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The unmissable events in 2018 for the comunity of major cities and metropolitan spaces

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February

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07-13 Kuala Lumpur

9th Session of the World Urban Forum (WUF9)

Under the theme "Cities 2030, Cities for All: Implementing the New Urban Agenda" the WUF9 will focus on the New Urban Agenda as a tool and accelerator for achieving Agenda 2030 and the SDGs. We will be coorganizing the following events with our members and partners:

08 February

11:00-14:30 | Grand Ball Room 2 World Assembly of Local and Regional Governments

09 February

09:00-11:00 | Room 307 Metropolitan policies to implement the Sustainable Development Goals and the New Urban Agenda: safe cities for women and girls

11:00-14:00 | Room 40

Metropolitan Discipline: An integrated approach to the metropolitan complexity

17:00-18:00 | Listen to Cities Room

Urban innovation in the implementation of the global agendas

17:00-18:00 | Room 407 Living the City: Affordable housing development

11 February

11:00-13:00 | Listen to Cities Room

Subnational Government Global Observatories and the implementation of the Global Agendas

All day: 19th World Urban Campaign (WUC) Steering Committee Meeting (Metropolis is a member of the WUC's SC since 2009)

12 February

15:00-17:00 | Room 408 Metropolitan Thinkers meeting point: institutions and strategies

13 February

09:00-11:00 | Room 305

Up-scaling City Networks for Knowledge Exchange at Regional Level

26 Mexico City

2018 Women4Climate Conference

C40's 2nd annual Women4Climate conference will bring together the political leaders of Durban, Mexico City and Montréal, among other global mayors, business leaders and innovative changemakers who are committed to taking climate action and creating more sustainable and inclusive communities.

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Urban Future Global Conference

Europe's largest event on sustainable cities, this conference is a hotspot for CityChangers around the world. \bullet

05-07 Edmonton

Cities and Climate Change Science Conference

The conference will bring together urban and climate change practitioners and policy-makers from all sectors, inspiring the next frontier of research focused on the science of cities and climate change. It is co-organized by our partners UCLG, C40, Cities Alliance, ICLEI and UN-Habitat.



18-23 Brasilia

8th World Water Forum

The World Water Forum is the largest meeting on water management and sanitation. Metropolis members are invited to join the <u>International Conference</u> of Local and Regional Authorities, which is co-organized by UCLG, ICLEI, the Global Water Operators' Partnerships Alliance (GWOPA), the World Water Council and Brazilian partners, and will take place on March 20-21.



Metropolis webinar hosted by Bogotá: homicides

Every two months, Bogotá promotes online encounters for technical conversations about specific topics to share policies and measurement strategies with different metropolises of the world. Every webinar has a specific theme and counts on one more Metropolis member as an invited speaker.

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Launch of the Sorbonne's Chair Entrepreneurship Territory Innovation

Metropolis is becoming a partner of the Paris-Sorbonne Business School within the framework of the Chair Entrepreneurship Territory Innovation (ETI). As a place of meeting, prospective and collective reflection, but also of feedback and of sharing of experiences, the Chair ETI is rethinking innovation and disruption in our territories to create economic, social and ecological value, and aims to develop new ways of undertaking to fertilize our territories.



Webinar: engendering local and regional

governments

Organized with the Government of Catalonia and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, within the framework of UCLG's Capacity and Institutional Building Working Group.

April

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The Tour de France of the metropolitan areas: «Habiter la ville, partager la vie»

This series of events is part of our partnership with the Paris-Sorbonne Business School ETI Chair, and seeks to position metropolises and their territories as places of cross-fertilization. This first forum will give voice to our membership and stakeholders of metropolitan territories to imagine together new practices, promoting the emergence of new uses, economic models, and services for all.

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Metroairports workshop #2

This pilot project led by the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona deals with the economic and social aspects of the territories located right next or around airports. It focuses mostly on subjects related to the Right to the City, such as creation of jobs, mobility, access to housing, security, relationship with the airport's activity, transport related infrastructure, open spaces and development of local communities, among others.



