



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 participation #Habitat III Prepcom I

The first Preparatory Committee (Prepcom I) of Habitat III, the Third United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development, will be taking place in New York on 17-18 September, including pre-meetings on 15-16 September.

MAIN STORIES



Urban-Rural Policies for Economic Development

UCLG and the city of Chefchaouen will celebrate a learning exchange in Northern Africa from the 24 - 27th of September on the issue of Local Economic Development (LED) and Decent Work in Cultural Economies of Intermediary Cities. Under the leadership of the Mayor of Chefchaouen, Morocco.



Culture as a priority for cities, regional and local governments

The process to elaborate the new Agenda 21 for culture was initiated by the Committee on Culture in 2013 through subsequent debates in Lille-Métropole, Buenos Aires and Rabat, and will continue in 2014, with meetings, seminars, articles, questionnaires and visits to pilot cities.

UCLG World Council:

24-26 November 2014, Haikou, China



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.

UCLG SECTION, MEMBERS & PARTNERS



Localizing consultation enters final phase

Over 4,000 people have already participated in the consultation on 'Localizing the Post-2015 Agenda', since its launch in May 2014. The consultation, co-led by the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments, UN-Habitat and UNDP, aims to identify lessons learned from the MDGs and current best practices related to how to implement the new Sustainable Development Goals at local level.



Argentina: Santa Fe Province promotes sustainable urban planning in its Intermediary Cities

In Argentina, like in many countries in Latin America, medium-sized cities have suffered sustained demographic growth accompanied by disorganized processes of urbanization. The Government of the Province of Santa Fe took this as a challenge. As part of its Provincial Strategic Plan.



Delegation from Durban goes to São Paulo for workshop on informal settlements upgrading

Between last July 28 and 30, a delegation composed of political representatives and technicians of the eThekweni Municipality, as well as of representatives from the academia and civil society of Durban, visited the Housing Secretariat of the City of São Paulo (SEHAB).



The 2nd Guangzhou Award Ceremony will be Held in November 2014 in Guangzhou, China

The 2nd Guangzhou International Award for Urban Innovation (hereinafter referred to as "Guangzhou Award"), the 2014 China International Friendship Cities Conference and the 2nd Guangzhou International Urban Innovation Conference are scheduled.



Franco-Turkish decentralized cooperation regarding sustainable cities

UCLG-MEWA and Cités Unies France (CUF) will organize a side event meeting for Franco-Turkish decentralized cooperation on the UCLG-MEWA premises within the framework of the Vivapolis Symposium, to be held in Istanbul on 23-24 September 2014. This symposium aims to present expertise in sustainable cities. The meeting is organized by UBIFRANCE.



AL-LAS Project technical visit stimulates international cooperation between cities

In one of many initiatives of the AL-LAS Project to encourage decentralised international cooperation, notably between Latin American and European cities, a technical visit proved a positive step forward for several local government representatives in ensuring cooperation between their cities.



Contribute to the European Commission's public consultation

While 72 % of the total EU population live in cities, towns and suburbs, this proportion is likely to reach more than 80% by 2050, giving rise to numerous social, environmental and democratic challenges. In this context, the European Commission is planning to strengthen the urban dimension of its policies by introducing a European Urban Agenda.

COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS



The Inclusive Cities Observatory: A successful Participatory Rehabilitation Process in Al Darb al-Ahmar, El Cairo

Al-Darb al-Ahmar is an historic district in Cairo, and its 100,000 inhabitants are among the poorest. While featuring rich concentration of Islamic monuments, Al-Darb al-Ahmar suffers from a lack of adequate infrastructure and services, as a baseline survey revealed in 2003.

OUR BLOG



International Seminar: "Urban policy in cities of Mozambique"

The international seminar on "Urban policies in cities of Mozambique" was held in the University Lúrio FAPF (Faculty of Architecture and planning) in Nampula, Mozambique, from 11 to 14 August, 2014. Around 80 municipal technicians, local governments and academia representatives, gathered on this occasion.



Finding a place for cities in the UN's "Sustainable Development Goals"

UCLG and its members are advocating for Sustainable Development Goals that take local and regional priorities into account, in particular in the light of rapid urbanization faced in many regions of the world. The Campaign for an Urban SDG was launched because the dynamism of cities represents a major sustainable development opportunity and a dedicated and stand-alone urban SDG is essential.

EVENTS

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

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

Climate Summit 2014

September 23, 2014

Workshop of rural urban policies for economic development

September 24, 2014

Franco-Turkish decentralized cooperation side-event meeting

September 24, 2014

CIB Working Group Meeting

September 29, 2014

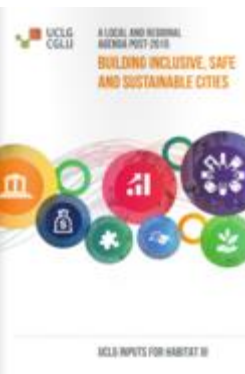
Meeting of the Committee on Culture

September 29, 2014

Policy Forum on Development at the Committee of the Regions

October 01, 2014

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