



The World Secretariat of United Cities and Local Governments is pleased to send you the latest news and events of interest for local and regional governments around the world.

#### TOP STORY



### UCLG celebrates its World Council 2014 in Haikou

The 2014 UCLG World Council will be held in Haikou at the kind invitation of Mayor Ni Qiang, in conjunction with the Guangzhou Award. The Statutory Meetings to be held include the celebration of the Executive Bureau and World Council, 24-26 November in Haikou. The programme also contains Learning Events related to the Second Edition of the Guangzhou International Award for Urban Innovation, 27-28 November in Guangzhou.



### Local and regional leaders at the 3rd UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

The first preparatory committee meeting of the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction is held from 14 to 15 July 2014 at the Palais des Nations, in Geneva, Switzerland.

#### MAIN STORIES



### Call for Peace from the President of UCLG - Statements from members of UCLG

As is well known, local authorities are on the frontline when disasters or armed conflicts hit local people, and it is the responsibility of these authorities to meet the basic needs of people, ranging from provision of water and food to waste collection.



### Highlights of the UCLG Executive Bureau meetings

The UCLG Executive Bureau took place on 19th June in Liverpool, United Kingdom, in conjunction with the BT World Local Leaders Summit. Over 250 participants from 48 countries participated in the meeting, which included policy dialogues on Public Space, Localization of the Post-2015 Agenda, Governance and Growth and Equality.



## Productive meeting for local authorities in the Steering Committee of the GPEDC

The Sixth Steering Committee of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC) met on 9th July in New York. It was the first time that UCLG and ORU FOGAR participated in the Steering Committee as full members since Busan.



## The UNDP 2014 Human Development Report calls for collective effort and coordinated action at the global level

Persistent vulnerability threatens human development, and unless it is systematically tackled by specific policies and social norms, progress will be neither equitable nor sustainable. This is the central theme of the 2014 Human Development Report.



## Sustainable urbanization is key to successful development, UN World Urbanization Prospects Report

The UN reported that an additional 2.5 billion people are predicted to live in urban areas by 2050, highlighting the need for a successful urban planning agenda and greater attention to be given to smaller cities where nearly half of all people reside.



## Take part in the Sasakawa Award for Disaster Risk Reduction

The Sasakawa Award for Disaster Risk Reduction is now open for applications until the 31st October 2014. The award aims to recognise communities, individuals, local and national governments, civil society and private sector organizations, under the theme "Shaping the Future".

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### UCLG SECTION, MEMBERS & PARTNERS



## Local and Regional Governments have a specific goal on #UrbanSDG!

After a week of negotiations, the Open Working Group concluded its thirteenth session on Saturday 19th July and adopted a final proposal for the Sustainable Development Goals of the Post-2015 Agenda, which will be presented for consideration at the next United Nations General Assembly in September 2014.



## Jury of experts evaluates the proposals of the new METROPOLIS Initiatives

With the submission of 16 proposals from Agra, Barcelona, Berlin, Bogotá, Buenos Aires, Île-de-France (Paris), Johannesburg, Mexico City, Rosario, São Paulo State, Santiago de Chile and the Kreanta Foundation.



## European Commission launches 5th Access City Award competition

EU cities are invited to participate in the fifth edition of the Access City Award - The European Prize for making cities more accessible to people with disabilities and older people. The European Commission continues to encourage cities to present their activities and strategies designed to make cities barrier-free, better places to live for everyone.



## FMDV launches two new regional publications on Urban Financing

The Global Fund for Cities Development (FMDV) launches two new regional publications on Urban Financing within the framework of the global program REsolutions to Fund Cities. REsolutions Europe: Local innovations to finance cities and regions and REsolutions America Latina: Panorama and tools for financing urban development.



## Call for World Smart Cities Awards 2014

This pioneering initiative recognizes the most ambitious Smart City strategies, the most advanced projects and the most innovative initiatives around the world fostering the development of the Smart City concept. The aim of the award is to nurture the development of future cities thus enhancing quality of life, sustainability, innovation, creativity, competitiveness, and efficient management and administration.



## Outcome of CEMR's Policy Committee meeting in Łódź

Local and regional elected representatives and heads of national associations of municipalities and regions from all over Europe gathered in Łódź (Poland), on 23-24 June 2014, at the occasion of the meeting of the Policy Committee - CEMR's main governing body.



