WHEN & WHERE

2020
The unmissable events in 2020 for the community of major cities and metropolitan spaces

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January

22-23 Quito

6th Mayoral Forum on Human Mobility, Migration, and Development

Entitled “From Large Movements to the UN Global Compacts: Cities as First Responders”, this forum will provide a platform for local leaders to discuss their role in migration governance and the implementation of the Global Compacts on Migration and Refugees. It will provide cities an opportunity to follow up on their commitments made at the 5th Mayoral Forum in Marrakesh. This year, a particular focus will be on large movements in the Latin American region, and the roles and needs of cities in that context. For the first time, the Forum will be an integral part of the annual Summit of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD).

February

8-13 Abu Dhabi

10th World Urban Forum (WUF10)

Under the theme “Cities of Opportunities: Connecting Culture and Innovation”, WUF10 will focus on harnessing culture and innovation as drivers of sustainable urban development. The following events count on the leadership/participation of Metropolis’ members and partners:

- World assembly of local & regional governments
  Feb 08  h. 13:00 - 18:00
- Strengthening metropolitan governance
  Feb 09  h. 12:30 - 13:30  hall 2 room 4
- Towards a new urban culture in Tunisia
  Feb 09  h. 13:00 - 14:00  room A
- Beyond the metropolis
  Feb 09  h. 14:00 - 16:00  hall 3 room 13
- The future of inclusive urban data systems
  Feb 09  h. 16:30 - 18:30
- Local and regional governments roundtable
  Feb 09  h. 16:30 - 19:00
- Seoul’s people-centric urban regeneration project as a model of sustainable urban growth
  Feb 09  h. 18:00 - 19:00  room A
February

- **Innovation and culture in bridging social, economic and spatial divides**
  Feb 10  h. 09:00 - 10:00  room A

- **UNACLA formal meeting (members only)**
  Feb 10  h. 11:00 - 12:30  room A

- **Culture & innovation in Tehran urban management**
  Feb 10  h. 12:30 - 13:30  hall 3 room 11

- **Local strategies for financing local actions**
  Feb 10  h. 12:45 - 13:45  room A

- **UN-Habitat China reports launching on city prosperity and smart urban development**
  Feb 10  h. 14:00 - 14:45  urban library

- **Launching of united network of circular cities**
  Feb 10  h. 14:00 - 14:45  room B

- **Leveraging city diplomacy to achieve the SDGs**
  Feb 10  h. 14:00 - 15:00

- **Beirut heritage**
  Feb 10  h. 14:00 - 16:00

- **Migration and the open city**
  Feb 10  h. 14:00 - 16:00

- **Art, culture and design in creating city vibrancy and strong communities**
  Feb 10  h. 14:00 - 16:00  hall 2 room 5

- **Nature-based solutions at city level (Madrid)**
  Feb 11  h. 12:30 - 13:30  hall 3 room 15

- **Institutional innovations for linking heritage and culture**
  Feb 11  h. 12:30 - 13:30  room B

- **Data, monitoring and reporting on the urban SDGs/NUA indicators**
  Feb 11  h. 14:00 - 16:00  hall 3 room 12

- **UCLG Africa in the successful implementation of SDOs**
  Feb 11  h. 15:15 - 16:15  room A

- **Achieving resilient urban planning and development in Mexico city**
  Feb 11  h. 16:30 - 17:30  room A

- **Building participatory cities in developing countries**
  Feb 12  h. 15:15 - 16:15  room A
February

24-28 Tanger

UCLG Annual Retreat & Campus 2020

The UCLG Annual Retreat is a week-long gathering that provides an opportunity for the key notes of the organization and partners to define synergies and develop actions in line with the work plans set out by UCLG governing bodies.

(tbc) Worldwide

Metropolis pilot projects: 3rd call for proposals (2021-2023)

All Metropolis members are encouraged to submit proposals of projects that generate spaces for exchange and learning with other Metropolis members and partners from different regions of the world, about spheres of the metropolitan life that are aligned with the vision of the association. Financial support will be given to selected projects that promote activities of knowledge and practice exchanges that serve the purposes of learning, developing diagnosis of metropolitan issues and testing common solutions.