Waterfront for everyone

Waterfront is a potential aspect that provides leisure needs and recreational investment in designing projects along the ecologically and culturally sensitive edge of the Sea. This workshop examines the interchangeable relationship between the waterfront activities and users for each city.



UCCI General Assembly

Major annual event of the Union of Iberoamerican Capital Cities (UCCI), which has 14 members in common with Metropolis: Barcelona, Bogotá, Brasília, Buenos Aires, Caracas, La Habana, La Paz, Madrid, Mexico City, Montevideo, Quito, Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo and San Salvador.



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Sustainable Mobility Training Program

The role of transport is essential to sustainable development and to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. One of the objectives of this training program is to provide city officials with capacities in urban development with a focus on making cities more sustainable.



Resilient Cities 2018

Organized by ICLEI, the Annual Global Forum on Urban Resilience and Adaptation is the global platform for urban resilience and climate change adaptation.



May



02-05 Barcelona

Intersectionality in metropolitan LGBTI Policies workshop #2

This pilot project led by Montevideo aims to draw together common knowledge about how the intersectional approach can be applied in public policies. The intersectional approach acknowledges that all people, including those who identify as LGBTI (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex), are affected by multiple inequalities and that this intersection creates new kinds of discrimination, which differs from the sum of these inequalities.

13-20 Seoul

Sustainable Urban Planning Training Program

Many challenges exist to maintaining cities in a way that continues to create jobs and prosperity. This training aims to reinforce officials' capacities and to share experiences with peers.



15-16 Montevideo

Metropolis Energy GovernAnce (MEGA) workshop #2

This pilot project led by the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona aims to exchange knowledge on how metropolitan areas face governance in the energy transition process towards a low-carbon society.

18-20 Chengdu

2018 Innovation Forum for Mayors of International Sister Cities of Chengdu

In the framework of the 2018 China Global Innovation and Entrepreneurship Fair (GIEF 2018), the theme of this forum will be "New Economy, New Energy, New Growth". The Chengdu Municipal Government is looking forward to inviting the Metropolis Secretary General and political representatives from our membership as keynote speakers of this event.





May



The challenges of the metropolises beyond Habitat III: a contribution to the New Urban Agenda

This international congress hosted by the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona is a key event to debate and enhance the roles of metropolitan spaces and their government institutions in the accomplishment of global goals.





One Mega Event: 4th Smart Cities India 2018 - "Smarter solutions for Better Tomorrow"

One of the largest international urban conference of the South Asia region, attracting the participation of over 15000 attendees, 150 mayors and city managers, 350 speakers and experts, from India and abroad. Metropolis members shall be represented at the event's "Global Metropolis Mayors Forum" and "Gender Policies and Violence in Urban Public Spaces" sessions.

23-26 Strasbourg

UCLG Executive Bureau

As the metropolitan section of UCLG, Metropolis represents one of its vicepresidencies. Bringing together UCLG's constituencies, the Executive Bureau of UCLG is responsible for initiating proposals and carrying out the decisions of the network's World Council.

28-29 Brussels

Regional Secretariats and Executive and Finance Committee Meeting

The Regional Secretariats and the Executive and Finance Committee of Metropolis play an important role in shaping the basis of our joint work for the execution of the 2018-2020 Action Plan. The main topics addressed in this meeting are the definition of the agenda for the next Board of Directors Meeting, the closure of the document on financial sustainability strategy, the presentation and discussion on the future of MITI, and the debate on the roles of the Co-presidencies to provide the association with more political content.

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Big Data for Cities

Event organized by the Uraía platform to debate on the use of data for better city management and urban services to produce a positive impact on people's lives. It will focus on its use applied to municipal finance and better guided decision making.



Metropolis webinar hosted by Bogotá: tourism

Every two months, Bogotá promotes online encounters for technical conversations about specific topics to share policies and measurement strategies with different metropolises of the world. Every webinar has a specific theme and counts on one more Metropolis member as an invited speaker.

TBC* Barcelona

Metropolis Observatory – launch of the Issue Paper #4

The collection of Metropolis Observatory Issue Papers presents contemporary subjects relative to the governance of metropolitan agglomerations and offers reference frameworks regarding the need to include the metropolitan viewpoint in the governance of cities and their territories. The fourth edition will be about the dynamics of gentrification across metropolitan spaces.

