



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



Local and Regional Governments stand up for an inclusive and sustainable agenda at the first PrepCom of Habitat III

A delegation of local and regional leaders of the Global Taskforce, facilitated by UCLG, which included over 40 elected representatives, met in New York on 15-18 September, on the occasion of the first Preparatory Committee meeting for the Habitat III Conference.

MAIN STORIES



High-Level Panel's open letter to the UN Secretary-General

With one year to go until the summit where heads of state and government will agree on a new global agenda for inclusive, sustainable development that will build on the Millennium Declaration and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the High-Level Panel (HLP) has presented an open letter to the UN Secretary-General.



Local and Regional Governments: The driving force behind the definition and implementation of the Habitat Agenda

CIlr Richard Kemp, Councillor for Liverpool City Council and Deputy Chair of the European & International Board of the Local Government Association (LGA), delivered the statement of Local and Regional Governments on behalf of the GTF.



Global mayors compact shows unity and ambition to tackle climate change

United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and UN Special Envoy for Cities and Climate Change Michael R. Bloomberg today announced the launch of a global Compact of Mayors, the world's largest effort for cities to fight climate change.



IT IS TIME TO LEAD: Mayors for Climate Action!

#Climate2014

UCLG and other prominent members of the Global Taskforce are ready for a very active participation in the Climate Summit. A delegation led by President Topbas, Mayor of Istanbul and including Co-President Hidalgo, Mayor of Paris as well as the Mayor of Bogotá, Seoul, Santiago and many others.



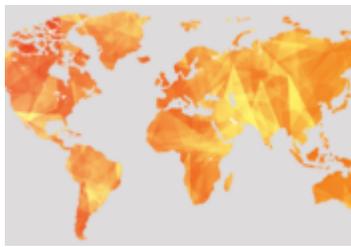
Catalyzing Action: Joint statement of Non-State actors' representatives

On the occasion of the Climate Summit taking place on 23 September 2014, organized by the Secretary General of the United Nations, Ban Ki-moon, a joint statement endorsed by member organizations from 8 of the 9 Major Groups and Constituencies recognized by the United Nations will be officially submitted to the Secretary General and addressed to all Member States.



Searching for the promised land of Public Space: The key to an equitable African city

The UCLG Committee on Urban Strategic Planning has just published a peer learning booklet titled: Searching for the promised land of Public Space: The key to an equitable African city, conducted in partnership with UN-Habitat, UCLG Africa, CoGTA and the Municipality of eThekweni (Durban).



How to effectively implement the Sustainable Development Goals after 2015: #DevCoopLive Twitter Chat

On Friday 19 September UCLG's Secretary General, Josep Roig, participated in the Twitter Chat hosted by the Global Partnership for Effective Co-operation (@devcooperation).



Local governments and civil society organizations: experiences of joint work for local development

On 25th and 26th September, UCLG participated in the 1st Forum on Municipal Cooperation from the European Union, which took place in Palma, Mallorca. The Forum was organized by the Majorcan Fund for Solidarity and Cooperation, in association with the Menorcan Fund for Cooperation and the Eivissa and Formenteran Fund for Cooperation.



No Local Democracy without the Full Involvement of Young People!

On 15 September, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) and its members will celebrate the International Day of Democracy. This year's theme – Engaging Young People on Democracy – highlights the challenges and opportunities of young people engaging in democratic processes.



UCLG participates in the 6th World Regional Governments Summit in Colombia

The 6th World Regional Governments Summit, which took place in Cartagena de las Indias, Colombia, within the framework of the General Assembly of the Organization of Regions United-Forum of Regional Governments and Global Associations of Regions (ORU-FOGAR).

UCLG SECTION, MEMBERS & PARTNERS



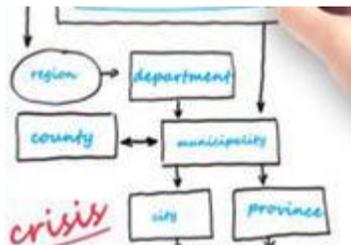
7th International Conference of Eurasia World Heritage Cities

The 7th International Conference of Eurasia World Heritage Cities on "Protection and use of historical and cultural heritage in the Eurasian space" was held in the city of Aktau.



UCLG-ASPAC Elect New Presidency in Taipei Congress

The 5th UCLG-ASPAC Congress took place on 3-6 September 2014 in Taipei and marked the transition between the incoming and outgoing Presidents. The Congress was opened by Mayor Lung-Bin Hau of Taipei and outgoing UCLG ASPAC President Syed Muhammad Asghar Shah Gillani from the Local Councils Association of the Punjab (LCAP) of Pakistan.



