# ACTIVITY REPORT
## July - September 2015

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World Association of the Major Metropolises
Asociación Mundial de las Grandes Metrópolis
Association mondiale des grandes métropoles

METROPOLIS Secretariat-General | Barcelona

## 1. METROPOLIS MEMBERS

**Metropolis Members**
Metropolis currently has  141 members.

**2015 fees situation**
At 30 of September 2015, 63 members had paid their fees, for a total amount of €
482.909

We remind all our member cities that they must be up **to date with the payment of their annual fees to the Association**.

Thanks to these annual fees, Metropolis can maintain as well as enhance its activities and services delivered to member cities.

 A reminder letter was sent late June to all members who, by that date, had not paid their annual fees

## 2.  METROPOLIS TRAINING INSTITUTE

### 2.1. E-Government Training Program for Foreign City Officials. SEOUL

The Seoul Human Resource Development Center (SHRDC), which hosts the headquarters of Metropolis International Training Institute (MITI), has successfully conducted "the e-Government Training Program for Foreign City Officials" from August 19 to August 26, 2015.

 With 12 participants from Sao Paulo (Brazil), Guangzhou (China), Wuhan (China), Pelileo (Ecuador), Quito (Ecuador), Shiraz (Iran), Jakarta (Indonesia), Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia), Warsaw (Poland), Ulyanovsk (Russia), Doha (Qatar), the program shared best cases of e-Government initiated by Seoul Metropolitan Government (SMG).

 During the program, participants had an opportunity to learn more about Seoul's innovative and best practices in e-Government as well as to network with IT-professionals, researchers and other city officials. Lectures on several e-Government related subjects were delivered:  e-Government initiatives of Seoul, a smart city and e-

Government in Korea, the use of IT in Seoul's Traffic Management, e-Government administrative reforms, and Big Data Innovation. Also, cultural tours and technical visits to Seoul's e-Government facilities, such as the Seoul Transport Operation & Information Service (TOPIS), and other related site visits were included in the program.

More info at: http://www.metropolis.org/agenda/training-seminar-e-government-seoul

**2.2. The learning agenda 2016 for local governments is being defined in Barcelona**

Metropolis, as metropolitan section of UCLG and as active member in **City to City** learning among its community, is participating today and tomorrow at a strategic meeting on learning organized by UCLG in its Head Quarters in Barcelona. The association has been represented by Secretary General, Felip Roca, the Coordinator of the Metropolis International Training Institute (MITI), Agnès Bickart and the Advisor to Secretary General, Sunil Dubey.

The main goals pursued are to stablish the criteria to identify and implement learning activities for the benefit of the UCLG and Metropolis member cities and build the UCLG Learning Agenda for 2016.

Many other active members in **City to City** learning are present in the meeting:
• CIB group: VNG, FMC
• SALGA
• FNP
• AI LAS, México
• MILE, Durban
• Diputación Barcelona
• ASPAC
• Committee on Culture
• UCLG World Secretariat

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## 3. METROPOLIS WOMEN NETWORK

**Metropolis Women International Network adds more antennas**

Since the latest Board of Directors Annual Meeting held in Buenos Aires in May, the Metropolis Women International Network has gained three new antennas and currently has a total of eighteen.

Bogota, Quito and Caracas have all joined the network thanks to the great work and dedication of the Vice-presidency for Latin America, currently held by the city of Buenos Aires.

The Network is currently working to develop regional themed agendas as well as a position paper on large cities and women. In parallel, it is also working to implement gender mainstreaming in all of the association's activities and areas, as well as in preparing the agenda for Habitat III. In this regard, Vice-president for Latin America Marina Klemensiewicz represented the Women International Network at the "Cities for Life" forum on 31 August and 1 September in Medellin, where she met Gloria Uribe from the Municipality of Medellin.

We would like to take advantage of this opportunity to congratulate and thank Francina Vila for all her work as president of the Network over the past years. Her brief but intense time in this position has been key in taking the Women International Network to the next level, becoming a full member of the association's Board of Directors for the first time in 10 years.

We want to thank Francina Vila for her commitment to our association and wish her all the best in her new adventure.

