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#### TOP STORY

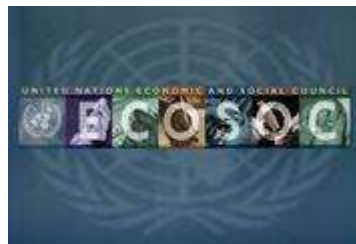


### The local and regional agenda during the 7th World Urban Forum

The United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-Habitat) will celebrate the 7th session of the World Urban Forum in the Colombian city of Medellín on 5-11 April under the overall theme “Urban Equity in Development – Cities for Life”. This global event will include a number of important sessions for the local and regional agenda.

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#### MAIN STORIES



### Local and regional governments advocate decentralised cooperation at UN Development Cooperation Symposium in Berlin

United Cities and Local Governments took part to the United Nations Development Cooperation Forum (DCF) High-Level Symposium from 19-21 March 2014 in Berlin. The meetings were hosted by the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).



## Ensuring access to safe water: a top priority of local and regional governments

On World Water Day, UCLG reaffirms that ensuring access to safe water is a top priority of local and regional governments, both as an end in itself, and as a driver of environmental sustainability, empowerment of women, social inclusion, and poverty reduction.



## Local and regional governments for an Effective Development Cooperation

The Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (GPEDC), established in December 2011 during the Fourth High Level Forum in Busan, will hold its first ministerial meeting on 15-16 of April 2014 in Mexico City. The meeting will address the governance of the Partnership.



## Climate Change Negotiations: next steps

The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) will hold negotiation sessions in Bonn, Germany, from 10 to 14 March. The Bonn session will be critical for local and regional governments to continue building the momentum to the COP-20 in Lima and COP-21 in Paris.



## The 2014 Guangzhou International Award for Urban Innovation is now open to applications!

The Guangzhou International Award for Urban Innovation is co-sponsored by the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), the World Association of the Major Metropolises (Metropolis) and the City of Guangzhou. The aim of the Guangzhou Award is to recognize innovation.



## UCLG says farewell to Iñaki Azcuna, a local leader with a global vision for the future

It is with great regret that we have learned of the passing of Iñaki Azcuna, Mayor of Bilbao. Many of the members of United Cities and Local Governments will remember him for his commitment and leadership in the transformation policies of Bilbao.



## UCLG is looking for a Project officer for its Migration Programme

United Cities and Local Governments, the world local and regional government organisation, is recruiting a Project Officer to work at its World Secretariat in Barcelona, Spain. In this challenging and rewarding role, you will work as part of a small, dynamic, international team to help develop UCLG's activities.

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### UCLG SECTION, MEMBERS & PARTNERS



## CEMR publishes a report on how local government is tackling youth unemployment

The Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) launches its report “Tackling youth unemployment: let’s revive partnership between all governance levels”\*, which offers a state of play of local government participation in the implementation of strategies.



## Call for good practices – participatory society

VNG International is looking for inspiring examples about participatory practices to present them at local level during the Annual General Assembly of the Association of Netherlands Municipalities. We are collecting ten good practices from local governments about their participatory approaches within the social domain.

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### COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS



## Anne Hidalgo: first woman Mayor of Paris

UCLG Women congratulate Anne Hidalgo, Chair of the UCLG Standing Committee on Gender Equality and Co-president of UCLG, for her election as Mayor of Paris. Anne Hidalgo was the First Deputy Mayor of Paris, in charge of Gender Equality (2001-2008) and of Urbanism and Architecture (since 2008).



## Call for the presentation of good practices on human rights policies at local level

The UCLG Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights has been requested by the UN Human Rights Council Advisory Committee to assist in conducting a study on the role of local governments in the promotion.



