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NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL

The past three months served for us start making more visible the results of the past internal exercises that have defined our mission, vision and action lines. Most noticeably, we began to broaden the use of the hashtag #MetroGovernance. Applied to every communication material of Metropolis, this is a symbol of the intent to position our association as the focal point of expertise on metropolitan governance.

By this, we do not mean to coin an academic definition of metropolitan governance, but to encourage frank discussions about the variety of coordination models among different actors responsible for the government of metropolitan spaces, where jurisdictions do not necessarily correspond to urbanization processes.

This variety is observed in the institutional diversity of our membership: among our 137 members, we count on metropolitan governments, municipalities of major cities, sectoral metropolitan agencies, as well as regional and provincial governments. The sentence "Metropolis does not exist without its members", which opens our new promotional video, makes it clear that our members have a leading role in our narrative.

My commitment as Secretary General is to foster a coherent communication among our members, which strengthens the shared sense of belonging to a group of major cities that act beyond their borders, and to facilitate the dialogue with all stakeholders that are dealing with metropolitan issues. I trust that we are shaping the contemporary identity of our association, and the roles we can play in the context of global networks of local and regional governments. I hope you stay tuned for the novelties ahead.



Octavi de la Varga
Metropolis Secretary General

ACTIVITIES

Action Line 1 (L1)

Conducting effective urban diplomacy and advocacy on metropolitan issues

Action Line 2 (L2)

Strengthening capacities for metropolitan governance

Action Line 3 (L3)

Developing a strong, consultative and sustainable internal governance culture

Workshop of the World Observatory on Subnational Government Finances and Investment

Barcelona, 4-5 April

Related outcomes
L1M7D2

The World Observatory on Subnational Government Finances and Investment is a multi-stakeholder initiative led by the OECD and UCLG dedicated to collecting comparable data and information on territorial organisation and subnational finance from over 100 countries and to support decision-making of national and subnational governments around the world.

Metropolis participated in the Methodological Workshop organised in Barcelona because our association is member of the Steering Committee of the World Observatory. The workshop focused on the database and the methodology to collect the data on subnational government structure and finance in order to update country fact sheets while number of countries and indicators will be enlarged.

High-level Policy Dialogue on Municipal Finance

Málaga, 9 April

Related outcomes
L1M1D3

UCLG, together with the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) and the City Council of Malaga, convened a High-level Policy Dialogue on Municipal Finance. The Metropolis Secretary General attended the event and joined mayors and representatives of local government networks, national ministries, development banks, and commercial banks in discussions about the importance of financial mechanisms for local governments to implement the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The dialogue led to the conclusion that a paradigm shift is required to make municipal finance become a central aspect in the implementation of the SDGs. For this shift to happen, thus, not only policy reforms are required, but also innovative methods and actions to expand financial tools and provide direct access to capital by local governments.

Activated members
La Paz



Open government and transparency: trends for local governments worldwide

Madrid, 12 April

Related outcomes
L1M7D2

Activated members
Madrid

Lia Brum, Content Curator and Focal Point for Europe and Latin America, took part in the first meeting of the UCLG Community of Practice on Transparency and Open Government. The main objective of this group, which is led by the Spanish Federation of Municipalities and Provinces (FEMP), is to be an awareness-raising and support platform for exchanging local experiences that can generate knowledge transfer in different contexts around the

world, foster capacity building on open governance and public integrity at the local level and generate collaborative partnerships. Lia seized the trip to visit the Citizen Participation, Transparency and Open Government department of the Madrid City Council, which is collaborating with the Municipality of Córdoba in the proposal of a new Metropolis pilot project about this theme.

Metropolis becomes a 'knowledge partner' for Casa Asia

Barcelona, 16 April

Related outcomes
**L1M6D2,
L3M6D1,
L3M6D2**

Metropolis and Casa Asia signed a collaboration agreement that sets out the details of our association's involvement in the programmes and activities carried out by Casa Asia with Asian metropolises. As a

knowledge partner, Metropolis will now be a key player in the Asia Innova technological cooperation programme, which this year will focus on innovative urban management in Asia and Europe

Metropolis Annual Meeting 2018: Preparatory visit to Gauteng

Johannesburg, Gauteng, 7-11 May

Related outcomes
**L1M2D2,
L1M3D3,
L1M8D2,
L2M9D1**

Activated members
Gauteng

The Metropolis Secretariat General staff held meetings at the Gauteng Provincial Government to finalize the arrangements of our 2018 Annual Meeting, which is taking place next August 26 to 29 in the city of Johannesburg. The Head of Administration and Finance, and the Senior Manager for Institutional relations & Asia portfolio travelled to Gauteng to discuss the final program and operations of the major event of the year for our association, which will have the theme "Inclusive Metropolitan Cities and City-Regions".



