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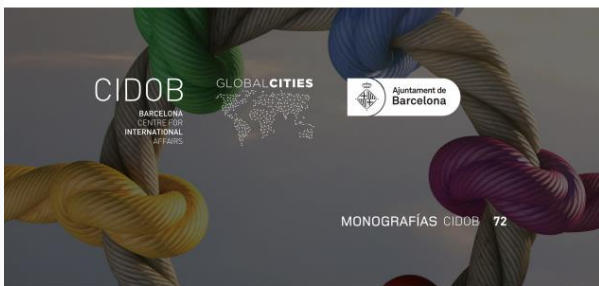
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## Rethinking the ecosystem of international city networks

Challenges and opportunities

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### Rethinking the ecosystem of international city networks. Challenges and opportunities

Cities have emerged as major players on the international scene in recent years. Yet, their ambition to project themselves internationally and to influence global agendas is not a new phenomenon. Cities have operated through organised networks for decades. The first international organisation of cities was the International Union of Local Authorities, created in 1913. Towards the end of the past century, the regional integration processes of the 1990s engendered a proliferation of city networks, especially in Europe but also in Latin America, Africa and Asia. In 2004, the founding of United Cities and Local Governments as a platform for international municipalism marked a turning point. Today city networks play a growing role in defining and implementing some of the main global agendas.

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- [Lightning competition: innovative initiatives and projects to implement the New Urban Agenda](#) (14th May 2019)
- [Mid-Term Evaluation of Accelerating Climate Action through the Promotion of Urban Low Emission Development Strategies \(URBAN-LEDS II\)](#) (Deadline: 15 May 2019)
- [National Consultant-\(Urban Nutrition Strategy Support\), Dhaka](#) (Deadline: 15 May 2019)
- [Mid-Term Evaluation of the Municipal Governance Support Programme \(MGSP\) |](#) (Deadline: 15 May 2019)
- [Invitation to a five day learning event for UN-Habitat staff and partners on Building drafting skills for improving the quality of urban legislation \(8 – 12 July, 2019\) – London, UK](#) (Deadline: 15 May 2019)
- [Project Coordinator, Urban Mobility, Kampala, Uganda](#) (Deadline: 23rd May 2019)
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- [Call For "Global Best Practice Programme For a Better 2030"](#) (Deadline: 30th May 2019)
- [Biophilic Cities: Call for Contributions](#) (Deadline: 31st May 2019)
- [IHS MSc in Urban Management and Development](#) (Deadline: 1st July 2019)

- [One Planet City Challenge](#) (Deadline: 7th July 2019)
- [Applications open for Executive Course on 'Urban-Metro Economy and Finance in a Global World'](#)

## Events



[The 10th Global Forum on Urban Resilience and Adaptation](#)  
(26th to 28th June 2019)

Resilient Cities – The Annual Global Forum on Urban Resilience and Adaptation – is hosted every year in Bonn. In 2010 ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, the World Mayors Council on Climate Change and the City of Bonn, Germany launched Resilient Cities, the first forum on cities and adaptation to climate change (in 2012 renamed as Global Forum on Urban Resilience and Adaptation)

- [Child In The City International Seminar](#) (May 20th to 21st, 2019)
- [International Transport Forum 2019](#) (May 22nd, 2019)
- [URBAN FUTURE Global Conference](#) (May 22nd to 24th, 2019)
- [Future Cities Summit 2019](#) (May 24th, 2019)
- [The First UN-Habitat Assembly](#) (27th to 31st May 2019)
- [UITP Global Public Transport Summit](#) (9th to 12th June 2019)
- [6th European Conference on Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans](#) (17th to 18th June 2019)
- [Climate Change Adaptation and Urban Resilience](#) (25th June 2019)
- [Velo-City 2019 'Cycling for the Ages'](#) (June 25th to 28th 2019)
- [The 10th Global Forum on Urban Resilience and Adaptation](#) (26th to 28th June 2019)
- [2019 Urban Resilience Summit](#) (8th to 11th July 2019)

- [International Conference on Canadian, Chinese and African Sustainable Urbanization \(ICCCASU\)](#) (11th to 15th July 2019)
- [EcoCity World Summit 2019](#) (7th to 11th October 2019)
- [16th International Conference on Urban Health](#) (4th to 8th November 2019)
- [The Tenth Session of the World Urban Forum](#) (2020)

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