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TOP STORY



Cities will lead global transformations

The international community has declared October 2014 the “urban” month; 31 days of reflection on the challenges, opportunities and future of urban issues – issues of vital importance to create a sustainable future in an increasingly urbanizing world. UCLG has decided to make the most of this urban month to influence the inclusion of an urban development goal (#urbanSDG) in the new development agenda.

MAIN STORIES



UCLG Celebrates Urban October

On the occasion of World Habitat Day 2014, UCLG calls upon its members to participate in the #urbanSDG Selfie Campaign, which will culminate on 31 October with the first #WorldCitiesDay. For the first time ever, this October, two important milestones in the urban calendar will coincide in the same month.



Thanks to supporters worldwide for taking action in Urban October!

On 31st October, which will see the celebration of the first #WorldCitiesDay and the end of Urban October, UCLG calls upon its members and partners to mobilize and raise awareness about the transformative potential of urbanization. Local and regional governments underline that rural-urban linkages, the engagement of cities and partnerships with citizens will be key for the success of a universal agenda.



Major city networks partner for a water-secure world

According to the United Nations World Health Organization, over half of the world’s population now lives in cities and this figure will continue to grow, especially in less developed regions. Therefore, delivering safe water and sanitation in cities will be key to securing sustainability for human, economic and environmental prosperity in the future.



Local and regional governments commit to partner with the urban poor to leave no one behind

On 17 October 2014, the world will come together to join the fight to end poverty – to “Leave no one behind: to think, decide, and act together against extreme poverty”. Local and Regional Governments will also add their voices to the campaign on the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.



The 'Barcelona Declaration' highlights the important role of local governments in international migration policies

The first Mayoral Forum on Migration, Mobility and Development, held in Barcelona on 19-20 June, agreed that migration is a rising phenomenon, in particular urban and cross-border migration. The meetings gave rise to the 'Barcelona Declaration',



Ban Ki-moon appoints Caroline Tohá as co-chair of the High-level Advisory Group on Sustainable Transport

On 8 August 2014, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon announced the members of a High-level Advisory Group on Sustainable Transport, which will provide recommendations on sustainable transport systems at global, national, local and sector levels.



Second Policy Forum on Development: a multi-stakeholder dialogue on development policies

The Policy Forum on Development (PFD) is a space for multi-stakeholder dialogue on EU and global development policies. It brings together senior officials from the European Commission, representatives of the European Parliament, European Member States and local and regional authorities.

UCLG SECTION, MEMBERS & PARTNERS



Outcomes of the 11th METROPOLIS World Congress

About three weeks ago, in Hyderabad, “Cities for All”, the 11th METROPOLIS World Congress, brought together over 1800 urban decision makers, government policy makers, city managers, town planners, urban practitioners, international NGOs, academics, public and private service companies city planners.



High Level Symposium: Promoting Regional Cooperation and Local Economic Development (South Asia)

The meeting aimed to share and exchange good practices on decentralization and Local Economic Development (LED) as well as to identify common regional priorities in the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) region.



Participate in the 2nd #GuangzhouAward Ceremony in November 2014

The UCLG Co-President and Mayor of Guangzhou, Chen Jianhua, will host the Guangzhou Award Ceremony on the occasion of the Guangzhou International Urban Innovation Conference, organized in conjunction with the 2014 China International Friendship Cities Conference, and in the framework of the UCLG World Council meetings.



CEMR president: "The respect for the principle of governance and the urban agenda deserve greater attention"

CEMR president, Annemarie Jorritsma, has told Agence Europe of her principal concerns on the cohesion policy, as reported to Commissioner for Regional Policy Johannes Hahn and Commission President José Durão Barroso during their meeting.



Enhancing Inclusive LED and Good Local Governance in ASEAN Economic Community 2015

Local economic development (LED) focuses on enhancing community well-being through improved productivity and competitiveness, and the promotion of inclusive economic growth. Small and Medium-Size Enterprises (SMEs) are the backbone of ASEAN economies



Turin communiqué highlights the essential role of local and regional governments in the implementation of the Post-2015 agenda

The Localization of the Post-2015 Agenda global consultation process culminated on the 14th and 15th October with a High Level Global dialogue in Turin attended by eighty representatives of national, regional and local governments, UN agencies, international institutions, civil society organizations (including women, youth, and slum dwellers).