2018 Innovation Forum for Mayors of International sister cities of Chengdu

Chengdu, 18-19 May

Under the framework of Chengdu Global Innovation and Entrepreneurship Fair (GIEF), this Mayor's Forum was an important platform for dialogues and cooperation discussions between Chengdu, its sister cities and friend cities. As key city to city cooperation's organization, Metropolis was invited to participate. Themed as "New Economy, New Driving Force and New Development", this year's forum intended to analyze opportunities and challenges brought by New Economy from three dimensions: Economy and Industry, Community & Daily Life and City

Governance, via a round table meeting, keynote speeches and site investigation. Metropolis has marked its presence with the representation of four member cities namely: Chengdu, Colombo, Busan and Toronto. The Senior Manager for Institutional Relations presented Metropolis and seized this unique opportunity to meet with the new mayor of Chengdu and the technical team. Member of Metropolis Board of Directors, Chengdu has committed itself to become more active in our association by way of knowledge exchanges and joint activities.

Related outcomes

L1M1D1,
L1M1D3,
L2M8D1,
L2M10D2

Activated members

Busan, Chengdu, Colombo,
Toronto

Post-Habitat III international congress

Barcelona, 22-24 May

The Post-Habitat III international congress, organized by the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona (AMB), was held in Barcelona and aimed to share the proposal of Barcelona for the New Urban Agenda (NUA) and the experiences of experts and other metropolitan governments. Our membership was represented in the congress through the participation of six of our members in different round tables, giving varied examples of metropolitan

governance around the world. The Secretary General of Metropolis was also present as a speaker at one of the sessions.

Related outcomes

L1M1D3,
L1M2D2

Activated members

Barcelona (metropolitan area),
Bamako, Jakarta, Mexico City,
Nouakchott, Santiago de Chile,
Seoul



4th Smart Cities India Expo

New Delhi, 23-25 May

Related outcomes

**L1M1D3, L1M5D1,
L2M8D1, L3M2D1,
L3M4D2, L3M6D4**

This year, Metropolis collaborated once more with Smart Cities India Expo, one of the largest urban events in the country, as one of its global institutional partners. A delegation from the Secretariat General travelled to New Delhi to organize three side-events of the 4th Smart Cities India 2018, where we also counted on the active participation of five of our members. A wide range of sessions was related to the

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and the participation of Metropolis was mostly linked to SDGs 9, 11 and 17.

Activated members

**Bangalore, Bhopal, Kolkata,
New Delhi – NIUA, Tijuana**

4th Smart Cities India Expo: Metropolitan strategies to achieve safe cities for women and girls

New Delhi, 23 May

Related outcomes

L1M1D3, L1M3D2

Metropolis organized the side-event “Metropolitan strategies to achieve Safe Cities for Women and Girls: the New Urban Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals as a real opportunity” in the framework of the 4th Smart Cities India 2018 Expo, in New Delhi. The objective was to raise awareness about the importance of incorporating gender safety policies

into the metropolitan agenda, and to build new partnerships in the promotion of safe, inclusive and resilient cities for all.

Activated members

**Bangalore, Bhopal, Kolkata,
New Delhi – NIUA, Tijuana**



2018 UCLG Executive Bureau

Strasbourg, 23-26 May

Related outcomes
L1M7D2

Under the theme “Inclusive and Safe Cities: Key for Sustainable Development” United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) convened its Executive Bureau meeting in Strasbourg from May 23rd - 26th at the invitation of Mayor of Strasbourg, Roland Ries, Co-President of UCLG.

Metropolis, as Metropolitan section of UCLG, attended the meetings,

along with 300 representatives from local governments as well as national governments’ representatives from all over the world. For the first time, the meetings were co-organized with UN-Habitat within the framework of the United Nations Advisory Committee of Local Authorities (UNACLA) and the Global Taskforce.

Activated members

Barcelona (city), Barcelona (metropolitan area), Mashhad, Mexico City, Montevideo, Quito, Rosario

Chicago Forum on Global Cities

Chicago, 6-8 June

Related outcomes
L1M1D3

Metropolis collaborated for the first time with the Chicago Forum on Global Cities, as one of its knowledge partners. A Metropolis delegation – composed of the representatives of two of our Mexican members (Mexico City and Tijuana), our Secretary General and our Focal Point for North America – travelled to the third most populous city in the United States

to contribute to the event’s discussions on metropolitan governance, urban diplomacy, security challenges and inclusive growth.

In addition, the Mayor of Tijuana and the Metropolis Secretary General actively participated as speakers of two different workshops.

Activated members
Mexico City, Tijuana



Cities and metropolitan regions offer collaboration and leadership to the G7 leaders

8-9 June

Related outcomes
L1M2D1

On the eve of the G7 Summit, which took place on 8 and 9 June in Charlevoix, Canada, mayors and representatives of local governments, spokespersons for thousands of cities around the world, address the heads of national governments to raise their awareness about the impacts of their decisions and actions on cities and metropolitan territories.

