



**WHEN & WHERE**

**2019**

(June - December)

# The unmissable events in 2019 for the community of major cities and metropolitan spaces

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## June



**4-5** Lyon

### V European Metropolitan Authorities (EMA)

EMA's 5th edition will take place in Grand Lyon, seizing the occasion of the 2nd International Social Housing Festival. This year's forum will focus on metropolitan social challenges, such as metropolitan governance for social and territorial cohesion, inclusive economic growth, and urban planning providing social solutions for all.

EMA is an initiative promoted by the Barcelona Metropolitan Area and creates spaces for political debate among European metropolitan authorities aimed at sharing experiences, fostering joint projects as well as positioning themselves and defending their interests in front of the European Union and states. ●



**4-8** Lyon

### 2nd International Social Housing Festival

Making the link between the homes we live in, the cities we inhabit and the overall quality of life for, the ISHF 2019 will aim through a series of diverse events on the one hand to highlight the importance of access to decent housing for all, while on the other hand to celebrate the long tradition of public, cooperative and social housing across the globe and recognise the need to adapt our systems to meet current and future housing challenges as the human and economic costs of neglect grows. ●



**5-7** Chicago

### 2019 Pritzker Forum on Global Cities

Hosted by the Chicago Council on Global Affairs and the Financial Times, the forum is a three-day international conference that raises provocative questions about the influence of global cities and how they can solve pressing global challenges. Participating thought leaders and decision makers create new connections and develop innovative solutions to advance in their own cities. ●

## June



**9-12** Stockholm

### 2019 UITP Global Public Transport Summit

The international public transport community, mobility decision makers and industry suppliers will come together in Stockholm for the annual UITP Global Public Transport Summit. Under the theme "The Art of of Public transport", the programme of the summit will revolve around 7 main topics related to better transport services and improve the citizen quality of life. With almost 130 years of history behind it, the UITP Global Public Transport Summit remains the world's biggest event dedicated to sustainable mobility. ●



**9-16** Seoul

### Metropolis training course: Smart City

Seoul and Mashhad co-organize this training program under the theme Smart City, which will be exclusively addressed to city officials of the Municipality of Mashhad. ●

**10-14** Ifrane

### 3rd edition of the forum of Territorial Managers and Training Institutes targeting the local level in Africa

This forum, organized by UCLG Africa, through its African Local Governments Academy (ALGA) and its partners, will be held under the theme "Financing Learning, Training and Capacity Building for Local Elected Officials and Territorial Managers in Africa: for Innovative and Sustainable Mechanisms." It will be an opportunity to discuss and benchmark the issue of financing learning, training and capacity building that targets local governments in Africa, to present the successful models that exist from around the world and to present and propose innovative and sustainable mechanisms to anchor decentralization in Africa. The forum will also offer a space to empower participants on the African and Global Agendas. ●

**17** Paris

### International Conference of the World Observatory on Subnational Government Finance and Investment

The objective of this event is to present the findings of the World Observatory on Subnational Government Finance and Investment (WIFO). WIFO collects comparable data on territorial organisation and subnational finance from over 100 countries to support decision-making of national and subnational governments. It was launched in November 2017 by the OECD and UCLG, with the support of the French Development Agency and UNCDF, and Metropolis is a member of its Steering Committee. ●

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### 21 Guangzhou

#### 2019 Guangzhou Forum on Global Cities

This event is co-organized by Guangzhou Academy of Social Sciences and Metropolis Regional Secretariat for Asia and the Pacific (Guangzhou). By gathering world leading global city research institutes, researchers and city decision makers to discuss updates in city ranking, practice and future trends, it provides valuable insights and practical tools to access and promote cities' performance towards global city. ●



### 23-30 Seoul

#### Metropolis training course: Sustainable Water Management

With this training course, the Seoul Metropolitan Government and SHRDC aim to construct sustainable cooperative relations in the field of water management through sharing information, knowledge and technologies in water supply and sewage treatment. A systematic training program based on theoretical lectures and field trips to relevant institutes and facilities of Seoul, this course provides an opportunity to showcase Seoul's waterworks management model through offering systematic training. ●

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#### Metropolis webinar: "Proposals to fight against inequalities"

Public policies, as a critical response to the democratic system, they have to reconnect with citizen-based demands that claim for a response to the s growing inequalities. Democratic policies have to govern the main vectors that move the economy, guiding them to the common good and the general interest.

