### **MetroTalks**

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**ENSURING THE COMMONS** 



### Protecting the commons

 Governments need to create a shared vision with populations and implement equity concerns in local investment choices and development plans to enhance access to services, infrastructure and opportunities for all.



 To enable smart decisionmaking, local governments need to create and strengthen urban planning units and data collection tools.
A laissez-faire approach to urban development undermines inclusive access to urban spaces.

## Ensuring public legitimacy

 Political legitimacy and reliable public institutions are crucial to crisis management.
To protect public goods and respond to inhabitants' needs, local governments need to improve transparency and accountability and include the voices of vulnerable groups.



 The COVID-19 pandemic has compounded existing dimensions of fragility and diminished the capacity of urban areas to react to multiple crises. Recognising the different layers of vulnerability and investing in capacity-building is vital to manage complex crisis.

# Providing better international support

- International organisations can add value by supporting peer-learning amongst subnational governments to share good practices and work together with experts to co-design targeted solutions.
- In fragile contexts, urban spaces face complex economic, social and political structural constraints.
  International support should promote a discourse that reinforces good governance practices and helps make city planning a priority for metropolitan spaces.