## 4. PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

**4.1. On June 29th and 30th 2015, the Uraía Platform organized its first capacity building activity in Oslo, Norway, on "Public-Private Partnerships Negotiation for SMART City Management".**

More than 35 representatives from local governments and their associations, private sector, research centers, civil society and international organizations from Europe, Africa, Latin America and Asia, participated in the first Capacity-building Workshop of the Uraía Platform on Public-Private Partnerships Negotiation for SMART City Management in Oslo on June 29 and 30 organized in partnership between FMDV and UN-Habitat.

Metropolis, as the World Association of Major Metropolises, was invited to present its experience in the field of application of new technologies to improve urban management through one of its 13 initiatives: "Smart, sustainable and inclusive slum development". Renu Khosla, Director at CURE (Center for Urban and Regional Excellence), was in charge of presenting the project that is leading the Indian city of Agra and is developing a new interface on mobile phones to instigate public participation in slum communities.

During the two-day Workshop - including a field visit to Oslo's SMART City initiatives, panel discussions, round tables and informal discussions -, the participants shared their experiences and knowledge on negotiating and implementing Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) in the field of SMART technologies for improving public services. The representative from the City of Porto Alegre (Brazil), for example, shared its Open Data policy called "Data PoA". The representative from the Municipality of Kinondoni, Tanzania, shared its program to collect taxes through a mobile phone application. The City of Johannesburg, South Africa, spoke about its experience of establishing a PPP contract in public lightning. Representatives from the private sector as Veolia or Change Tomorrow presented their work with local governments. Representatives from institutions such as Nomadéis, OCDE or Instituto Superiore Mario Boella, gave

specific recommendations on how local governments should implement PPPs for SMART management. Some of these recommendations are: the careful evaluation of the local government's capacities; a balanced distribution of risks and potential benefits between city administrations, the private stakeholder and citizens; the careful examination of the business partner, and the adaptation of PPP frameworks to technological innovations in fast-changing contexts.

The Workshop highlighted common concerns and shared difficulties, the need for fostering experience exchange and dialogue between the private and public sector as well as among cities that often face similar problems and challenges in the negotiation of PPPs and in the provision of public services. The informal, participatory and inclusive format of the Workshop allowed for engaging discussions and an in-depth analysis of the needs of local governments in the process of establishing and implementing PPPs involving SMART technologies.

The discussions of the Workshop will inform a set of Guidelines aiming at supporting local governments in their negotiation of contracts with the private sector for the implementation of SMART technologies applied to municipal management. It should establish a roadmap with main steps to prepare and negotiate a PPP contract, keys elements of success, main risks and difficulties encountered and mistakes to avoid.

For more information: http://www.uraia.org/activities/service/capacity-building-activities

## 4.2. Metropolis gives support to Golden Adobe Award ad consolidates its engagement with Iranian cities

The **Fifth Executive Board Meeting of Asian Mayors Forum** was successfully held from 29th August to 1st September 2015 in the cities of **Tehran and Qazvin**, Iran. The event gathered many member cities of Metropolis such as Tehran, Mashhad, Isfahan, Shiraz and Karaj, to mention a few. More than 300 participants from Asian cities and international organizations participated. In addition, three technical parallel sessions were conducted simultaneously on the following topics: Sustainable Urban Transportation, Culture and Economy of Urban Tourism ,and the Cultural Committee of UCLG-MEWA.

Metropolis International Manager Agnès Bickart represented the Secretary General in this event which was a unique opportunity for Metropolis to strenghten its relations with Iranian cities and alert on the Global agenda for urban development toward COP21 and Habitat III. Official meetings with Honorable Mayor Ghalibaf, the Head of Tehran Municipality Communications and International Affairs Mr Gilabadi, Mr Mozafari Communications & International Affairs Center Vice President, and Deputy Mayor Mr Hashemi were held on this occasion.  Metropolis also met with the former Mayor of Mashhad Mr Pezhman, new head of Mashhad office for International matters Mr Sharbatdar and Director of International Cooperation Office at Mashhad Municipality (ISCO) Mr. Isfahanizadeh.

Metropolis confirmed its support to the **Tehran Golden Adobe Award** and Secretary General Felip Roca will be guest of honor at the 2nd Edition to be held October 31, 2015, in Tehran.