Activated members
Berlin, Cordoba, Mexico City, Montréal

Under the leadership of the city of Montréal, a joint letter was signed by the presidents of 11 networks of local and regional governments. Representing Metropolis, Michael Müller, Mayor of Berlin and Acting President of Metropolis, and Valérie Plante, Co-President of Metropolis, signed it. The letter was sent to present the perspective of local and regional governments on the issues facing our increasingly urbanized world and to offer them the partnership of local governments in tackling these challenges together.

Addressing the Metropolitan Challenge in Barcelona Metropolitan Area

Barcelona, 15 June

Related outcomes
L1M1D3, L2M8D1, L3M2D1

The Secretary General and the Focal Point for Europe attended the conference “Addressing the Metropolitan Challenge in Barcelona Metropolitan Area”, organized by the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona (AMB, for its acronym in Catalan). The conference served to present the results of a study benchmarking different lessons of cooperation and organisation of the metropolitan areas of Amsterdam, Copenhagen, Greater Manchester, Stuttgart and Zurich.

The event counted on the participation, among other speakers, of Mr Alfred Bosch, AMB’s Vice-president for International Relations and Cooperation, and Alan Harding, Chief Economic Adviser to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA). By the end of April,

GMCA presented a submission to join the Metropolis membership (to be approved by the Board of Directors in August in Gauteng). Upon the conclusion of the conference, Ms Brum took the opportunity to hold a first bilateral informal meeting with the representative of this upcoming new member of our association.

Activated members
Barcelona (metropolitan area)











Metropolis in the media


 Newsletter  Web

APRIL



Urban Gateway

-   Guangzhou Award
-   Global Expert Meeting-NUA
-   Call for the Jury of the Pilot Projects
-   Sustainable Airport Areas Guidelines

Barcelona Metropolitan Area

-  Metropolis website link

Municipal eLibrary

-  World Water Forum
-  Post Habitat III

World Urban Campaign





-   Sustainable Airport Areas Guidelines
-   Webinar on Gender Equality

MAY

El País - Spanish Newspaper

- Mention to Metropolis

Urban Gateway

-   Presentation session of the Issue Paper 4
-   Guangzhou Award

World Urban Campaign

-   Sustainable Airport Areas workshop

Cities Today

-  2018 Metropolis Annual Meeting

UCLG

-  Sustainable Airport Areas workshop

Barcelona Metropolitan Area

-  Sustainable Airport Areas workshop

JUNE

UCLG CIB working group

-   Presentation session of the Issue Paper 4

Project Syndicate

-  Mention to Metropolis



Urban Gateway

-   2018 Metropolis Annual Meeting

Smart Cities Dive

-  Chicago Forum

UCLG

-  Presentation session of the Issue Paper 4
-  2018 Metropolis Annual Meeting

Municipal e-Library

-  Presentation session of the Issue Paper 4


URBAN GATEWAY
For The International Urban Development Community


UCLG
United Cities
and Local Governments

 AMB
Àrea Metropolitana
de Barcelona


WORLD
URBAN
CAMPAIGN



EL PAÍS


Cities Today
Connecting the world's urban leaders


UCLG CIB
Working Group
Capacity and Institution
Building

 SMARTCITIES DIVE

Project Syndicate

Cities Alliance Management Board

Barcelona, 5-6 April

Related outcomes
L2M5D2,
L2M7D1,
L2M7D2

During the Management Board meeting of Cities Alliance that took place in Barcelona, Metropolis was invited together with other networks of local governments to present its strategy and priorities for the coming years.

Cities Alliance, is the global partnership supporting cities to deliver sustainable development. It comprises six types of constituencies: national governments; multilateral institutions; associations of local governments; international non-governmental organisations; private sector and foundations; and universities and knowledge networks.

Pilot Projects: International Jury

10 April

Related outcomes
L2M1D3

On 10 April was the deadline of the call for the international jury responsible for evaluating and selecting the pilot projects of the edition 2018-2020. After the revision of all 27 applications, four experts, whose profiles are diverse and complementary, were selected by

Metropolis: Marouschka Bujten (Europe), Edith Gingras (North America), Fernando Murillo (Latin America) and Lookman Oshodi (Africa). Metropolis ensured the gender parity in the selection process by electing two women and two men.

Training: webinar on gender equality and metropolitan policies for public spaces

Online, 12 April

Related outcomes
L2M5D1,
L2M9D1

UCLG's Capacity and Institutional Building Working Group (CIB) organized the webinar "Advancing Gender Equality - New roles and new tools for local governments", in collaboration with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and invited Metropolis to present

the first conclusions of the project "Safety and public spaces: mapping metropolitan gender policies", which highlights our members' experiences in combating sexual violence against women and girls in public spaces.

Activated members
Barcelona, Quito, San Salvador, Seoul

Strengthening ties with Africa

11-13 April

Related outcomes
L2M8D1

Activated members
Casablanca, Dakar, Rabat

A Metropolis delegation consisting of the Secretary General, the Regional Secretary for Africa, and the focal point for Africa and project officer for learning travelled to Morocco to strengthen ties with a long-time partner, UCLG Africa (UCLGA), and with two of our three members in Morocco: Rabat and Casablanca.

