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World Assembly of Local and Regional Governments 10th World Urban Forum

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13:00-18:00

Local and regional governments are pioneers in highlighting the role of culture in sustainable urban development. Cities are constantly innovating to be able to play their role in offering inclusive cities and opportunities for all.

This World Assembly will establish a clear dialogue with the WUF10 bodies and highlight some of those efforts. The dialogues that take place within the WALRG will bring new ideas about how local and regional governments contribute to improving urban life through culture, innovation, preserving heritage and rights for culture.

Concept and guiding questions

The World Assembly meeting in Abu Dhabi will be structured around 3 main moments, and each of these will be split into roundtables among mayors from around the world. There will be respondents from the floor to ensure an engaging dialogue, which will be linked to the themes of WUF10: cities of opportunities: culture, innovation and sustainable urbanization:

- The dialogues will take stock on local practices in harnessing culture and innovation as drivers for sustainable urbanization and provide greater insights into the linkages between urbanization, culture and innovation as a basis for achieving inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable cities and human settlements.
- What are the political inputs of local and regional governments, led by different members of the Global Taskforce, on culture and innovation and how it relates to local governance?
- How to ensure the interconnection of the global agendas in order to accelerate the pace of the New Urban Agenda's local implementation to achieve transformation?

Expected outcomes

- Presentation of existing joint positions of the local and regional government's constituency to the global community of governments and urban practitioners on WUF10 and any other resolutions to be presented to WUF10
- Showcase how local and regional governments are implementing the New Urban Agenda on cities of opportunities: culture, innovation and sustainable urbanization
- Organize political inputs into culture and innovation policy areas led by different members.

The World Assembly will speak directly to the WUF10 by producing recommendations around three blocks linked to the WUF10 dialogues.

The World Assembly will be webcasted and interpretation will be provided in English, French, Spanish and Russian

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13.00 Opening

- **Maimunah Mohd Sharif**, UN Habitat Executive Director
- **Dr. Mohamed Boudra**, UCLG President, Mayor of Al Hoceima, President of the Moroccan Association of Municipal Councils
- **Rev. Mpho Mourakgomo**, President of CLGF, president of BALA

1st Moment: How urbanization shapes, and is shaped by, culture and innovation. Global partnerships supporting culture and innovation in cities. 13:20-14:40

13:20-14:00 1st Roundtable – Global partnerships and initiatives for sustainable urbanization

Facilitated by Gino Van Begin, Secretary General of ICLEI

Opening statement by Eugenie Birch, General Assembly of Partners

Speakers

- **Thembisile Nkadimeng**, Mayor of Polokwane, President of SALGA
- **Piruz Hanachi**, Mayor of Tehran
- **Menchie de Guzman**, Mayor of Bauang
- **Jan van Zanen**, Mayor of Utrecht, President of VNG
- **Carlos Martínez**, Mayor of Soria
- **Khadijah Zohra Ahmadi**, Mayor of Nili
- **Khalel Abdel-Aal Abdel-Hafez**, Governor of Cairo

Respondents

- **Xolani Sotashe**, City of Cape Town Councillor
- **Begoña Garcia Bernal**, Regional Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development, Population and Territory of the Extremadura Autonomous Community

14:00-14:40 2nd Roundtable – How urbanization affects and is affected by culture and innovation

Facilitated by Bernadia Irawati, Secretary General of UCLG- ASPAC

Opening Statement by Habitat International Coalition President, Adriana Allen

Speakers

- **Souad Abdelrahim**, Mayor of Tunis
- **Mohamed Sadiki**, Mayor of Rabat
- **Wilson Mamae**, Mayor of Honiara
- **Carola Gunnarsson**, Mayor of Sala, Vice President of SALAR
- **Aysen Nikolaev**, Head of the Sakha Republic
- **Laia Bonet**, Deputy Mayor of Barcelona
- **Lene Conradi**, Mayor of Asker

Respondents

- Representative of Cultural Actors (City Cultural Institute/Agency)
- **Pascal Smet**, Secretary of State of the Region of Brussels

14:50-16:10 2nd moment: The role that urban and territorial policies can play in preserving cultural heritage, and how cities can maximize tradition and modernity to achieve sustainable incomes.