March

5-6 Goa

5th South Asian Cities Summit

With the objective of building better urban future through knowledge exchange, All India Institute of Local Self-Government (AIIILSG), and UCLG-ASPAC along with other National & International organizations are organizing the 5th South Asian Cities Summit in Goa, India. The conference will convene a high profile gathering of international public and private stakeholders, with a common focus on implementing and monitoring strategies at the local level for achieving global, national and sub-national sustainable development targets.
### March

#### 5-6 Barcelona

**2nd International Conference on SDGs: Higher Education and Science Take Action**

The Global University Network for Innovation (GUNi) will be holding the second edition of the International Conference on SDGs. The PEMB association will lead the session "Local SDGs indicators. A collaborative proposal to monitor the SDG and contribute to local appropriation of the Agenda 2030", with the participation of Metropolis, Lavola Anthesis Group and IBEI-UPF. During this meeting, that will take place on the first day of Conference at 2:00 pm, it will be presented the Metropolitan Indicators System developed by the Metropolis Observatory.

#### 9-20 New York

**64th session of the Commmission on the Status of Women (CSW64)**

In 2020, the global community will mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women and adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995). A five-year milestone will be reached towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. 2020 is therefore a pivotal year for the accelerated realization of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, everywhere.

#### (tbc) Montevideo

**Metropolis pilot projects: Public Innovation Labs - 2nd workshop**

São Paulo, Montevideo and Montréal 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.

#### (tbc) Worldwide

**Metropolis pilot projects: call for international jury**

The Metropolis Secretariat General launches a call for interest to select individuals from different parts of the world who will constitute the independent jury responsible for evaluating and selecting the third batch of the Metropolis pilot projects (2021-2023).
March

Urban diplomatry & advocacy

Urban capacities for good metropolitan governance

(tbc) Online

Webinar on Internationalisation

Based on the Issue paper of the Metropolis Observatory "Internationalisation of metropolitan spaces", Metropolis and "Proyecto AL-LAs" offer a webinar to provide tools to local governments on how to construct a strategic public policy of international action at the metropolitan level.

April

1-3 Lisbon

"Urban Future" Global Conference

Urban Future is Europe's largest event for sustainable cities. It questions digitalization as a possible tool to fight climate change and social inequalities. The Conference will have four main themes: mobility, water, districts, leadership. The way of tackling these topic will be focusing on people, the "citychangers" of our era.

7 Europe - China

CLEARING HOUSE: call for interest to participate in learning activities

The main objective of CLEARING HOUSE is to analyse and develop - across China and Europe - the potential of UFNBS (Urban Forest Nature Based Solutions) for enhancing the resilience of cities facing major ecological, socio-economic, and human wellbeing challenges. The call for interest will be open to local and regional governments from Europe and China to participate in different learning activities such as peer-to-peer learning.
2020 UCLG ASPAC First session of the Executive Bureau

The event is organised by the Local Government of New Zealand (LGNZ), Wellington City and UCLG ASPAC.

The Conference 2050

Organized by Hangzhou Municipal People's Government, this is a conference aimed at young people. It will allow young people to stand in the spotlight, talk about innovation, look towards the future and face the challenges with a young mind. It will be a grand gathering of youth, a gathering of ACMers and cnblogs programmers, a gathering of MIT TR 35 and the Davos WEF's Young Leaders and Global Shapers, a gathering for the next generation scientists from various fields of expertise.

Metropolis Board of Directors Extraordinary Meeting

The Metropolis Board of Directors will convene an extraordinary meeting before the Metropolis World Congress in October. The main topics to be discussed will be: the strategic and action plan 2021-2023, the candidatures for the Metropolis 2020 elections, the state of the accounts to be presented at the Congress and the formal approval of the new auditors for the next six years.

3rd Digital China Summit

The main positioning of the Digital China Summit is to serve as a platform for issuing China’s policies on informatization development, displaying achievements of e-government affairs and digital economy and the exchange of theoretical and practical experience in building a digital China. Leaders of government departments from different regions in China, well-known experts and scholars as well as leading enterprise representatives will gather together to share ideas and promote project cooperation according to the theme of the Summit.
April

(tbc) Chengdu

2020 Chengdu Sister Cities sculpture creation Program
A 7-day program featuring cultural activities and site visits related to the Chengdu East New Town for international artists. Artists are invited to design sculptures which are innovative and suitable for Chengdu's city landscape. After the program, artists are expected to submit draft designs. Selected designs will be permanently installed at designated sites in Chengdu East New Town after completion.

