all. It also applies to protecting the natural environment and the ecosystems that provide indispensable environmental goods and services.

In this context, the metropolis of care goes beyond the boundaries of the big city and the demands of the citizens within it and requires a strong component of solidarity and empathy. It is necessary to cross the boundaries and project the vision towards the concept of metropolitan agglomeration of care.

Under an overarching and innovative approach to care, metropolises can be redesigned and built to better serve citizens' needs, and to grant more equal access to all the services that cities have to offer, such as healthy and sustainable environments. This implies recognizing and transforming the conventional logic of planning and metropolitan governance towards a holistic and multisectoral approach that uses care as a transversal and cohesive element connecting gender, housing, mobility, and environmental policies, and changing our approach from competing across boundaries to collaborating effectively in light of global challenges.

Objective

The overall objective of this event is to raise awareness and advance the use of care as a guiding principle towards more comprehensive urban planning and design processes in urban areas. As well as, to join forces in facing the current global challenges impacting large metropolises

- Gather global visions and experiences to design cities around the overarching framework of care and strengthen metropolitan governance and cooperation capacities.
- Strengthen governance capacities and cooperation in metropolitan spaces.
- Reflect on a roadmap to move towards a Caring Metropolises Framework that allows the world's large metropolises to face and respond to the current global emergency.

Guiding questions

- Why is the metropolitan scale important in addressing the major global challenges of the 21st century?
- How do you think metropolises of care contribute to finding innovative solutions?
- How is your metropolitan space contributing to the fulfilment of the New Urban Agenda and the Bogotá Call to Action?
- How do you envision a Metropolis without borders, planned and managed around care?

Watch the event online:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/Secretar%C3%ADaGeneraldeAlcald%C3%ADadeBogot%C3%A1>

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8:00 – 8:15 Opening remarks

- **Claudia López**, Mayor of Bogotá
- **Jordi Vaquer**, Metropolis Secretary-General
- **Elkin Velásquez**, Regional Director LAC, UN-Habitat

8:15 – 9:15 Panel 1. Metropolis of care: redrawing borders with empathy

- **Claudia López**, Mayor of Bogotá
- **Nicolás García**, Governor of Cundinamarca
- **Carolina Cosse**, Mayor of Montevideo
- **Elkin Velásquez**, Regional Director LAC, UN-Habitat

Moderator: **Jordi Vaquer**, Metropolis Secretary-General

9:15 – 10:15 Panel 2. Challenges of Territorial Associativity Schemes

- **Cesar Camilo Hernández**, Director of the Metropolitan Area of Bucaramanga
- **Pablo Marcelo Maturana**, Subdirector of Cooperation of the Metropolitan Area of Valle de Aburrá
- **Juan Francisco Bernal**, Director of Asocentro
- **Ricardo Agudelo Sedano**, Director of RAPE

Moderator: **Cristhian Ortega**, Director of the Observatory of urban and regional dynamics

10:15 – 10:50 Metropolitan Region Bogotá Cundinamarca: A single Territory

- **Patricia González Avila**, Secretary for Regional Integration, Government of Cundinamarca (Colombia)
- **Wilson García**, Mayor of Zipaquirá (Colombia)
- **Samir Abizambra**, Councillor of Bogotá (Colombia)

Moderator: **Consuelo Ordoñez**, Director of Regional, National and International Integration of the Mayor's Office of Bogotá

10:50 – 11:00 Wrap-up

- **Jordi Vaquer**, Metropolis Secretary-General