## 4.3. Local and regional government networks at the Post-2015 Summit.

As a member of the Global Taskforce for Local Governments towards Habitat III, Metropolis traveled to New York in the framework of the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit held from the 25 to the 27 September 2015.
The Mayor of Johannesburg and co-president of Metropolis who was ratified by the Board of Director in Buenos Aires to lobby internationally for the supporting access to basic services and social inclusion, traveled to New York to represent Metropolis network and enrich the discourse around the SDGs and the New urban agenda.
Mpho Parks Tau participated to the side-event co-hosted by UNCDF, the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), the Government of Uganda on the margins of the 70th UN General Assembly to identify innovative models which can strengthen the capacity, governance, service delivery, and financial ability of local governments to

meet the SDGs. Parks Tau mentioned that "in Johannesburg we are used to implement Innovative financing solutions".  In addition, **Mr. Khalifa Sall**, Mayor of Dakar and president of UCLGA highlighted "the importance that global goals are now done with local governments".

On the top of that, the Global Taskforce made a joint declaration to mark the summit for the adoption of the Post-2015 Agenda, entitled**:** "All SDGs are Local: Towards an Action Agenda in Habitat III".

In the declaration, **local and regional leaders commit to playing their part in the success of the Post-2015 Agenda** and call **for a new global governance system** within a revitalized UN system. The declaration proposes greater participation in the UN for all stakeholders, and demands recognition of the unique democratic legitimacy of local governments in particular.

The declaration also celebrates the inclusion of **SDG 11** on sustainable cities but it also highlights out the need for the 'localization' of all of the 17 SDGs.

## 5. NEW ON THE CO-PRESIDENCY OF METROPOLIS

On 23 July, Ada Colau, the Mayor of Barcelona, was named President of the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona (AMB) for the 2015-2019 term of office by the Metropolitan Council, consisting of 36 mayors. Colau is the first woman president of the AMB. A week later, the Extraordinary Metropolitan Council approved the appointment of representatives on the various bodies of the AMB, among them the appointment of Ada Colau as its representative at the Metropolis General Assembly.

The AMB holds one of the six co-presidencies on the Metropolis Board of Directors and plays an important part in the life of the association as it was a founder member of Metropolis.

We would like to thank Xavier Trias for his work over the years he presided over the AMB and would like to congratulate Ada Colau and wish her every success as she assumes her new responsibilities.

# 6. VISITS TO THE METROPOLIS SECRETARIAT GENERAL

## Barcelona Mayor Visits Metropolis

The Metropolis Secretariat-General yesterday welcomed the visit of Barcelona Mayor and President of the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona, Ada Colau, together with Senior Deputy Mayor Gerardo Pisarello and Barcelona City Council's International Relations Director, Pablo Sánchez. The mayor and her team met with the outgoing Secretary-General Alan Le Saux, due to step down on 30 September, and the incoming Secretary-General, Felip Roca, who will take up his position on 1 October.

The visit was an opportunity for the new municipal government to learn more about the Association's strategic areas. Ada Colau, who is also the co-president of Metropolis, was very interested in the objectives and opportunities her new responsibility in the Association will afford. Metropolis President Jean-Paul Huchon has extended an invitation to visit him in Paris in the near future.

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## 7. INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR 2015-2016

Updated International Calendar here

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### SEPTEMBER 2015

| 10-11 | ● | METROPOLIS PROGRAMMES | Rio de Janeiro | Participación de la Iniciativa Gestión social del Habitat en el Congreso Ciudades y transporte |
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| 16-24 | ● | METROPOLIS PROGRAMMES | Seoul, Republic of Korea | TRAINING. Urban transportation |
| 15-28 | | | New York, United States | 70th Session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA 70) |
| 20-23 | | | Bogotá, Colombia | Bogotá Climate Change Summit 2015. ICLEI |
| 24 | | | | Local Governments Day |
| 25-27 | | | New York, United States | UN Summit for the Adoption of the Post-2015 Development Agenda |