(tbc) Xi’an

2020 Shaanxi Xi’an City Wall international marathon
Organized by Xi'an Municipal People's Government this event is for marathon enthusiasts and attracts a lot of participants from around the world.

May

6-8 Innsbruck

How can local and regional governments lead transformative change on the ground? What will best prepare them for a sustainable future? Mayors, local and regional leaders from across Europe will explore these and other burning questions at the 2020 CEMR Congress.

6-8 Córdoba

5th World Forum on Local Economic Development
This event is part of an open working process, started in 2011, which promotes an international dialogue and experience sharing in Local Economic Development (LED). It provides the opportunity to transform a global alliance of engaged actors into concrete partnerships at the country and local level.
May

**7-8** Mexico City

**Generation Equality Forum**

The Generation Equality Forum is a civil society–centred, multi-stakeholder, global gathering for gender equality, convened by UN Women and co-hosted by the governments of Mexico and France. As a global public conversation for urgent action and accountability for gender equality, the Forum will celebrate the power of women’s rights activism, feminist solidarity, and youth leadership to achieve transformative change. It will take stock of progress and set an agenda of concrete action to realize gender equality before 2030. The Forum will kick off in Mexico City, Mexico (7–8 May 2020), and culminate in Paris, France (7–10 July 2020).

**16-18** Fuzhou

**Marine Economy and Urban Development Forum**

The Forum will be hosted by 21st-Century Maritime Cooperation Committee, CPAFFC and Fuzhou Municipal People’s Government. It aims at inviting international cities and organizations as well as experts, scholars and enterprise representatives to focus on constructing demonstration zone of marine economic development. At the same time, the Forum encourages the discussion on optimizing human resources of marine technology, developing marine finance and other industries of modern marine services, while protecting marine ecological environment.

**23-26** Yiwu

**Imported Commodities Fair**

As a professional exhibiting platform for imported daily consumer goods, China Yiwu Imported Commodities Fair was founded in 2012, and upgraded into national level exhibition in 2015, to further correspond to the “Belt and Road” proposal of China and contribute to the building of Yiwu China Imported Commodities City. The fair focuses on the quality of exhibitors and buyers, provides perfect ground service, and has developed into one of the most effective exhibitions in the industry.

**28-29** Pikine

**World Forum on Peripheral Cities**

The Forum brings together the members of the worldwide network ‘Cities in the periphery & participatory democracy’. It shows the need for recognition of the social and political situations of peripheral cities within their conurbations and within the world of cities. This does not mean opposition to the ‘capital city’, but rather that it is necessary to question and rethink the notion of ‘centrality’ in these urban zones.
Webinar on mobility

Based on the Issue paper 10 of the Metropolis Observatory, this webinar provides an insight on how to provide an efficient mobility at metropolitan level.

Metropolitan Governance of the Energy Transition (MGET): public launch

An EU Commission DG DEVCO funded project, MGET will ensure the continuity of Dakar’s efforts in the field of energy transition by extending it to a metropolitan context. This project involves collaboration between Metropolis, the cities of Dakar and Madrid, the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona and Medcities, and focuses on strengthening capacities and knowledge in the governance of the energy transition in the metropolitan territory of Dakar, as well as promoting dialogue between sectors (civil society, private sector, universities, etc.) acting on the theme.

UCLG Executive Bureau

The UCLG Executive Bureau is responsible for initiating proposals and carrying out the decisions of the uclg World Council. It is in charge of the World Organisation’s administrative and financial management. Composed of 115 members, it meets twice a year and usually gathers around 200 participants. Metropolis, as UCLG Metropolitan Section, has 8 seats at the Executive Bureau.

Innovation Forum for Mayors of International Sister Cities

Sponsored by Chengdu Municipal Government, and under the city’s annual event "Global Innovation and Entrepreneurship Fair", the forum brings together mayors, high level officials, academicians, and experts from Chengdu’s sister cities to tap the potential of innovation and entrepreneurship for scientific urban transformation and sustainable urban development. The aim is to stimulate in-depth exchange between policy makers through close door meetings, keynote speeches and panel discussions.
Metropolis Learning Hub Chengdu Seminar: Park City

Chengdu’s Park City Initiative is a new people-oriented development concept of realizing high-quality urban modernization driven by ecological values. It also is one of the key modes supporting the development of Belt and Road initiative and the Yangtze River Economic Belt. By 2050, Chengdu is to be thoroughly transformed into a livable park city, a new growth pole and highland of open economy with regional and global influence.

