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**2020**

**2<sup>ND</sup> semester**

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

For the latest information about all events followed by Metropolis this year, please visit regularly [metropolis.org](https://metropolis.org)

## June



**3** Online

### Metropolis webinar: Commuting across metropolises

Organized in collaboration with UITP, this webinar brings together experts in mobility from different sectors to exchange their experience and point of view in the coordination of diverse stakeholders in order to deliver safe and affordable mobility that covers the needs of citizens living in vast metropolitan areas, leaving no one behind and contributing to the achievement of the Global Goals. ●



**25** Online

### Global Startup Ecosystem Report Launch Event

The startup Genome will be launching its Global Report 2020 at a virtual conference on Ecosystem Development, organized in partnership with The Financial Times and The Next Web on June 25. It is going to be an exclusive (invitation only) gathering of 1,000 decision-makers who come together to discuss innovation and entrepreneurship. ●



**25-26** Taipei

### Taipei Dragon Boat

Organized by the Department of Sport of Taipei City Government, this event combines with elements of waterfront development, city image and folk sports culture of dragon boat race which includes dragon boat rowing try-out experience, eyedotting activities and the 2020 Taipei International Dragon Boat Championship. It attracts domestic and international elites to compete every year. It is a unique sports marketing for the city image and tourism promotion. It is expected to attract over 70,000 participants For more information, please visit the official website of the 2020 Taipei International Dragon Boat Festival: <http://dragonboat.taipei/> ●



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**30** Online

### Metropolis webinar: Intersectional approach in response to Covid-19

Based on the final result of the pilot project "Intersectionality in metropolitan LGBTI policies", Metropolis offers a webinar to provide tools to local governments on how to incorporate the intersectional perspective as a useful tool in response to the crisis generated by the COVID-19 outbreak. The webinar will be held in Spanish. ●

## July



**1** Online

### "Peace Mapping" Campaign

In the framework of the World Forum on Cities and Territories of Peace (that has been postponed to 2021), this social communication campaign seeks to make the stories of peace building visible from the everyday life of our cities, to strengthen resilience processes based on collective stories, and reinforce peace and the Right to the City. ●



**1** \*exceptionally Online

### 2020 Smart City Mayor's Summit

Organized by the Taipei City Government and the Taipei Computer Association, this second edition of 2020 Smart City Mayor's Summit will be conducted as a O2O event. Entitled "AIoT Invigorates Smart City", the Summit will focus on a new phase of Smart City 2.0, that integrates AI as well as IoT technologies into services. City manager, mayors, decision makers, policy makers, urban agencies, and NGOs will participate and share knowledge and experiences. ●



**7-16**

\*exceptionally Online + New York (physical participation for New York based delegates only)

### 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".

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**16** Online

### City Managers Community 2020: green infrastructures webinar

This webinar is the second activity of the City Managers Community in 2020 and represents the intermediate step of a process which will culminate with the celebration of the 5th edition of the City Managers Days. Exclusive to invited participants who take part in the Green Infrastructure Metropolitan Portrait survey, this online session will function as an ice-breaker for the community participants to get to know each other, and will indicate the pathways to define the main contents of the City Managers Days 2020. ●



**(tbc)** Online

### Metropolis webinar: Internationalisation and metropolitan spaces

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 build a strategic public policy of international action at the metropolitan level. Some members will present their strategies and experiences on the subject. This event will be held in English. ●

# August

## August



**(tbc)** Fuzhou

\*postponed from 05/2020

### 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. ●

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## September



**4-6** Fuzhou

\*postponed from 06/2020

### 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. ● ●

**6-13** Seoul

### Training on Sustainable Water Management

By means of lectures and site visits, Seoul will present its water resource management system - Arisu, the world's first water management system accredited by the National Sanitation Foundation (NSF), and other major waterwork management policies and practices of the metropolis. ●



**21-25** Wellington

\*postponed from 04/2020

### 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. ●

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## 22-25 Seoul

### 21<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Walking and Liveable Communities

Organized by Seoul Metropolitan Government, the event will embrace the different meaning of Walking. Issues such as pedestrian policy, economic revitalization, environment, transportation, tech, health will be debated. The target of this event is diverse: people from pedestrian cities around the world, pedestrian experts (policy, environment, health, ICT), citizens. Partner institutions will include Bloomberg, WRI (World Resource Institute), ITDP, UITP, UN-Habitat, UN Environment, WHO, SLoCaT, ARUP, ICLEI and AURI (Architecture & Urban Research Institute). ●

## 27-30 Taipei

### 2020 AAPPAC Conference

Organized by the Department of Cultural Affairs Taipei City Government and Taipei Performing Arts Center, this year event will focus on "Building our Solidarity and Minding the Gap". The audience will include Representatives from Asian Pacific Performing Arts Centers, Arts Managers, Artists, Performing Arts Companies, Performing Arts Agencies and International Arts Media. ●