## Cities are key to international migration policy

The Barcelona Declaration, signed by representatives from cities and international organisations gathered in the Catalan capital, underlines the importance of local authorities in terms of integration for migrants, and calls for further recognition of this role. The Forum on Migration, Mobility and Development, which was held in Barcelona, ended with all the attendees accepting the 'Barcelona Declaration'.



## Roland Ries, sénateur-maire de Strasbourg, élu président de Cités Unies France

La 5ème édition du Forum de l'action internationale des collectivités fut une incontestable réussite : près de 1 500 participants, des délégations de plus de trente pays, une visite d'Annick Girardin, Secrétaire d'Etat chargée du Développement et de la Francophonie.

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### COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS



## Situation in the Middle East: Communiqué from UCLG Middle-East working group

As violence escalates in the Gaza strip and in Israel, United Cities and Local governments Middle-East working group shares its deep concerns over the growing number of deaths and injuries of civilians, including children and women, in the conflict.



## UN DCF Presentations & Summaries Made Available

“For those of you who were present in Berlin, at the DCF Germany Symposium, let me recall a particular moment when a mayor was so moved by what was being discussed on the panel, that while making her comments from the floor, she walked up to the podium and handed flyers to the panelists.



## Sustainable Development Goals: a place for culture in zero draft?

The Declaration on the inclusion of culture in the Sustainable Development Goals post-2015 has received endorsement from 120 countries, with 1,700 signatories, including more than 600 organizations. The Zero draft of SDGs will be presented to the United Nations on 14-18 July 2014 and then be submitted for debate at the General Assembly this autumn.



## Take part in the survey on Urban Governance

Under the coordination of LSE Cities, and with the collaboration of UN Habitat, the UCLG Decentralisation and Local Government Committee is launching a survey on Urban Governance. Initial results of this survey will inform the 2014 Urban Age Conference in Delhi, India which will bring together a wide range of policy makers.



## UCLG Champions state that the future is local and ask for more recognition of their role in development

The President of the UN Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Martin Sajdik, opened the UN Development Cooperation Forum in New York by calling for challenging interventions. He referred to the intervention made by UCLG Champion Célestine Ketcha Epse Courtès.



## Santa Cruz (Cape Verde) municipality upgrades a neighbourhood through a participatory process

The "Credits System" is an instrument that was created to implement the Participatory Consolidation Project, which was carried out, promoted and funded by the Pedra Badejo and Liebnitz Friendship Association in the Municipality of Santa Cruz, Cape Verde.



## The Committee on Decentralisation and Local Self-Government launches new website

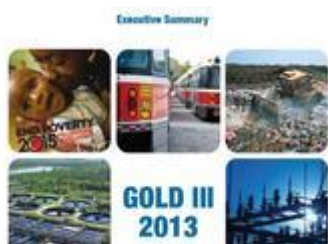
The UCLG Committee on Decentralisation and Local Self-Government introduces its new website [www.uclg-decentralisation.org](http://www.uclg-decentralisation.org), with a more interactive and dynamic interface. This new website aims to bring awareness on decentralisation and local autonomy.

### OUR BLOG



## Citizen participation as part of everyday life in the city of Canoas

In 2009, the current administration of Canoas began an innovative project within the city management department, based on transparency, citizen participation, social inclusion and the qualification of public services. The Popular and Citizen Participation System is a set of 13 projects that contribute to more decentralized, systemic and democratic management.



## Basic Services for all in an Urbanizing World: GOLD III, Book review

Basic Services for All in an Urbanizing World is the third instalment in United Cities and Local Government's (UCLG) flagship series of global reports on local democracy and decentralisation (GOLD III). In the context of rapid urbanisation, climate change and economic uncertainty the report is an impressive attempt.

### EVENTS

## Edinburgh International Culture Summit

August 10, 2014

## 7th International conference of Eurasia World Heritage Cities

August 24, 2014

## 6th UNAOC Global Forum

August 29, 2014

## Streets as Public Spaces and drivers of Urban Prosperity

September 01, 2014

## VI Cumbre de Gobernantes Regionales ORU/FOGAR

September 01, 2014

## UCLG ASPAC Congress 2014 'An Adaptive City-Embedding Design Into City Governance'

September 03, 2014

## VIII Congreso Latinoamericano de Ciudades y Gobiernos Locales “ExperienciaAmérica”

September 03, 2014

## International Day of Democracy 2014

September 15, 2014

## 2nd Annual International Conference on Sustainable Development Practice

September 17, 2014

## Habitat III Prepcom I

September 17, 2014

### PUBLICATIONS



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