The meeting held in Rabat with the Secretary General of UCLG Africa laid the foundations for collaboration on two levels: 1) the creation of a Metropolitan Cities Forum in Africa, and 2) a collaboration agreement will be signed in the near future with the

UCLGA's training academy to work together on a training program.

During the meeting with the mayor of Rabat, he stressed that a city's development today relies fundamentally on human development.

The Deputy Mayor of Casablanca, Hakima Fasly, welcomed the association with a talk about the great changes taking place in her city, and the communication channel recently opened to bring citizens closer to their city. The Deputy Mayor stated her interest in issues related to gender and smart cities.



Pilot projects: 2nd meeting of METROAirports

Atlanta, 12-13 April

Related outcomes
L2M1D2

Activated members
Atlanta, Barcelona (metropolitan area), Île-de-France

Atlanta hosted the second meeting of the METROAirports pilot project, during which the participants, from the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona (AMB) and the Île-de-France region, analyzed and debated the socio-economic impact that airport areas have in the metropolitan territory. During these two days the participants both visited areas near the airport and participated in technical exchange workshops.



Metropolis training: Sustainable mobility

Seoul, 22-29 April

Related outcomes
L2M5D2, L2M7D2

The Seoul Human Resource Development Center (SHRDC) conducted a training program on Sustainable Mobility from April 22 to 29th 2018, with participants from four of our member metropolises.

The training program was designed specifically on the participants' needs and the sessions were mainly focused on pedestrian friendly policies and Intelligent

Transportation Systems (ITS) programs. The program consisted on lectures and field visits linked to those issues in Seoul, and also gave participants the opportunity to share the practices and challenges from their own local contexts.

Activated members
Amman, Jakarta, Rio de Janeiro, Shanghai, Seoul

Metropolis Training: strategies to promote citizens' safety

Online, 25 April

Related outcomes
L2M5D1

The team of Bogotá's Veeduría Distrital led the first of a series of technical webinars. These online meetings facilitated by Metropolis serve to hold conversations on specific topics of metropolitan management and to exchange information on public policies

among our membership. The first edition dealt with the theme "safety strategies", and counted on the participation of an expert from Mexico City, who shared his experiences in violence prevention, incident communication, emergency management and victim care.

Activated members
Bogota, Mexico City



Pilot Projects: 2nd meeting on Intersectionality, an open and collective construction

Barcelona, 2-4 May

Related outcomes
L2M1D2

The second meeting of the pilot project “Intersectionality in Metropolitan LGBTI policies”, held in Barcelona brought together 6 of our members with the aim of producing common knowledge on local social and gender policies with an intersectional approach for the full inclusion of LGBTI people.

As in the first meeting of the pilot project, different spaces alternated: working meetings with our members; meetings with LGBTI social organisations that carry out intersectional experiences; a seminar open to a broader audience of academics, public officials, and social entities.



Activated members
Barcelona, Berlin, Buenos Aires, Medellin, Mexico City, Montevideo

Policy Transfer Platform: meeting on its future

Barcelona, 4 May

Related outcomes
L2M6D1

A meeting took place at Metropolis Secretariat General headquarters in Barcelona with the aim of discussing future scenarios for the Policy Transfer Platform (PTP).

The past, present and future of the PTP were analysed during the meeting. In the first part of the meeting, Einsateam, a communications company specialised in urban themes and architecture, presented an extensive analysis on the PTP development so far and its current situation regarding user level, technical limitations, communication and impact of the projects. This excellent analysis set

the basis for the project presented to us in the second part of the meeting: new image strategy, positioning, name, target audience and technical improvements in order to relaunch the platform and position it as a global reference space for exchange of experts, experiences and urban projects.

During the meeting, it was agreed to jointly monitor the development of the new project for the PTP, in order that it can be presented at the Metropolis Annual Meeting, which will take place at the end of August 2018 in Gauteng.

Activated members
Berlin

E-commerce training workshop

Hangzhou, 7-9 May

Related outcomes
L2M8D1

The BRLC E-Commerce Training Workshop, jointly hosted by the UCLG-ASPAC Committee on the Belt and Road Local Cooperation (BRLC) and UCLG-ASPAC Secretariat, took place in Hangzhou from May 7 to 9. The workshop was implemented by Alibaba Business School and featured in-depth study tours, with real cases which could be valuable references for the trainees to understand fully Hangzhou's experience in developing E-Commerce. The activity enrolled almost 40 trainees from 15 different countries, who are either policy makers for e-commerce or engaging in

the e-commerce business. Mr. Li Qiangyu, Deputy Secretary General of Hangzhou Municipal Government and Mr. Huang Lei, Senior Director of Alibaba group, delivered inaugural speeches during the workshop's opening ceremony. In the conclusion of the workshop, Mr. Dong Zude, Director of Foreign & Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of Hangzhou Municipal Government, Secretary General of UCLG-ASPAC Committee on the BRLC, and Mr. Huang Lei, Senior Director of Alibaba Group, issuing certificates to every trainee.