## 30 Online

\*postponed from 06/2020

### 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. ●

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### (tbc) Online

#### Metropolis webinar: Mobility & Gender: How can we build the right to the metropolis?

Based on the Gender Keys "Mobility and gender: how can we build the right to the metropolis?", Metropolis presents a one-hour webinar about mobility as a democratising tool to address the right to the city for all. The event offers a contextual approach as well as testimonies of members that have implemented mobility policies from a gender vision. This webinar will be held in Spanish. ●

### (tbc) Dakar

#### 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. ●



### (tbc) Gaziantep

#### UNESCO City of Gastronomy Meeting

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. This year's CoG Meeting will take place during the GastroAntep Festival III and provide a platform for peer-to-peer learning opportunities. ●

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# September-October

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**30-2** Riyadh

### Urban 20 (U20) Mayors Summit 2020

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. ●

## October

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**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. ●

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**18-25** Seoul

### Sustainable Urban management training

The Seoul Human Resource Development Center (SHRDC) presents this training program in the framework of its Annual Forum. Participants will learn about Seoul's urban management policies such as Cheonggyecheon Restoration Project and Downtown Revitalization project. ●



**22-23** Seoul

### 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. ●

**31** Online

\*postponed from 07/2020

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**(tbc)** Fuzhou

### 2020 China Observance of World Cities Day

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. ●

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### 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. ●



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### 10-12 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. ●

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EXPO WORLD CONGRESS

### 17-19 Barcelona

#### Smart City Expo World Congress (SCEWC)

Metropolis is a supporting institution of Smart City Expo World Congress (SCEWC), the worldwide leading event for cities. 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. ●



### 17-19 Barcelona

#### City Managers Days

Within the framework of the Smart City Expo World Congress, Metropolis organizes the 5<sup>th</sup> 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 11th edition of the Metropolis Issue Paper collection will be presented. ●

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## 28-29

Tehran

### Golden Adobe Global Award

Tehran Golden Adobe Award is a comprehensive, scientific, and non-profit initiative which concentrates on introducing and supporting the top international urban management projects as well as exchanging the experiences of the urban management. Tehran's global award for urban management will be handed to the best projects and practices in the cities, regions and local communities worldwide. Its objective is to recognize the importance of local government and urban management in promoting the socio-economic environments, sustainability of cities and regions, and improving the livability of the citizens. For details please visit [www.tehrangoldenadobe.com](http://www.tehrangoldenadobe.com) ●



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## (tbc)

Medellín

### Metropolis pilot projects: Tactical Urbanism - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. ●

## (tbc)

Montevideo

### Metropolis pilot projects: Public Innovation Labs - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. ●

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### Metropolis webinar: Gender indicators for a better metropolitan governance

This webinar will showcase the results of the compilation and analysis of 12 metropolitan gender indicators for each of the 58 metropolitan areas analyzed and will invite some members to explain how they contributed to this investigation. ●

**(tbc)**

### Launch of Metropolis pilot project: "Participatory Democracy"

Córdoba, Montréal, Madrid and Barcelona will partner in this project, along with the OIDP, to promote the exchange of successful experiences for participatory democracy, with a special focus on Participatory budgeting, and generate knowledge that allows its strengthening in the metropolises. ●

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**(tbc)** Porto

### 6<sup>th</sup> European Metropolitan Authorities (EMA) 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. ●

**(tbc)** Fuzhou

\*postponed from 06/2020

### 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. ●

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### 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. ●

# December

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**20** Taipei

### 2020 Taipei Marathon

Organized by the Taipei City Government, the Chinese Taipei Athletics Association (CTAA), and the Chinese Taipei Road Running Association (CTRRA), the Taipei Marathon has been certified by the International Association of Athletics Federation (IAAF) as a Bronze Label Event - the first such recognition for Taiwan symbolizing the official elevation of the Taipei Marathon to the status of "world-class marathon". Taipei Marathon, seeing its debut in 1986, has now become one of the most iconic events to boost city brand and tourism for Taipei City. ●

**(tbc)** Fuzhou

### 6<sup>th</sup> Maritime Silk Road International Tourism Festival

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. ●

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### 13<sup>th</sup> METROPOLIS WORLD CONGRESS

Metropolises and cities in transformation.  
Leaving no one behind

## postponed: 2021 Guangzhou

### 13<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Guangzhou Award and held the UCLG World Council.

- **Asian Metropolitan Report**

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- **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.



## (tbc)

### 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.

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**(tbc)** 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. ●



**(tbc)** Fuzhou

### 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. ●



**(tbc)** Fuzhou

\*postponed from 04/2020

### 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. ● ●

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