



Letter of Invitation

On behalf of the World Association of the Major Metropolises (Metropolis) and the City of Guangzhou, and in my own name, I am pleased to extend to you a warm invitation to participate in the XIII Metropolis World Congress. This year it will be taking place from November 8th to 13th, 2021, online and in Guangzhou, the President city of Metropolis, and host city of the Congress.

Under the theme of *Moving Forward in Partnership and Modernizing Global Urban Governance*, and that with a focus on the slogan that reflects the call of our times, *Metropolises and cities in transformation: rethinking our future together*, the Congress will hold in-depth discussions to seek solutions that will facilitate the future transformation of cities. During this event, Metropolis and Guangzhou will also provide you with the unique opportunity to participate in the 5th cycle of the Guangzhou International Award for Urban Innovation and in the Global Mayor's Forum 2021. Both events will be co-hosted by the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC) and United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG). Renowned city leaders from around the globe, heads of major international organizations, representatives from top multinational corporations, and experts in urban innovation will share their knowledge and experiences in areas like urban planning and development, provide novel solutions to urban governance, and exploring the very philosophy of future developments in the following aspects: public health, new infrastructure, poverty alleviation, climate change, how to build a resilient city, and urban renewal.

Guangzhou is one of China's national central cities, an international business center, hub of integrated global transportation, and key city in the Guangdong- Hong Kong- Macao Greater Bay Area. A Metropolis member since 1993, Guangzhou has attached great importance and given strong support to the role of Metropolis as a major platform for multilateral exchange between cities. Its leaders have taken great strides forward in boosting its leadership on urban innovation through the launch

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of the *Guangzhou International Award for Urban Innovation in 2012* with Metropolis and UCLG. This award has been running every 2 years since and has been the inspiration for thousands of successful cases of urban innovation during the previous four cycles. These cases have been incorporated into the *Urban Best Practices* database of the UN-Habitat and served as an important platform for the implementation of the United Nation Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the New Urban Agenda (NUA) in local cities. Its contributions to the sustainable development of global cities have been immeasurable.

We sincerely invite you to attend this year's Congress. Your participation will add to its glory and will be surely rewarding.

Join our virtual platform www.guangzhou2021.metropolis.org to register and participate in live conversations and online exhibitions.

For more information, please visit the website of the Congress at www.guangzhou2021.metropolis.org

The organization team will contact you for details and customize an agenda according to your needs to ensure a wonderful meeting.

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Sincerely,

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