Activated members
Hangzhou

Pilot projects: 2nd MEGA Workshop

Montevideo, 14-18 May

Montevideo hosted the second workshop of the MEGA pilot project (Metropolitan Energy Governance), which has for objective to fortify and innovate in the governance towards a new energy model for metropolises. Led by the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona (AMB, for its acronym in Catalan), it also counts on the participation of the metropolises of Montevideo and Lyon.

Related outcomes
L2M1D2

Activated members
**Barcelona (metro-politan area),
Grand Lyon, Montevideo**



Forum on African metropolises: preparatory workshop

Rabat, 15 May

Metropolis and UCLG-Africa brought together political decision-makers from African metropolises to take part in the official launch ceremony for preparations for the 8th Africities Summit, held in Rabat, and this was seized as an opportunity to hold the first-ever forum on African metropolises.

Chaired by the President of UCLG, a representative for Mr. Makhura, Premier

of Gauteng Province and Co-president of Metropolis, and the Deputy Mayor of Abidjan and Vice-president of Metropolis, the meeting brought together twenty-five mayors and political leaders from African cities, including seven members of Metropolis. The event was also attended by the Metropolis Secretary General and the Project Officer for Learning, Strategic Partnerships and Focal Point for Africa.

Related outcomes
L2M8D1, L3M2D1

Activated members
Abidjan, Accra, Dakar, Gauteng, Libreville, Rabat, Victoria



Metropolis Training: Sustainable urban planning

Seoul, 20 May

Seoul Human Resource Development Center (SHRDC), which hosts the headquarters of Metropolis International Training Institute (MITI), hosted a training course on sustainable urban planning.

The purpose of this training program is to construct sustainable and cooperative relations in the field of urban planning and housing policy by sharing related information, knowledge and technologies among participant cities.

Related outcomes
L2M5D2, L2M7D2



Metropolis Training: Alignment of training programs and workshops with the SDGs

Brussels, 28-29 May

Related outcomes
L2M5D2,
L2M7D2

Metropolis and UCLG Learning organized training sessions in Brussels with the support of Brussels-Capital. The training sessions focused on how to align the MITI courses with the SDGs and received the presence of some of the institutions welcoming MITI

courses and workshops, such as the Seoul Human Resource Development Center (SHRDC), the International Cooperation Office of the Mashhad Municipality and the Cairo - Ministry of Housing, Utilities and Urban Development.

Activated members
Brussels, Cairo, Mashhad, Seoul

URAI: Big data for cities

Brussels, 30-31 May

Related outcomes
L2M7D1

Uraía organized the workshop "Using data to strengthen cities and their citizens" at the Brussels-Capital Region Informatics Centre (CIRB).

This time, the Uraía Citizenship Series focused on how cities around the world are using the power of SMART technologies to provide better public services with a positive impact on citizens' lives.

Activated members
Abidjan, Brussels

The event brought together 67 representatives from local governments, national governments, international organizations, research institutes and the private sector.

The main objective of the workshop was to identify how local governments are using big data and open data in city management.

Pilot projects: 2nd edition

Online, 31 May

Related outcomes
L2M1D3

On May 31st, Metropolis Secretariat General closed the call for projects for the 2nd edition of the pilot projects. In total, ten members presented eleven applications: Barcelona (city), Bogotá, Brasilia, Córdoba,

La Paz, Mashhad, Medellín, San Salvador, Sao Paulo, Tijuana. Other nine members partnered with the applicant members to present the projects' proposal.

Activated members
Atlanta, Barcelona (city), Barcelona (metropolitan area), Bogotá, Brasilia, Córdoba, La Paz, Madrid, Mashhad, Medellín, Mexico City, Montevideo, Montréal, New Delhi, Quito, Rosario, San Salvador, Sao Paulo, Tijuana

Policy Transfer Platform: Signing of the Agreement for 2018-2020

May

Related outcomes
L2M6D1

At the end of May, the City of Berlin and Metropolis signed the agreement for the Policy Transfer Platform (PTP) project for the next three years, 2018-2020.

This agreement represents a crucial leap for the PTP, since it is considered from now on a strategic project for the Metropolis association. This means both partners commit to securing contributions in terms of financial, technical, communicative and human resources, in order to guarantee

the development of the PTP during the next three years.

Furthermore, the signing of the agreement provides temporary stability since it secures the existence of the PTP until 2020, allowing for time to build a new strategy for the platform to strengthen and position it as an online reference space for exchange of experts, experiences and urban projects.

Activated members
Berlin

Pilot projects: Innovations of revitalization strategies by the urban project

Brussels and Lyon, 5-8 June

Related outcomes
L2M1D2

Brussels and Lyon hosted the first activities of the pilot project "Innovations of revitalization strategies by the urban project", whose leader is the Brussels-Capital Region and partners are Greater Lyon and Montréal. The project also benefits from scientific contributions from the Université Catholique de Louvain (Metrolab/LOCI-UCL), the University of Lyon (École Nationale des Travaux Publics de l'État), the University of Québec in Montréal (UQAM), and the Paris Region Urban and Environmental Agency (IAU Île-de-France).