To enable this, the policies to be implemented must be a transformative power to change social and economic dynamics, reforming current institutions and trends. If we do not respond decisively to the systemic crises we face and are unable to reverse the current situation, we are heading for economic, social and environmental collapse. ●

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### Metropolis Observatory: inaugural presentation of metropolitan indicators

We are pleased to present for the first time to the general public the results of the work carried out with the London School of Economics (LSE-Cities) throughout 2018 in the development of a system of indicators that benchmark 50 of our members and generate new empirical insights, comparable across the jurisdictions of metropolitan spaces. The 38 indicators refer to the overarching themes of the Metropolis Action Plan 2018-2020: metropolitan governance, economic development, social cohesion, gender equality, sustainability and quality of life. ●

# July

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### SMARTCITY EXPO LATAM CONGRESS

## 2-4 Puebla

### Smart City Expo Latam Congress

The largest forum for reflection, inclusion and action in the face of urban challenges of Latin America, this congress provides a platform for the development and transformation of cities. It will gather 260 speaker and experts and 60 conferences about sustainable urbanism will be discussed. This event presents the opportunity to debate about technological and economic growth, citizen empowerment, energy, environmental issues, security and resilience, mobility, urban planification and water. ●●



## 2-3 Paris

### 10th Annual Meeting Cité Unies France (CUF)

Metropolis organizes a side event at the annual meeting of CUF to present the study "Safety and Public Spaces: Mapping metropolitan gender policies", which mapped the policies implemented by the members of our association to tackle violence against women and girls that happens in places such as streets, parks, markets and public transport. Panelists will reflect on how to overcome challenges and gaps in achieving gender equality and women's and girls' empowerment to build safer and more inclusive metropolises. ●

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**4-7** Moscow

### Moscow Urban Form 2019

With the title 'Quality of life. Projects for a better city', the MUF2019 is dedicated to the presentations and discussion of the initiatives and megaprojects that are launched by city administrations, business, citizens and are aimed at balanced and sustainable urban development. The programme includes conferences and workshops on topics such as housing, sustainable urban development, social infrastructure, transport, and smart city technologies. The forum will also host the Urban Health Congress, dedicated to the discussion of how urban health indicators could inform municipal policies in the wide range of fields – from housing and transportation to city planning and social infrastructure. ● ●



**9-18** New York

### High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)

The HLPF is the official United Nations platform for the annual follow-up and review of the Agenda2030 and is vital space for local and regional governments to underline the role of strong local leadership and commitment in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The 2019 panel has the theme "Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality" and will focus on the reviews of SDGs 4, 8, 10, 13, 16 and 17. ●

# August

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**(tbc)** São Paulo

### Metropolis Pilot Project: Public Innovation Labs

Public innovation labs focus on identifying complex problems and prototyping low-cost and innovative solutions for the public value creation. By enhancing dialogue between public administration, private sector and civil society, these spaces act as collaborative platforms using innovative methodologies as to promote the co-creation of integrated solutions to problems of public interest. Thereby, they democratize the design and implementation of public policies as to offer more adapted services to ground-based necessities and demands.

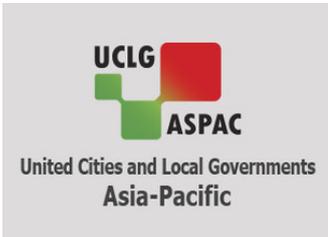
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The cities of São Paulo, Montevideo and Montréal will promote the cooperation between their public innovation labs in order to exchange successes and lessons learned and contribute to the institutionalization of public innovation practices in the region. ●

# September

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## 2-5 Makati

### UCLG ASPAC Council

The Council Meeting is an annual meeting being attended by 45 Local Government representatives plus the Presidency and the International Association representative.

This year the event will focus on key concepts and strategies on smart city which are developed to address issues that threaten the liveability and sustainability of cities. As a highly urbanized city, Makati is committed in pursuing sustainable urbanization through the implementation of a New Urban Agenda (NUA) as part of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. ●●



## 2-6 Amsterdam

### 9th Annual Shelter Academy on Climate Adaptation and Mitigation

The Shelter Academy is a week-long training programme that will equip participants with the knowledge, skills and capacity to respond to urban challenges related to climate change in their cities. Drawing from the workshops, case studies, fieldtrips to key sites in the Netherlands, participants will receive support in the formulation, development and follow-up of action plans for their respective cities.