Guangzhou Award - Early Bird Submission Deadline

The Guangzhou Award serves as a platform for the sharing and exchange of innovative practices in the local implementation of the SDGs and New Urban Agenda. The Guangzhou Award invites cities or regions to submit ongoing or recently completed innovative initiatives related to the themes highlighted by the SDGs and the commitments of NUA. Cities submitting their application by the early bird deadline have the opportunity to receive feedback and advice on how to improve their submission.

Pritzker Forum on Global Cities

Since 2015, this Forum, cohosted by the Chicago Council on Global Affairs and the Financial Times, has featured a unique cross-disciplinary dialogue to examine strategic and effective policy interventions cities can use to address the world’s most pressing challenges. In this 6th year, the focus will be the intersection between cities and migration; how cities are grappling with global migration trends, coordinating with national-level policies, and responding to new realities.
June 4-6 Bordeaux

2020 Africa-France Summit

The 28th Africa-France Summit, in its new format, will be an important event for politics, the economy, sports and culture. The subjects of transport infrastructure, waste processing, environmentally friendly agriculture and access to healthcare, education, culture and sport will all be addressed. The Summit will be a chance to bring together stakeholders from institutions, the public sector, financial institutions, private companies and the civil society.

June 4-6 Fuzhou

Global Fisheries Communication and Cooperation Forum

The Forum aims at inviting government officials, experts and scholars, industry associations and industry representatives from global major fishing nations and regions and cities as the maritime cooperation strategic pivot in the core area of the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road, to discuss on hot and difficult issues of common concern such as fishery cooperation and resource conservation around the theme of strengthening fishery cooperation and achieving win-win development.

June 8-10 Seoul

Music Cities Convention

Organized by Seoul Metropolitan Government, Sound Diplomacy, Music Cities Events, Music Cities Convention is the largest and most extensive global gathering on the topic of Music Cities. Music Cities Convention showcases global best practices on the use of music – and all its variants – to improve city life by bringing global experts and industry professionals together to explore the role and impact of music across education, economic development, health, community building, placemaking, tourism, future cities and more.
8-11 Mashhad

Metropolis Training Seminars: Learn Together for a Better Future

Three parallel training seminars will be conducted for enabling participants to share and gain experiences as a useful instrument for cities and their partners addressing the challenge of municipal management.

- Increasing municipal revenues with smart solutions
- Urban regeneration with people's participation
- Local Government – Human Resource Management & Reforms

23-26 Brisbane

Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

The Conference serves as the main regional platform for promoting coordination and cooperation on disaster risk reduction and the implementation of the Sendai Framework. Held every two years, the conference brings together member states and intergovernmental organisations, along with international and national organisations and stakeholder groups, to accelerate progress in disaster risk reduction. The conference is instrumental in strengthening DRR in the region by sharing good practice and knowledge and forging partnerships.

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The 44th Session of the World Heritage Committee

The Session of the World Heritage Committee is a regular meeting of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee held once a year. The main duties of the conference are to review and approve new projects to be selected in the World Heritage List, to supervise the protection of listed World Heritage sites, and to manage World Heritage Funds.
Metropolis pilot projects: Tactical Urbanism - 2nd workshop

Based on their common aspiration to be sustainable and innovative cities, Mexico City, Medellín, Barcelona and Paris strengthen their technical cooperation with the aim of sharing their experience and knowledge in urban matters, specifically public space, tactical urbanism and citizen participation. In this pilot project, workshops, seminars, and interventions to recover public spaces and promote the participation of citizens will be the starting point to materialise these exchanges of knowledge and good practice practices.

Guangzhou Award - Final Submission Deadline

The Guangzhou Award serves as a platform for the sharing and exchange of innovative practices in the local implementation of the SDGs and New Urban Agenda. The Guangzhou Award invites cities or regions to submit ongoing or recently completed innovative initiatives related to the themes highlighted by the SDGs and the commitments of NUA.