Activated members
Brussels, Grand Lyon, Montréal



The project aims at exchanging experiences on innovations of urban revitalization strategies between metropolises sharing the same territorial characteristics, governance and quality of life issues.

Metropolis Training: Sustainable Water Management

Seoul, 17-24 June

Related outcomes
L2M5D2,
L2M7D2

The Metropolis International Training Institute (MITI) headquartered at the Seoul Human Resource Development Center (SHRDC) conducted a training program on “Sustainable Water Management” with participants from seven of our members.

Activated members
Amman, Bangkok, Mexico City,
Quito, Shanghai, Shiraz, Taipei

The training program consisted on lectures and field visits linked to the main topic and also gave participants the opportunity to share the practices and challenges from the own local contexts. One of the main conclusions made by the participants of this training program was that access to clean water is essential and cities should be managing quality for water sources by applying scientific pollution control and measurement methods with focus on development of resilient and sustainable urban water infrastructure.

Metropolis at the ICLEI World Congress

Montréal, 19-22 June

Related outcomes
L2M7D1,
L2M7D2

Montréal hosted the ICLEI World Congress, with the theme “ICLEI in the Urban Era”. The Metropolis Secretary General actively participated in this event, which was an opportunity for our association to start defining a joint strategy with one of the most relevant and long-standing worldwide networks of local governments for sustainability.

“The ICLEI World Congress took place exactly one year after and at the same venue of the XII Metropolis World Congress. This coincidence is just a symbolic sign of many other intersections Metropolis and ICLEI could take more advantage of”, noted Octavi upon his return from Montréal. Currently, almost one third of Metropolis members are also

members of ICLEI, while sustainability is a core subject in the current Metropolis vision.

Our Secretary General participated as a speaker in a session about local government networks driving coordinated local action for climate friendly cities.



Metropolises standing #WithRefugees

20 June

Related outcomes
L2M7D1

Metropolis joined the campaign Cities #WithRefugees, to welcome refugees in cities. Seven Metropolis members signed the respective solidarity statement, and some others are already taking direct action and leadership in support of refugees.

The Cities #WithRefugees statement of solidarity highlights the increasingly important role cities have taken on in hosting refugees. Nearly two out of three refugees settle in urban areas whose residents are often the first to help them upon arrival.

Activated members

Athens, Barcelona, Berlin, Brussels, Mexico City, Montevideo, São Paulo

Metropolis Observatory: Presentation of the Issue Paper 4

Brussels, 25 June

Related outcomes
L1M3D1, L1M3D2, L2M3D1, L2M3D3

A conference was held in Brussels to launch the Metropolis Observatory's fourth issue paper: "Egalitarian metropolitan spaces". The paper was written by Ana Falú, the coordinator of UN Habitat's Gender Hub, and sparks a debate on how public policies need to incorporate a gender perspective on a metropolitan scale. Four members actively participated in the session.

The event was co-organized by the Brussels-Capital Region at the headquarters of the European Committee of the Regions.

Activated members

Amman, Barcelona (city), Brussels, Montevideo



Pilot projects: 1st webinar of Sustainable Cities Collaboratory

27 June

Related outcomes
L2M1D2

Berlin has organized a first webinar that introduced the pilot project Sustainable Cities Collaboratory.

Activated members
Berlin

2017 Audit of Metropolis Accounts

Barcelona, 20 April

Related outcomes
L3M6D1,
L3M6D5

In April this year, Metropolis underwent its annual audit of the 2017 accounts. The auditors, Deloitte from Paris, spent two days at the Secretariat General to review the accounts and ensure they comply with the relevant regulation for associations registered in France. At the end of the second day, a meeting was held between the Treasurer, Mr Vanraes, the Secretary General, Mr Octavi de la Varga, the Head

of Administration and Finance, Federica Biondi and the auditor, Mr Philippe Michel.

The concluding remarks from the auditor were all positive and confirmed that all evidence showed a sound and transparent management of the association. The accounts shall be presented to the Board of Directors in Gauteng, August 2018.

Activated members
Brussels

UCCI General Assembly

San Jose, 19-20 April

Related outcomes
L3M2D1

The 18th General Assembly of the Union of Ibero-American Capital Cities (UCCI) brought together 23 cities from the Ibero-American region to define a strategy for the 2018-2020 biennium within the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Manuela Carmena, Mayor of Madrid and member of the Board of Directors of Metropolis, and Daniel Martínez, Mayor of Montevideo and Co-Chairman of Metropolis, were among the present political representatives.

The Metropolis Regional Secretary for Latin America and the Caribbean, Nelson Fernandez, also participated in the meeting, where he emphasized the proposal of strengthening spaces for collaboration between the two networks and highlighted the importance of the presence of the Ibero-American Capitals at our next Annual Meeting in Gauteng.