The workshop will be enhanced by the participation of experts from Arcadis, UN-Habitat, Dutch municipalities and the -Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies of the Erasmus University in Rotterdam (IHS). ●

## 4-6 Bonn

### Clearing House: Kick off Meeting

Start of the European Commission funded project Clearing House: Collaborative Learning in Research, Information-sharing and Governance on How Urban forest-based solutions support Sino-European urban futures. The main objective of Clearing House is to analyse and develop – across China and Europe – the potential of Urban Forest Based Solution (UFBS) for enhancing the resilience of cities facing major ecological, socio-economic, and human wellbeing challenges. ●

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**17-20** Córdoba

### 5th World Forum on Local Economic Development (LED)

The LED Forum is a biennial event which aims to provide a platform for exchanges and debates in order to build more inclusive and sustainable cities, and examine the role of local and regional communities to achieve this objective. Previous editions took place in Seville (2011), Foz do Iguazu (2013) Turin (2015) and Praia (2017). ●



**22-29** Seoul

### Metropolis training course: Sustainable Urban Management

This training program will provide city officials with an opportunity to enhance capacities in the urban management with a focus on making cities more sustainable. Using the support of successful practices, participants will learn from experts and peers in the related area. This training course will also be a good occasion to give a venue for city-to-city cooperation in building resilient cities. ●

**24-25** New York

### UN SDG Summit - 2019 September High-level Political Forum

Under the auspices of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) – SDG Summit, the Forum will assess progress achieved so far since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda in September 2015 and provide leadership and guidance on the way forward that would help accelerate implementation of the 2030 Agenda and SDGs. ●

**(tbc)** Córdoba

### Metropolis Pilot Project: Participatory Democracy

The second round of activities of this pilot project in 2019 will include on-site training about the experience of Córdoba (the project leader) in citizen participation, focus groups with the technicians of the members involved the project, as well as a roundtable of dialogues open to the public, where experts will present policies of citizen participation carried out by various local governments. ●

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**(tbc)** Barcelona

### Metropolis Pilot Project: Tactical Urbanism

How a city can foster sustainability and innovation? Based on the experiences of Medellin, Paris, Mexico City and Barcelona, this project, will tackle the approach of the different cities in urban matters, in particular, public space, tactical urbanism and citizen participation. ●

# October

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**1-7** Worldwide

### World Metropolitan Day

To celebrate the anniversary of the Montréal Declaration on Metropolitan Areas (October 7, 2015) and promote the idea that global challenges operate and must be addressed at the metropolitan scale, Metropolis encourages its members to organize a day for local leaders to meet up with all metropolitan peers within their territory in order to discuss pressing issues that they face as a metropolitan community. ●

**3-4** Malaga

### Second Annual Meeting of the Malaga Coalition on municipal investment finance

The Malaga Coalition is led by UCLG and UNCDF and hosted by the Malaga City Council. Under the theme "Towards a financial ecosystem for municipalities to achieve the SDGs", its main purpose is to advocate for a global financial ecosystem that works for municipal and local governments and that brings the necessary resources to local and regional governments to accelerate implementation of Agenda 2030. This second meeting will assess challenges and opportunities for local and regional governments to gain access to capital in local and international capital markets. ●

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**7** Worldwide

### World Habitat Day

The purpose of World Habitat Day is to reflect on the state of our towns and cities, and on the basic right of all to adequate shelter. It is also intended to remind the world that we all have the power and the responsibility to shape the future of our cities and towns.

Each year, World Habitat Day takes on a new theme to bring attention to UN-Habitat's mandate to promote sustainable development policies that ensure adequate shelter for all. This edition will focus on promoting all levels of government and all relevant stakeholders to reflect on how to implement concrete initiatives to ensure adequate and affordable housing in the context of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda at all levels, as well as the achievement of the SDGs. ●●



**7-10** Brussels

### European Week of Regions and Cities

During this annual four-day event, cities and regions showcase their capacity to create growth and jobs, implement European Union cohesion policy, and prove the importance of the local and regional level for good European governance. This year's edition shall feature a presentation of **use**, the Metropolis' urban sustainability exchange platform. ●

**13-19** Seoul

### Metropolis training course: Smart City

City officials and decision-makers will learn and exchange on how cities can be more equitable and efficient thanks to smart technologies. SHRDC will organize some field trips to showcase how Seoul uses technology to improve citizen's quality of life. ●

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**17-18** Seoul

### SHRDC International Annual Forum

Since 2014, the Seoul Human Resource Development Center holds this forum to review the performance of the international training programs and to find a strategic way for further development and future directions. The forum is attended by administrative experts, professors and officials of international organizations to provide valuable tips to enhance the quality of programs. Some of the participants of the training courses deliver a presentation on what and how they apply Seoul's administrative practices to the different urban fields contained in the courses. ●



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**28-31** Barcelona-Madrid

### Asia Innova 2019

Convened by Casa Asia Spain, this series of events is the opportunity to foster new cooperation paths between the metropolises of Europe and Asia. The symposium focuses on the relations of the Asian continent with the Iberian Peninsula and on the inclusion of cultural, social and physical infrastructure as vital aspect of smart cities. Metropolis will facilitate the participation of experts from our Asian members, fostering encounter with relevant stakeholders from the public and private sector. ●