Moscow Urban Forum (MUF)

A project of the Moscow City Government, the Moscow Urban Forum is the largest international congress on the development challenges of global megacities. The Forum has been held annually since 2011. MUF brings together representatives of city administrations of Russia and the world, architects, urban planners, developers, heads of financial companies, investors, technological startups, media representatives and average citizens. In 2020, MUF’s theme will be “Superstar cities. Transforming for success”.
July

5-9 Singapore

World Cities Summit

The biennial World Cities Summit is an exclusive platform for government leaders and industry experts to address liveable and sustainable city challenges, share integrated urban solutions and forge new partnerships. In the next decade, cities will face a slew of disruptions arising from climate change, social shifts and new technologies. How cities adapt to these disruptions will be critical for their liveability and sustainability. Entitled "Liveable and Sustainable Cities, Adapting to a Disrupted World", the 2020 edition brings together cities, businesses and experts to discuss how cities can adapt to a disrupted world.

7-16 New York

High Level Political Forum (HLPF)

The HLPF is the official United Nations platform for the annual follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda 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 2020 panel has the theme "Accelerated action and transformative pathways: realizing the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development".

23-30 Ramallah

Wein a Ramallah Festival - 12th edition

"Wein a Ramallah" is a public space festival, organized by the city of Ramallah. It highlights a long tradition of artistic expression through various city venues and public spaces, and also acts as a platform to reinforce the partnerships between the numerous active institutions. Its activities vary between musical performances, dance troupes, theatrical performances, exhibitions and community events that are held at a wide variety of spaces, such as streets, squares, gardens, homes for the elderly, shopping malls, parking plots, hospitals, markets, etc.
July-August

International Sister Cities Youth Music Festival

Chengdu International Sister Cities Youth Music Festival, sponsored by Chengdu Municipal People’s Government and co-organized by Chengdu Municipal Foreign Affairs Office and district-level governments, has been an annual international and cultural activity since 2008. The event aims at enhancing exchanges and offering a wonderful platform for young artists and musicians from home and abroad to show their artistic talents (singing, dancing and instrument-playing, etc.).

August

2020 International Children’s Chorus Week

The program of the week event includes an official opening ceremony, as well as Chinese cultural visits, a choral exchange forum, performances from August 9 to 12, a TV program recording on August 13, among other activities.

UCLG ASPAC Congress

Organized by Zhengzhou Municipal People’s Government and UCLG ASPAC.
Workshop on Marine Ecological Conservation and Disaster Risk Reduction

Metropolis sponsors this event which focuses on global marine management, enhance exchanges and cooperation in marine ecological conservation and disaster risk prevention. The workshop fosters disaster risk management among members of 21st-Century Maritime Cooperation Committee and Metropolis. Lectures' topics will include marine ecological conservation, sustainable development of marine agriculture, protection and proper development of marine resources, development of marine industries, and marine disaster risk prevention and reduction.

21st International Conference on Walking and Liveable Communities

In partnership with Walk21, the City of Seoul will be hosting this event, organized by Seoul Metropolitan Government, that will embrace the different meaning of "walking". Issues such as pedestrian policy, economic revitalization, environment, transportation, tech, and health will be debated. Partner institutions include Bloomberg, WRI (World Resource Institute), ITDP, UITP, UN Habitat, UN Environment, WHO, SLoCaT and ARUP.

5th WeGO General Assembly

The General Assembly is a triennial event that gathers both members and non-members to shape the key agenda that will help chart WeGO's direction for the next three years. An exhibition, the World Mayors Roundtable, World CIO Forum, various smart city sessions, and the WeGO Smart Sustainable City Awards Ceremony will also be organized as part of the three-day event. It aims at organizing a high-level international event that will bring together mayors, CIOs, and other smart city stakeholders to convene and set WeGO's agenda and share best practice on smart and sustainable development.
According to the statistics, there are 36 gastronomy cities that commit to annually organise and participate in a series of events promoting cultures and gastronomic techniques while providing opportunities to exchange good practices, discuss on how to contribute to the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals and disseminate the new project ideas aiming to further advance the sustainability of the network. This year’s CoG Meeting will take place during the GastroAntep Festival III and provide a platform for peer-to-peer learning opportunities for participating member cities.

6th European Metropolitan Authorities forum

EMA is an initiative promoted by the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona which 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.