Activated members
Madrid, Montevideo



An eye on the transitional belts of European metropolises

Barcelona, 27 April

Related outcomes
L3M2D1

Activated members
Barcelona (Metropolitan area), Zagreb

The Metropolitan area of Barcelona organised the International Conference "Are you working on your fringe?" on 26 and 27 April 2018 as part of the final conference of the URBACT suburban project co-financed by the European Commission. Lia Brum, focal point for Europe at the Secretariat General, attended the closing roundtables of the conference on April 27. The event showcased examples of how different European metropolises are working on

the sustainable development of the zones of urban growth around the city centres, which have diverse urban functions and often a relatively low density, often generating a "car-based collage landscape made up of modernist urban areas, old village nuclei, industrial zones and recreational areas, intersected by heavy infrastructure". The occasion served to have initial contacts with potential new Metropolis members in Europe.



Bilateral meeting with Amman

Barcelona, 7-9 May

Related outcomes
L3M2D1

Last May a delegation of the Greater Amman Municipality, led by its mayor Mr. Yousef Al Shawarbeh, had a series of exchanges with Metropolis, the city of Barcelona and other networks too.

On the 7th, the mayor of Amman met the secretaries general of UCLG, Mrs. Emilia Saiz, Educating Cities, Mrs. Marina Canals, and Metropolis, Mr. Octavi de la Varga. It was an occasion to share the strategies and priorities of Amman and the three

networks.

On the 9th, Metropolis Secretary General met Mrs. Njoud Abdel Jawad, Head of Foreign Relations Division, in order to identify projects and areas of common interest in order to increase the participation of the city of Amman within the association.

Activated members
Amman

Training to SG staff: gender and communication tools

Barcelona, 16 May

Related outcomes
L3M7D3

Metropolis' gender strategy aims to make visible a more plural and just view of the realities of our members. Thus, a joint work with the team of the Secretary and specifically with the communication department is promoted, to generate an inclusive communication policy of the association.

Last May, a training course on communication with a gender perspective was held for the Secretary General's team, with a dual purpose:

- 1) Improve the use of different communication tools
- 2) Raise the awareness of the Secretariat team on the need to work from a more inclusive perspective.

Visits from delegation of Santiago de Chile

Barcelona, 23-25 May

Related outcomes
L3M3D1

Seizing their trip to Barcelona to attend the Post Habitat-III Congress, a delegation from Santiago de Chile visited offices of the Barcelona City Council the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona (AMB). Macarena Escala, Manuel Monckeberg, Nelly Santander and René Díaz, four elected representatives of the Metropolitan Regional Council of Santiago de Chile, met on Wednesday, May 23, with Lucia Morale, Advisor to the Security Commissioner of the Barcelona City Council.

Friday, May 25, was the occasion to visit the headquarters of the AMB, where the counselors met with Xavier Segura, Director of Public Space, and Héctor Santcovsky, Director of Social and Economic Development. The three meetings counted on the guidance of Lia Brum, focal point of the General Secretariat for Latin America and Europe.

Activated members
Barcelona (city), Barcelona (metropolitan area), Santiago de Chile



Meeting of the Financial Sustainability Committee and the Regional Secretariats

Brussels, 28-29 May

Related outcomes
L1M5D1,
L3M1D1

The Brussels Capital Region hosted the Financial Sustainability Committee and the Regional Secretariats meetings where the Acting Presidency, the Treasury, the Regional Secretariats and members of the Secretariat General participated to prepare the next Metropolis Annual Meeting in Johannesburg (Gauteng Province).

On May 28th the Financial Sustainability Committee was organized, to follow up on the work undertaken for the last 6 months, and to agree on common proposals and final conclusions that will be presented during the Board of Directors next 28th of August in Johannesburg (Gauteng Province). The aim of this group is to bring in proposals to diversify the current financial resources of the association. In this respect, the Committee is finalizing a proposal for a new membership fee system as well as exploring new ways of fundraising and participating in different fora to advocate and position the association.

This group is composed by the Presidency, the Secretary General, the Treasurer and the Regional secretariats; it was created ad hoc during the last meeting of the Board of Directors that took place in Montreal (June 2017) upon request of the then President, Denis Coderre.

On May 29th, the meeting of the Regional Secretariats brought up major challenges on internal governance to be presented at the Board of Directors meeting such as the election of a new Presidency as well as the revision of the statutes, especially the Rules of Procedure. In this regard, a special committee will be nominated so as to work on a proposal to be presented

at the General Assembly of members in 2020.

Similarly, the draft agenda for the Board of Directors meeting was presented and discussed along with the candidatures to host the Metropolis Annual Meeting 2019. Moreover, the representatives from the MITI Regional Centres (Metropolis International Training Institute · Regional Centres); Seoul, Cairo and Mashhad; joined the meeting to discuss thoroughly about a new Charter that will frame the work and its coordination within the network and potential collaborations with external agents.