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Chicago Forum on Global Cities

The Chicago Forum on Global Cities, hosted annually by the Chicago Council on Global Affairs and the Financial Times, raises provocative questions about the influence of global cities and how they can solve global challenges. Thought leaders and decisions makers make new connections and develop innovative solutions to advance in their own cities. Looking forward to boosting its presence in North America, Metropolis will join this event for the first time.

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CEMR Conference: equality, diversity and inclusion

European section of UCLG, the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) represents the interests of European local authorities and their associations in more than 40 countries. This conference has the potential to inspire Metropolis European members to reinforce their leadership towards more diverse, equal and inclusive societies.





Sustainable Water Management Training Program

All around the planet, clean and accessible water delivery is one of the basic services but due to bad economies or poor infrastructure, millions of people die from diseases associated with inadequate water supply and sanitation. The main goal of this training is to construct sustainable cooperative relations in the field of water management.



ICLEI World Congress

Sharing 46 members with Metropolis, ICLEI is one of our strategic partners. The ICLEI World Congress is a unique occasion to build partnerships and design bold and innovative ideas to steer the global urban agenda and strengthen collective action on sustainability worldwide.



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Asia Innova 2018

Convened by Casa Asia Spain, this series of events is opportunity to foster new cooperation paths between the metropolis 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. We 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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Deadline for expressions of interest - Guangzhou International Urban Innovation Award

Reaching its fourth edition in 2018, the biennial Guangzhou Award is putting a special focus on innovative approaches taken by local governments to accomplish the SDGs and meet the commitments of the New Urban Agenda. Metropolis has been one of the main partners of the Guangzhou Award since its launch in 2012, and highly encourages its members to present submissions. In order to present a submission, all applicants are requested to proceed with an online registration and submit an expression of interest through the website http://apply.guangzhouaward.org/site/regist

July

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First World Forum Intermediary Cities by UCLG

As the majority of future urban development will take place in intermediary cities, many of them located within metropolitan spaces, Metropolis joins the conversation on how the I-Cities should enter the dynamic of implementation of the global agendas with their own voice, their specific perspective, and their specific needs.

08-12 Singapore

World Cities Summit

With the theme "Liveable and sustainable cities: Embracing the future through innovation and collaboration" and jointly organized by our partner Centre for Liveable Cities, this summit is a unique opportunity to work together in solving the current and future problems of major cities.

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High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

On this annual encounter for the United Nations to verify the implementation of the Agenda 2030, the SDGs to be reviewed in depth will be 6, 7, 11, 12, 15 and 17. As part of the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments, Metropolis will contribute to underlining the key role of metropolitan administrations in Voluntary National Reviews. Highlight:"Partnership Exchange" Special Event, on July 13.



Metropolis webinar hosted by Bogotá: citizen culture

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Metropolis Observatory – launch of the Issue Paper #5

The collection of Metropolis Observatory Issue Papers presents contemporary subjects relative to the governance of metropolitan agglomerations and offers reference frameworks regarding the need to include the metropolitan viewpoint in the governance of cities and their territories. The fifth edition will be on the subject of metropolitan governance with a gender perspective.

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27-31 Gauteng Province

2018 Metropolis Annual Meeting

Hosted by a different Metropolis member every year, this event is a relevant stage to promote key political messages and declarations from the community of major cities metropolitan spaces worldwide and to showcase the diverse good practices coming from the ground of our metropolises; enriching the debate across different levels and stakeholders of urban management. The presence of our members and respective political representatives is requested, particularly of the ones who are part of our Board of Directors, whose meeting is a core part of the event's program and shapes the political discourse of the association.



Metropolis Observatory – launch of the Issue Paper #6

The collection of Metropolis Observatory Issue Papers presents contemporary subjects relative to the governance of metropolitan agglomerations and offers reference frameworks regarding the need to include the metropolitan viewpoint in the governance of cities and their territories. The sixth edition will be about the use of the Blockchain software platform in the management of metropolitan services, and will be launched in the framework of the 2018 Metropolis Annual Meeting.