The third Urban 20 (U20) Mayors Summit will be taking place in Riyadh, prior to the 15th G20 Leaders Summit that will be presided by Saudi Arabia. U20 started in 2018 under the leadership of the Mayor of Buenos Aires and Mayor of Paris, and convened by the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group (C40) in collaboration with United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG). U20 seeks to develop a joint position and collective messages to inform and enrich the discussions of national leaders at the G20 summit through unique urban perspectives. Metropolis has been one of U20’s Advisory Partners since its first edition.
Forum of African Metropolises

This forum is organized once a year to share, among Africa’s greatest urban areas, common urban planning guidelines to cater to the needs of the continent’s population. While working together, not only do the African metropolitan spaces share the knowledge arising from each of their local experiences, but also find how the global agendas can be instrumental to tackle the challenges of such a demographic explosion.

Webinar Metropolis-C40

In the framework of the MoU signed in 2019, Metropolis and C40 organize a webinar about the effects of changing urban population on carbon dioxide emissions and the consequent impact on air quality.
October

**5-7** Mexico City

**World Forum on Cities and Territories of Peace**

The World Forum on Cities and Territories of Peace is conceived as a multi-faceted and multi-level meeting place for local leaders, international organizations and networks, NGDOs, academia and civil society, aimed at opening dialogue, reflection and the construction of solutions that promote urban environments capable of eliminating expressions of violence: Building Coexistence and Peace with the Important Protagonism of Cities. Within the forum's framework, a new Issue Paper from the Metropolis Observatory collection will be presented.

**7** Worldwide

**World Metropolitan Day**

The World Metropolitan Day is celebrated yearly on October 7th, marking the anniversary of the Montréal Declaration on Metropolitan Areas (2015). It is a unique opportunity for communities from across the world to come together to make visible the metropolitan reality: the growth of the world’s urbanized areas beyond the jurisdictional boundaries of municipalities, generating complex urban systems where the world’s greatest transformations take place. This is the third edition of this campaign.

**12-14** Seoul

**2020 Seoul Peace Forum**

Organised by the Seoul Metropolitan Government, the Forum aims to establish a leading peace discourse in Northeast Asia. In particular, peace-related issues of Northeast Asia, including nuclear and refugee issues will be faced. The Forum will revisit the role of cities overcoming conflict and Building a Peace Solidarity Belt, and establish international support for Seoul and Pyongyang to co-host Seoul-Pyongyang 2032 Summer Olympics.

**21-23** Mexico City

**Global Social Economy Forum (GSEF)**

The Forum is an international network that brings together local governments and civil society stakeholders committed to supporting the development of the Social Economy (SE). GSEF aims to serve as a hub for sharing visions and experiences through cross-border collaboration and cooperation based on multilateral partnerships for an inclusive, equitable and human centered world for all of us.
Asian Metropolitan Report
Based on the data obtained in the metropolitan indicators project, Metropolis promotes regional publications on the state of metropolises, identifying trends and challenges. The second regional report will focus on the Asian region.

Metropolis General Assembly
The General Assembly is made up of all Metropolis members and is responsible for approving the accounts of the financial years since the last Assembly (2017), approving the next Action Plan (2021-2023), and electing the Board of Directors members for the corresponding period.

5th Guangzhou Award ceremony
Since 2012, the Guangzhou Award has become the main reference on urban innovation for Metropolis. Objectives of the Guangzhou Award are to let cities learn from each other and save some important resources of time, money and complexities of (multilayered) bureaucracies.

Global Mayors Forum
GMF’s council is initiated by the International Mayors Communication Center (IMCC) in 2005. GMF’s council is composed of six big global top city sustainable development organizations.

13th Metropolis World Congress
The Metropolis Congress acts as a relevant stage to promote key political messages and declarations from the community of major cities, and metropolitan political representatives worldwide. Jointly organized by Metropolis and Guangzhou, the 2020 Congress “Metropolises and Cities in Transformation. Leaving no one behind” will be a four-in-one event, and will seize this unique moment to showcase Metropolis programs and actions, host the Global Mayors Forum, celebrate the 5th Edition of the Guangzhou Award and held the UCLG World Council.

UCLG World Council
Organized in the framework of the 13th Metropolis World Congress, the UCLG World Council is the principal policy making body of the organization. And it meets once a year to decide UCLG policies and ensure that general policies are implemented.
October

31 Fuzhou

World Cities Day (WCD)

In 2020, Fuzhou becomes the sixth Chinese city to host World Cities Day under the auspices of the United Nations. The local celebrations will include forums, theme exhibitions, urban cultural exchanges as well as eight thematic activities. WCD aims to bring the attention of governments and the international community on solving urban problems, especially those that actively respond to the challenges brought about by urbanization through urban governance.