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**(tbc)** Online

### Metropolis webinar: Why should we fight inequalities?

From political philosophy and democratic values emerge with force the main arguments that justify and promote the struggle to build an equitable society, which at the same time is confronted to the story of hegemonic thought that leads us to the dystopia of a world fractured by the imbalance of inequalities. The fight against inequalities has economic and social implications, but it also has to do with the principles of a democratic society and the power relations that articulate the dynamics of a society. Inequality is related to dominant ethical and moral values with basic principles such as meritocracy and social mobility. ●

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**10-17** Seoul

### Metropolis training course: Sustainable mobility

The objective of this training program is to provide an opportunity of sharing urban transportation model and significant reform processes such as reorganization of public bus services, introduction of exclusive median bus lanes, shift from private to quasi-public bus operation and implementation of an integrated transit-fare card (Korean T-money card) system. ●



**18-22** eThekweni (Durban)

### UCLG World Congress

The 2019 gathering will be the first UCLG Congress coinciding with the implementation phase of important global policies such as the New Urban Agenda, the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement. It will be the opportunity to present progress in the implementation of the SDGs and their impact at local level, at the same time allowing us to evaluate the evolution of the role of local and regional governments in the international agenda. ● ●

### Issue Paper 9 - Mobility in metropolitan spaces

Metropolis will present a new issue of the Metropolis Observatory's collection of publications. In this case, UITP will be in charge of writing the document in which mobility in metropolitan spaces will be analysed. ●

### African Forum of metropolitan cities & regions

Political decision-makers of African metropolitan areas and regions will gather again in eThekweni, during the UCLG World Congress to share, among Africa's greatest urban areas, common urban planning guidelines to cater to the needs of the continent's population, which today is of 1.1 billion inhabitants and is expected to double by 2050. This Forum is chaired by the Premier of Gauteng Province and co-president of Metropolis, Mr David Makhura. ●

### Africa metropolitan report

Based on the data obtained in the metropolitan indicators project, Metropolis promotes regional publications on the state of metropolises with the aim of analysing their current situation in different aspects, as well as identifying trends and challenges. The first regional report will focus on the African region. ●

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**19-20** Barcelona

### City Managers Days

Within the framework of the Smart City Expo World Congress, Metropolis organizes the 4th edition of the event with the central topic: Digitalisation of metropolitan spaces and how this process can help to improve the management, monitoring and governance of their territories. During the celebration of the event, a new issue paper on digitization of the Metropolis Observatory's collection of publications will be presented. ●



**19-21** Barcelona

### Smart City Expo World Congress (SCEWC)

Metropolis is a supporting institution of the worldwide leading event for cities and biggest gathering of governments and organizations committed to smart urban development. In 2018 SCEWC brought together 21.000+ professional visitors, 844 exhibitors, 700 cities and 400+ world-class speakers to share their vision on what makes a city liveable and how can we seize technology to build more sustainable, efficient and inclusive cities. ●



**MERCOCIUDADES**

**27-29** Asunción

### 24th Mercociudades Summit

Mercociudades is the most important network of local governments of Mercosur, the South American trade bloc composed of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru and Surinam. Metropolis and Mercociudades have 13 members in common, among them La Paz, which holds the Presidency of the network for the period 2018-2019. ●

**(tbc)** Barcelona

### Metropolis Pilot Project: Integrated Water Management

This pilot project develops a model for exchange of knowledge and learning in metropolitan areas on integrated water resources management (IWRM) as a vital element for resilience and adaptation to the effects of climate change. It will analyze the follow-up and monitoring methodologies associated with the measures implemented for IWRM in the participating cities (Bogotá, Quito and Barcelona). ●

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**(tbc)** Mashhad

### Metropolis training course: 3 parallel workshop

The Metropolis International Training Institute (MITI) Regional Center in Mashhad will conduct 3 parallel workshop on the following themes in late November: Urban Regeneration and Renewal; Municipal Revenues with Smart Solutions and Culture in Sustainable Cities

The program is design to bring together global and regional experts from the region and all over the word. These training seminars will address some of the main key issues in urban planning and would be an opportunity for experts and managers to engage and participate in the planning and management of the cities. ●

# December

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**8-14** Seoul

### Metropolis training course: Governance

As globalization and localization have rapidly accelerated, plenty of challenges like aging, unemployment, urban regeneration, environment and increasing population are emerging in our cities. As a paradigm of resolving those urban challenges, 'Governance' is in limelight around the globe. This training course ambition is to provide tools and enhance capacities in governance but also management for city officials. ●

**(tbc)** Barcelona

### Issue Paper 10 - Metropolitan strategies of internationalization

Metropolis will present a new issue of the Metropolis Observatory's collection of publications. In this case, AL-LAS will be in charge of writing the document, in which different strategies for the internationalisation of metropolitan spaces will be analysed. ●

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