### OCTOBER 2015

| 6-7 | | | Montreal, Canada | Montreal Thematic meeting on metropolitan areas towards Habitat III |
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| 13-16 | | | Turin, Italy | Third World Forum on Economic and Local Development |
| 21-23 | | | Richmond, CA, United States | Meeting of the Minds 2015 |
| 27-28 | ● | METROPOLIS PROGRAMMES | Paris, France | WORKSHOP. Sustainable Airport Areas Initiative |
| Dates TBC | ● | METROPOLIS PROGRAMMES | Cairo, Egypt | TRAINING. Challenges of Relocation of Informal Areas and Sustainable Projects |
| 31st Oct | | | Tehran, Iran | 2nd Edition Golden Adobe Award Tehran & World Cities Day |

### NOVEMBER 2015

| 2-6 Only by invitation | ● | METROPOLIS PROGRAMMES | Guangzhou, China | TRAINING. Thought Leaders: Learning from Urban Innovation |
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| 3-6 | | | Mexico, DF | 5th International Conference on Crime Observation and Criminal Analysis |

| 17-19 | | | Barcelona, Spain | Smart City Expo World Congress |
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| 22-29 | ● | METROPOLIS PROGRAMMES | Seoul, Republic of Korea | TRAINING. Water Management |
| 23-24 | | | Guadalajara, Mexico | Foro Internacional de Innovación y Gobernanza Metropolitana |
| 23.24 | ● | METROPOLIS PROGRAMMES | Berlin, Germany | CLIMATE METROPOLE + Initiative |
| 26-27 | ● | METROPOLIS PROGRAMMES | Mexico City | TRAINING  Seminar on Urban Renewal |
| 29-3 Dec | | | Johannesburg, South Africa | Africités Summit 2015 |
| 30-1 Dec | ● | METROPOLIS PROGRAMMES | Sao Paulo, Brazil | WORKSHOP. Capacity development for metropolitan projects. |

**DECEMBER 2015**

| 30 Nov-11 | | Le Bourget, France | 2015 Paris Climate Conference (COP 21) |
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| 4-7 | | Paris, France | UCLG World Council<br>METROPOLIS Extraordinary Board of Directors (DATE TBC)<br>1000 Mayor's Summit on Climate Change |
| 15-18 | ● | Delhi and Agra, India | WORKSHOP Bridging the Disconnected: Smart Sustainable & Inclusive Slum Development Initiative |
| 25-26 | ● | Mashhad, Iran | WEBINAR TRAINING. Introduction to Data Science and Big data Management |

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| 15-18 | ● | METROPOLIS PROGRAMMES | Delhi and Agra, India |
| 25-26 | ● | METROPOLIS PROGRAMMES | Mashhad, Iran |

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| Date TBC | ● | METROPOLIS PROGRAMMES | Bogotá, Colombia | Fourth World Forum: Dynamic Cities Need Women |
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**MARCH 2016**

| 8-11 | ● | METROPOLIS PROGRAMMES | Mexico DF, Mexico | PrepCity Task force Meeting 1- Towards Habitat III |
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| 9-11 | ● | METROPOLIS PROGRAMMES | Mexico DF, Mexico | Towards Habitat III Conference "Financing urban development: the challenge of the millennium" |

## APRIL 2016

| 14-16 | | Bombay, India | BRICS Partner Cities Conclave 2016 |
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| 20-22 | | To be confirmed | CCRE/CEMR Congress |

## MAY 2016

| 11-12 | | | Istanbul, Turkey | World Humanitarian Summit |
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| Date TBC | ● | METROPOLIS PROGRAMMES | Berlin, Germany | PrepCity Task Force Meeting  2 – Towards Habitat III |

## JUNE 2016

| Date TBC | | Kazan, Russia | UCLG Executive Bureau |
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| Date TBC | | Gaziantep,  Turkey | Asian Mayors Forum Executive Board |

## JULY 2016

| 25-27 | | Jakarta, Indonesia | PrepCom III Habitat III |
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## SEPTEMBER 2016

| 7-10 | | Jeollabuk-do, Republic of Korea | 6th UCLG ASPAC Congress |
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| 7-9 | | Montréal, Canada | World Forum on Social Economy |

## OCTOBER 2016

| 12-15 | | Bogotá, Colombia | 5th UCLG World Congress 2nd World Assembly of Local and Regional Governments |
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| 17-20 | | Quito, Ecuador | Habitat III |

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