(tbc) Malaga

3rd 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 meeting will assess challenges and opportunities for local and regional governments to gain access to capital in local and international markets.
**October-November**

**2020 Xi’an Global Key&Core Technology Conference**
Organized by Xi’an Municipal People’s Government, and Global Key&Core Technology. The Conference targets city managers, city representatives along the silk road, renowned scientists from all over the world, economists, key&core entrepreneurs, financial and investment institutions. The event will address boosting breakthroughs in key&core technology, powering economic development with high-quality.

**SHRDC International Forum**
Since 2014, the Seoul Human Resource Development Center (SHRDC) has been organizing annually the SHRDC International Forum to review the performance of its international training programs and to find a strategic way for further development and future directions.

**October-April**

**Expo 2020**
Dubai Expo 2020 "Connecting minds, creating future" is the largest event ever staged in the Arab world. It is set to welcome 190 participating countries, and millions of visitors from across the globe. Here they will experience warm Emirati hospitality at its finest, as well as the UAE’s values of inclusion, tolerance and cooperation. Youth are at the heart of our World Expo. That’s why Expo 2020 aspires to create a meaningful legacy that will benefit generations to come, both locally and globally, spanning everything from innovations and architecture to friendships and business opportunities.
Smart City Expo World Congress (SCEWC)

Metropolis is a supporting institution of Smart City Expo World Congress (SCEWC), the worldwide leading event for cities. In 2019 it gathered 24,000+ professional visitors from 700 cities, along with 1,000+ exhibitors and 400+ speakers. SCEWC is the biggest meeting point of government and corporate leaders committed to sustainable urban development, and the world’s premier platform to empower cities, open new paths for international collaboration, and collectivize urban innovation.

City Managers Days

Within the framework of the Smart City Expo World Congress, Metropolis is organizing the 5th edition of the event with the central theme: green infrastructures. It will be analyzed with the experience and vision of city managers, how green and blue infrastructures can help in the fight against climate change, improve the quality of life of citizens and how they can, at the same time, be a tool to reduce the fractures of metropolitan territories. During the event, the Issue Paper 12 from the Metropolis Observatory’s collection will be presented.
Air quality is a vital issue on the political agendas of large cities and metropolitan areas. Air quality management has an impact on the fight against climate change and on the health of the population. This is why Metropolis wants to present a publication that puts the focus on this issue, thus increasing the Metropolis Observatory’s collection of publications.

As a result of the coordinated work of the Metropolis Observatory and the Re-City Observatory, a report will be presented that analyzes inequalities in a total of 30 metropolitan spaces based on a set of indicators and a methodology that allows their comparison on a metropolitan scale.

The Festival, sponsored by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of China and Fujian Provincial People’s Government and presented by Fujian Provincial Department of Culture and Tourism and Fuzhou Municipal People’s Government, is an important action to carry out the comprehensive building of the core region of the Marine Silk Road in the 21st Century. Inviting domestic and foreign tourism departments, tourism institutions and personages engaging in the tourism industry to participate the Festival has enhanced the exchanges and cooperation in this field.
Webinar on Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs)

Metropolis is pleased to collaborate with IESE Business School to offer a space for reflection and knowledge on good practices in local management in the framework of public-private partnerships.

Peer Review Training

Metropolis and UCLG Learning organise a peer review training based on the "Surplus Food Network" pilot project. Under the theme of Food Security, this Peer Review aims to exchange on how to design policies to make good use of food at local level.

Regional Training Centers

Seoul, Cairo and Mashhad will be offering several training workshops for Metropolis members on different topics. Seoul, as the headquarter center will organise around 5/6 seminars. The updated information on the sessions can be found on metropolis.org.

15th Meeting of the Conference of Parties (COP15)

The meeting, as part of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), will review the achievement and delivery of the CBD’s Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. It is also anticipated that the final decision on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework will be taken, together with decisions on related topics including capacity building and resource mobilization.
Are you...

...looking for further information about these events?

... seeking for guidance on how to participate with your metropolitan team?

... organizing an event which you would like to see in our calendar?

Do not hesitate contacting our regional liaisons at the Metropolis Secretariat General, who will indicate the most suited activities for each type of audience within your metropolitan government.

Whether you are looking for exclusive meetings for your political leaders, for opportunities to present your cases, or for strengthening the capacities of your technical team, we will be delighted to personally assist you:

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