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Deadline for submissions -Guangzhou International Urban Innovation Award

Reaching its 4th edition in 2018, the biennial Guangzhou Award is putting a special focus on innovative approaches taken by local governments to accomplish the SDGs and meet the commitments of the New Urban Agenda. Metropolis has been one of the main partners of the Guangzhou Award since its launch in 2012, and highly encourages its members to present submissions online, at http://apply.guangzhouaward.org.

September

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The Tour de France of the metropolitan areas (#2)

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Global Climate Action Summit

This summit will bring together leaders from state and local governments, business, and citizens from around the world, to demonstrate how the tide has turned in the race against climate change — in support of the Paris Agreement.



Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration

The global compact is a significant opportunity to improve the governance to address the challenges associated with contemporary migration and to strengthen the contribution of migrant people to sustainable development.



Ceremony of the 3rd International Award UCLG – Culture 21

The award recognizes leading cities and individuals that have distinguished themselves through their contribution to culture as a key dimension in sustainable cities.



The Tour de France of the metropolitan areas (#3)

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Metropolis webinar hosted by Bogotá: poverty

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September-December



Online training course on Metropolitan Governance

Metropolis and the Open University of Catalonia collaborate to set in motion a course on metropolitan governance for the officials of our members. Gender will be addressed as a cross-cutting issue during the whole course, and a special module will be dedicated to metropolitan governance with a gender perspective.

October

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01-03 Bilbao

Global Social Economy Forum (GSEF)

Welcomed by the Mayor of Seoul, Won-Soon Park, the GSEF reaches its 4th edition with the central theme "values and competitiveness for an inclusive and sustainable local development".



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 – in partnership with CIPPEC, the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), and UN-Habitat's MetroHUB 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 they face as a metropolitan community.



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Governance for Sustainable Development Training

In order to address urban challenges, a training course on governance for mutual prosperity of worldwide cities is organized by the Seoul Human Resource Development Center (SHRDC).

15-19 Bogotá

International Conference on Walking and Liveable Cities

Welcomed by the mayor of Bogotá, Enrique Peñalosa, this is the annual event of Walk 21, a network dedicated to supporting and promoting more walking to help make walking an enjoyable part of daily transport, recreation and health through effective policies, programs and planning all over the world.



17-21 Seoul

SHRDC International Forum

The annual forum organized by the headquarters of Metropolis training and capacity building programs is the occasion to gather the MITI regional centers, the SHRDC international alumni and partner institutions to showcase the outcomes of the training and to share strategies on training for city officials worldwide.

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World Cities Day

Since 2014, the World Cities Day marks one of the most important dates in the calendar of worldwide activities for cities and metropolitan areas. Metropolis encourages its members to share information about the events promoted in the local level to celebrate this date.

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IV European Metropolitan Authorities (EMA) conference

The EMA is an initiative promoted by the Barcelona Metropolitan Area which has become a consolidated forum for dialogue between the political leaders of Europe's major metropolitan areas. Organized yearly since 2015, the yearly one-day conference has become a platform for political dialogue between metropolitan areas and cities, EU institutions and national governments.



Guangzhou International Urban Innovation Award: release of shortlisted submissions

Reaching its 4th edition in 2018, the biennial Guangzhou Award is putting a special focus on innovative approaches taken by local governments to accomplish the SDGs and meet the commitments of the New Urban Agenda. The Award's technical committee will select 15 shortlisted cities, which will be invited to Guangzhou to present their submissions in person before an eminent panel of jurors.

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Megacities ShortDocs Festival

There are 38 megacities in the world today, and 24 of them are members of Metropolis. For the second year, Metropolis is partnering with this festival, which showcases social innovation, eco-citizen urbanism, and civic technology solutions that improve people's lives in the megalopolises of the world, through short documentary films which are independently produced by citizens.



Buenos Aires

Urban 20 (U20)

The U20 initiative will be facilitated by C40 with the support of partners, in the context of the Argentinean G20 Presidency, to raise the profile of urban issues and enhance the role of cities in the G20 agenda.

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11-18 Seoul

e-Government & e-Tax System Training Program

Nowadays, local governments make efforts to leverage the potential of modern technologies for better policy decision-making. This course aims to provide city officials with an opportunity to enhance e-government capacities in daily administration.



