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Today, cities and metropolitan areas have a greater need than ever before to share knowledge and experiences on how to address the challenges posed by increasing urbanization and growing inequalities. In the context of the Covid-19 pandemic, these needs have increased.

Six suggestions regarding the internationalisation of local governments:

- 1 Smooth communication with political representatives and counting on their support.
- 2 International action and regional priorities have to be aligned with city development plans, public policies and global agendas.
- 3 Dialogue should be multi-level and multi-stakeholder.
- 4 Monitoring is crucial
- 5 Cross-cutting communication between the government and the region
- 6 Careful consideration of the collateral effects of an international action policy

To what extent has international action helped improve the Covid-19 crisis?

- In **Dakar** Guangzhou sent thousands of masks to the inhabitants of the city of Dakar via the Chinese embassy.
- In **Nouakchott**, although there was no sense of internationalisation at the beginning of the pandemic, actions were carried out later to tackle the pandemic and improve the quality of life of the population.