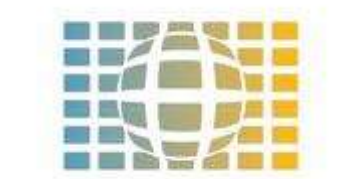
## Cities for the human Rights

The city of Gwangju, South Korea, will discuss with the members of the Committee on Social Inclusion how to foster "Cities for the human Rights". From 15 to 18 May 2014 the mayor of Gwangju, Mr. Kang Un-Tae, has called the 4th World Human Rights Cities Forum, which this year will be celebrated.



## The Committee DAL publishes new issue of the Magazine D+

The Committee on Decentralization and Local Self Governments has published the sixth issue of D+ Magazine, instrument for the dissemination and discussion of topics related to decentralisation and local governance. The present edition includes articles on the role of public-private partnership in improving the management of water services.



## Call for candidatures: 2015 UCLG Culture Summit

The UCLG members and Partners are invited to submit candidacies to host the "UCLG Culture Summit", to be celebrated between January and April 2015. Since the founding Congress of Paris, culture has been at the heart of UCLG with the adoption of the Agenda 21 for culture (May 2004), the Policy Statement "Culture: Fourth Pillar of Sustainable Development"



## MDGs failed to address Urbanization: Post-2015 should not forsake Equality!

"I am not an NGO! I represent elected women from Africa and the World. Today through, for REFFELA and UCLG, we need to register as NGOs to be able to talk before you. We need however to understand the great opportunities that resourced local governance can offer".



## No sustainable development without engendered local governance!

UCLG is convinced that communities in which all citizens are empowered to participate in social, economic and political opportunities are instrumental in the eradication of poverty. Achievements of the MDGs, in particular those related to women's advancement are often linked with the quality of basic service provision that local governments are able to offer.



## Inclusion of local governance at United Nations meetings #CSW58

The 58th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) will take place from 10 to 21 March 2014 in New York. A delegation of the UCLG Standing Committee on Gender Equality will participate in the meetings and put forward the voices and messages of local and regional governments.



## La Commission Méditerranée était à l'assemblée plénière de l'ARLEM

La Commission Méditerranée représentée par son co-présidents, M. Vauzelle, président de la Région Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur a participé à la 5ème session plénière de l'ARLEM, les 23 et 24 février à Tanger (Maroc). Chacune des deux Commission de l'ARLEM a présenté son rapport sur un thème spécifique.

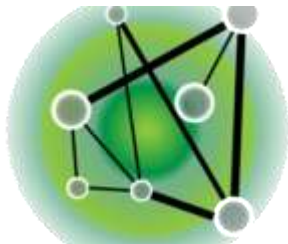
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### OUR BLOG



## Climate change action in cities: Tokyo's carbon market policy

Four years ago, Tokyo implemented a cutting-edge policy focused primarily on emissions from 1,400 of the most energy-hungry of those office buildings. By and large, it's worked: Building owners targeted by the program have slashed power consumption and reduced their emissions by 23 percent below a baseline level.



## Intermediary Cities in the new urban agenda

Today, it would be impossible to conduct an in-depth analysis of the urban phenomenon without taking into account the role of intermediary cities, defined here as cities with less than 1 million inhabitants. In reality, these cities, at both local and regional level, account for over 50% of the global urban population.

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## EVENTS

### XXI Congreso CIDEU

*April 03, 2014*

### World Urban Forum

*April 05, 2014*

### General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council “The role of partnerships in the implementation of the Post-2015 Development Agenda”

*April 09, 2014*

### First High-Level Meeting of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation

*April 15, 2014*

### 3rd Edition of the International Forum of the Medinas

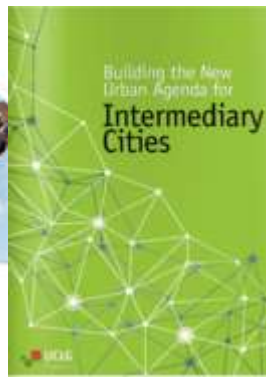
*April 24, 2014*

### 1st CISDP 2014 Biannual Meeting in the framework of 4th World Human Rights Cities Forum (WHRCF)

*May 15, 2014*

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## PUBLICATIONS



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