13-15 Barcelona

Smart City Expo World Congress

One of the largest smart city events in the world, with the participation of over 700 cities, 420 experts, and 17000 visitors from around the globe. Metropolis will host sessions featuring the leaders of its most active members, providing them unique visibility opportunities, and also the chance to hold bilateral meetings with the staff of the Metropolis Secretariat General, based in Barcelona.

13-16 Cascais

XV International Congress of the International Association of Educating Cities (IAEC)

The congress proposes to discuss social cohesion based on people and their feeling of belonging to such cohesion. The IAEC and Metropolis have both their secretariats based in Barcelona, and share many members around the world.

19-20 Mexico City

Five years of the AL-LAs project

AL-LAs is an Euro-Latin American alliance of cooperation between cities, which counts on the active participation and leadership of our members, namely Belo Horizonte, Brasília, Madrid, Medellín, Mexico City, Minas Gerais, Montevideo, Quito and Rio de Janeiro. It fosters the internationalization of local governments as a public policy and helps building capacity within local administrations towards this end.

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Africities 2018

Africities Summit is the appointment for Africa's local authorities. Organized every three years by UCLG Africa, Africities has become a distinguished opportunity for the evaluation of the implementation of decentralization policies in Africa.



The Tour de France of the metropolitan areas (#4)

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UCLG World Council

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TBC* La Paz

23rd Mercociudades Summit

The city of La Paz has been chosen to chair Mercociudades Summit, the mostimportant network of local governments of Mercosur, in the period 2018-2019. \bullet



Metropolis webinar hosted by Bogotá: preventive controls in public management

Every two months, Bogotá promotes online encounters for technical conversations about specific topics to share policies and measurement strategies with different metropolises of the world. Every webinar has a specific theme and counts on one more Metropolis member as an invited speaker.



City Managers Days

Two days with debates, conferences and practical cases about the management of major metropolises. City managers are the public employees of highest rank in the public administrations who are in charge of day to day administrative and operative management of cities that constitute metropolitan spaces.

Metropolis Observatory – launch of the Issue Paper #7

The collection of Metropolis Observatory Issue Papers presents contemporary subjects relative to the governance of metropolitan agglomerations and offers reference frameworks regarding the need to include the metropolitan viewpoint in the governance of cities and their territories. The seventh edition will be about the ways of channeling and managing financial resources to deliver metropolitan services.

December

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COP24

24th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) One of the most important tasks of COP24 will be to work out and adopt a package of decisions ensuring the full implementation of the Paris Agreement. Moreover, COP24 will include the socalled Facilitative Dialogue, intended to support the implementation of national commitments, in which local and regional governments should take part.



Hangzhou

Belt & Road Local Cooperation (BRLC) General Assembly

The BRLC is constituted by cities from the countries which are part of the Belt and Road Initiative – the development strategy launched by the Chinese government to promote economic co-operation along routes from Eastern Europe to Asia and the Pacific. Co-organized by UCLG ASPAC, the BRLC Assembly aims at strengthening regional cooperation and collaboration for sustainable economic and environmental development that would also be impactful for sustainable urban development, sharing the experiences of Chinese local governments in city management, economic development and social welfare.



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05-09 Guangzhou

Guangzhou International Urban Innovation Conference

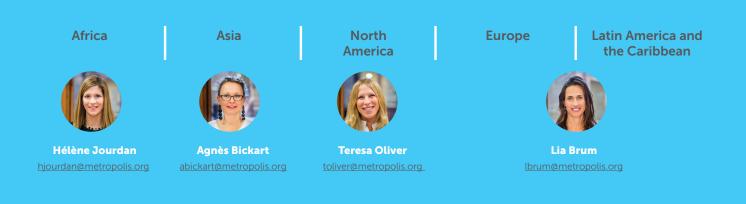
This conference culminates with the final assessment by the jury and ceremony of the 4th edition of the Guangzhou International Award of Urban Innovation. In 2018, the Guangzhou Award is putting a special focus on innovative approaches taken by local governments to accomplish the SDGs and meet the commitments of the New Urban Agenda.

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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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