Global High Level Dialogue on Localizing the Post-2015 agenda

This high-level meeting to be held in Turin on 14-15th of October 2014, marks the culmination of the consultation on 'Localizing the post-2015 Development Agenda', led by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), on behalf of UNDG, together with the Global Taskforce.



Global partnership call for multi-stakeholder partnerships case studies

The Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (Global Partnership) announces a call for Multi-stakeholder Partnerships Case Studies. Looking at work being done on the ground, submissions should explain how real projects and/or programs used development co-operation, as defined by the Busan principles.

COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS



Improving of development cooperation programmes main theme during CIB meeting in Cologne

36 participants from 23 local government associations and individual cities took part in the annual CIB meeting hosted by the German Cities Association. Participants shared their latest updates about programmes and projects.



UCLG Committee co-organises the International Meeting on the Right to the City

The Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) is pleased to invite you to the International Meeting on the Right to the City, which will take place from 12th to 14th November 2014 in São Paulo, Brazil.



UCLG Committee on Culture announces the results of the questionnaire on the new A21C

In the process of updating Agenda 21 for culture, in March 2014 the Committee on Culture of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) launched an online consultation questionnaire. In almost five months, until 31 July 2014, the questionnaire received 255 responses, of which 142 can be considered complete.

OUR BLOG



The Making of World City: London 1991 to 2012

I am delighted that Wiley Blackwell will publish my book about London's last 25 years in December 2014. Cities are a compelling phenomenon of the current era. The age of globalisation is also an age of globalising cities but the science of cities is only slowly emerging; there is limited understanding of how and why some cities succeed and others fail.



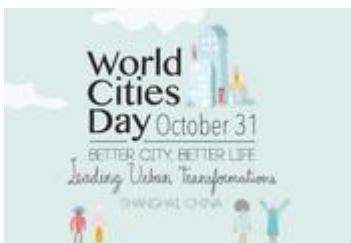
Inside the Guangzhou Award for urban innovation

Can an award system for distinctive city innovations go beyond capturing headlines for winners? Can it develop into an ongoing system of learning for cities around the world, inspiring new ways for them to deal with tough social, economic and environmental challenges?



How cities and digital influencers are paving the way for a global agenda on urban matters

In the following post, Pablo Chillón shares the results of his recent investigations into the attributes and characteristics of the lobby strategies developed by cities and the goals of city advocacy, as well as the extent of and insights into the global performance of true urban diplomacy by cities.



UN Puts Sustainable Urbanisation on the Map with World Cities Day

For the first time ever, the United Nations has declared 31 October "World Cities Day", recognising and highlighting the critical role that cities and smart urban planning have to play in sustainable development. To coincide with World Cities Day, UN Habitat and the Guardian also put out a call for the best existing urban ideas.

EVENTS

34ème Congrès des Maires Francophones

November 03, 2014

VIII Congreso Latinoamericano de Ciudades y Gobiernos Locales "ExperienciaAmérica"

November 05, 2014

Annual Global Partnership Workshop to Launch

November 06, 2014

Smart Local Governance meeting "The challenge of good governance in local administrations"

November 06, 2014

Culture Award

November 11, 2014

International Meeting on the Right to the City

November 12, 2014

1st steering committee World Summit on territorial action

November 12, 2014

IX Foro Iberoamericano de Gobiernos Locales

November 12, 2014

XIII Congreso Internacional de Ciudades Educadoras

November 13, 2014

Smart City Expo World Congress

November 18, 2014

Haikou 2014 - UCLG World Council

November 24, 2014

Guangzhou International Award for Urban Innovation 2014

November 24, 2014

2014 China International Friendship Cities Conference and Guangzhou International Urban Innovation Conference

November 27, 2014

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