“Simplification of local administration in Europe: levels and dimensions” conference

The Observatory on Local Autonomy (OLA), together with the CEMR, welcome you to a conference on the impact of the economic crisis on the administrative organisation in Europe, and in particular on the rationalisation process of means and resources affecting local and regional levels.



15 finalists for 2nd Guangzhou Award announced

The Organizing Committee of the Guangzhou International Award for Urban Innovation (Guangzhou Award) released the names of the 15 shortlisted initiatives for the 2nd edition of the Award at a press conference on 28 September.



The Taipei City Government won the Citizens Choice Award at the City Climate Leadership Awards

The Taipei City Government won the Citizen's Choice Award for its “Clean Air — It's Your Move” initiative at the C40 and Siemens City Climate Leadership Awards ceremony in New York on Sept. 22



IOPD Distinction Best Practice in Citizen Participation

The IOPD Distinction Best Practice in Citizen Participation seeks to recognize innovative experiences in the field of participatory democracy, coordinated by local governments, which may be susceptible to reply. Local government's members of the IOPD can be submitted to this distinction, which is awarded annually as part of the Conference of the IOPD.

COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS



Urban-rural policies fundamental for local economic development

The UCLG Working Groups on Local Economic Development and Intermediary Cities and the municipality of Chefchaouen held a learning exchange in Morocco between 24 - 27 September, which focused on the issues of local economic development and decent work in intermediary cities.



The Inclusive Cities Observatory: Belo Horizonte implements a programme to upgrade the Sierra favela

The Inclusive Cities Observatory is a space for analysis and reflection on local social inclusion policies managed by the Committee on Social Inclusion of UCLG. Among these case studies, the Committee presents a study based on the rehabilitation.



“SMART LOCAL GOVERNANCE: The challenge of good governance in local administrations”

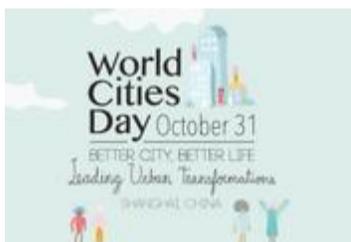
With the aim of boosting the exchange of knowledge and collaboration between cities, and most of all, to focus the work developed by the UCLG Committee on Digital and Knowledge-based Cities, it is scheduled the organization thematic and operative working meetings.



Take part in the 5th Edition of the Decentralisation and Local Governance Online Course

The UCLG Decentralisation and Local Self-Government Committee, in collaboration with Goberna, Escuela de Política y Alto Gobierno del Instituto Universitario de Investigación Ortega y Gasset are offering the fifth online Course on Decentralisation and Local Governance, which will be held from 25 September to 21 December 2014.

OUR BLOG



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.



How women in Malawi are turning waste into wealth

Baziwell is one of the pioneers of a movement started several years ago to improve the urban environment in this unplanned settlement on the edge of Malawi's capital. Lilongwe city authorities have long neglected waste collection in poor areas like this.



Climate Summit boost for resilient cities

This week's UN Climate Summit has generated commitments to raise \$2 billion of in-kind and direct support for cities threatened by extreme weather events fuelled by climate change.



Local priorities to achieve effective development

Célestine Ketcha Epse Courtés, Mayor of Bagangté Municipality (Cameroon) thinks that it is crucial to take local priorities as the starting point for development co-operation. She developed a project to provide drinking water to my citizens. With support from the International Association of Francophone Mayors.

EVENTS

II semana del municipalismo iberoamericano: Economía y desarrollo local sostenible

October 05, 2014

11th World Congress of Metropolis

October 06, 2014

OPEN DAYS 2014: Growing together - Smart investment for people

October 06, 2014

World Habitat Day 2014

October 06, 2014

World Summit of Regions for Climate

October 10, 2014

Biodiversity Summit for cities & Subnational Governments 2014

October 12, 2014

International Day for Disaster Reduction 2014

October 13, 2014

High Level Global Dialogue on Localizing the post-2015 Development Agenda

October 14, 2014

Urban Thinkers Campus - The city we Need

October 15, 2014

Global Mayors Forum 2014

October 16, 2014

6th Planning Africa Conference 'Making great places'

October 19, 2014

Forum of the Mediterranean Cities

October 25, 2014

“Simplification of local administration in Europe: levels and dimensions” conference

October 30, 2014

World Cities Day

October 31, 2014

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