14:50-15:30 1st Roundtable: The role of urban and territorial policies in preserving cultural heritage

Facilitated by Jean-Pierre Elong Mbassi, Secretary General of UCLG Africa

Opening statement by Dato' Sri Haji Mohammad Bin Mentek, the Secretary General of the Ministry of Housing and Local Governments of Malaysia

Speakers

- **Rohey Malick Lowe**, Mayor of Banjul
- **Sima Kumari Chhetri**, Mayor of Putalibazar
- **Anders Henriksson**, Regional Councillor of Kalar Region
- **Begoña Villacis**, Deputy Mayor of Madrid
- **Berry Vrbanovic**, Mayor of Kitchener
- **Manuel de Araujo**, Mayor of Quelimane
- **Amrullah Kamal**, Mayor of Tawau

Respondents

- **Peter Phillips**, Secretary General of ICOMOS
- **Arantza Leturiondo**, Vice-Councillor for Territorial Planning, Basque Country

15:30-16:10 2nd Roundtable: Local and regional governments' role in maximizing the relationship between tradition, culture, and sustainable urbanization

Facilitated by Octavi de la Varga Mas, Secretary General of Metropolis

Opening Statement by the Global Platform on Right to the City

Speakers

- **Ulrich Sierau**, Mayor of Dortmund
- **Yvonne Aki-Sawyer**, Mayor of Freetown
- **Botika Maitinnara**, Mayor of Kiribati
- **Ahmed Rashed**, Governor of Giza
- **Anders Knape**, President of SALAR
- **Pilar Diaz**, Deputy Councillor for International Relations of the Barcelona Provincial Council, Mayor of Esplugues de Llobregat
- **Rashid Ayupov**, Mayor of Turkestan

Respondents

- Representative of Cultural Actors or Development Agenda (City Cultural Institute/Agency)
- Representative of Changsha People Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries

Networking break opportunity (15mn)

16:25-17:45 3rd moment: The relationship between local governments and frontiers technology. Innovation and culture in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda.

16:25-17:05 1st Roundtable: First roundtable: How can local and regional governments shape new technology for the future of their communities

Facilitated by Frédéric Vallier, Secretary General of CEMR

Opening Statement by the Huairou Commission

Speakers

- **Yousef Shawarbeh**, Mayor of Amman
- **Maria Gina M. Lizares**, Mayor of Sipalay
- **Natalya Firyulina**, Chairperson of Krasnoyarsk
- **Dawood Al Hajiri**, Director General of Dubai Municipality
- **Park Sung-su**, Mayor of Songpa-gu
- **Luis Revilla**, Mayor of La Paz
- **Peter Anyang' Nyong'o**, Governor of Kisumu
- **Erion Veliaj**, Mayor of Tirana

Respondents

- Representative of National Governments
- **Agustí Serra**, Secretary for the Urban Agenda and Territory of Catalonia

17:05-17:45 2nd Roundtable: Innovation and culture for the achievement of the global goals

Facilitated by Emanuelle Pinault, Head of City Diplomacy, C40

Opening Statement by World Enabled

Speakers

- **Leandre Nzue**, Mayor of Libreville
- **Fahd Al Rasheed**, President of the Royal Commission for Riyadh
- **Marianne Borgen**, Mayor of Oslo
- **Solomon Mguni**, Mayor of Bulawayo
- **Festang Molosiwa**, Mayor of Rustenburg
- **Ashraf Ghareeb**, Governor of Qena
- **Zalina Lyanova**, Chairperson of Magas City Council, Republic of Ingushetia
- **Elisenda Alamany**, Member of the Governing Council of the Barcelona Metropolitan Area

Respondents

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- Representative of MEDEF

17:45 Closing Remarks

- Representatives from the **Global Taskforce**



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