Last but not least, Paolo Ciccarelli, Head of Unit C5 – Cities, Local Authorities, Digitalisation, Infrastructures, was invited to the meeting in order to present his work at the European Commission and explore potential partnerships between the European Commission and Metropolis. This encounter was an opportunity to show to Mr. Ciccarelli Metropolis scope of work.

The next meeting of the Regional Secretariats will take place in Johannesburg on August 26th, 2018 in the framework of the Metropolis Annual meeting that will be hosted by the Gauteng Province.

Activated members
Berlin, Brussels,
Dakar, Guangzhou,
Mexico City,
Montevideo



Training to SG staff: European Union Global Strategy

Barcelona, 12 June

Related outcomes
L3M7D3

Thanks to the collaborative relationship between Metropolis and IBEI, an international studies institute located in Barcelona, Associate Professor Dr. Kissack gave a training session to the Secretariat General staff entitled “The European

Union Global Strategy (EUGS) – Urban Agenda for the EU Policy Nexus”. The session included a reflection on networks of local and regional governments: how we work and what our dynamics are.



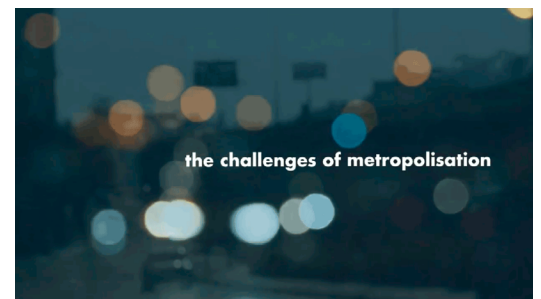
Publication of new institutional video

Online, 30 June

Related outcomes
L3M4D2

With the aim of strengthening the identity of the association, the Secretary General of Metropolis has updated the institutional video so that viewers can more easily identify the distinguishing features of the organisation. In this way, the video allows everybody to understand what Metropolis is and their reason for being in just two minutes.

The video has been produced in English, French and Spanish and has already been published on the association’s main communication channels.



MEMBERSHIP ACTIVATION

Bilateral meetings

APRIL



Barcelona

Members:
Berlin



Casablanca

Members:
Casablanca



Rabat

Members:
Rabat

MAY



Gauteng

Members:
Gauteng



Barcelona

Members:
Amman, Santiago de Chile



Rabat

Members:
Abidjan, Dakar, Gauteng,
Libreville, Rabat, Victoria

Strasbourg

Members:
Córdoba, Madrid, Mashhad,
Quito, Rosario

Potential Members:
Bristol

JUNE



Chicago

Potential Members:
Bristol, Los Angeles,
Varsovia, Zurich



Montréal

Members:
Montréal
Potential Members:
Warsaw, Tokyo

PROGRESS

Activated members

Abidjan	Cairo	Mexico City
Accra	Casablanca	Montevideo
Amman	Chengdu	Montréal
Athens	Colombo	New Delhi – NIUA
Atlanta	Cordoba	Nouakchott
Bamako	Dakar	Quito
Bangalore	Gauteng	Rabat
Barcelona (city)	Grand Lyon	Rio de Janeiro
Barcelona (metropolitan area)	Guangzhou	Rosario
Berlin	Île-de-France	San Salvador
Bhopal	Jakarta	Santiago de Chile
Bogotá	Kolkata	Sao Paulo
Brasilia	La Paz	Seoul
Brussels	Libreville	Shanghai
Buenos Aires	Madrid	Tijuana
Busan	Mashhad	Toronto
	Medellin	Victoria

Membership payment status

As of 30 June 2018

324,532 €
collected in membership fees

paid by

41

out of our 137 members

Execution of the Action Plan

L1

Measures

L1M1

That global political events, themes, and issues have been closely followed, and responses have been assessed and prioritized for taking up through focused urban diplomacy.

L1M2

That a common political discourse on key metropolitan topics and a common set of principles have been regularly debated, agreed upon, and communicated widely.

L1M3

That Metropolis both influences the global agenda championing metropolitan governance with a gender perspective and incorporates the main ideas of the gender global agenda in its political agenda.

L1M5

That a lobbying strategy has been designed that champions Metropolis position on different metropolitan concerns.

L1M6

That a global partnership strategy vis-à-vis other networks and actors is established that lays down the broad lines of work.

L1M7

That Metropolis contributes actively to UCLG and the Global Taskforce, whilst being treated as key partners.

L1M8

That relations are systematically forged with specialized media to disseminate Metropolis knowledge and positioning.

Outcomes and deliverables

L1M1D1

Calendar of international events

L1M1D3

Political or technical presence at relevant international events

L1M2D1

Metropolis position papers on key issues related to metropolitan governance

L1M2D2

Political debates within Metropolis annual events regarding major themes

L1M3D1

All Metropolis position papers and outcomes on key issues related to metropolitan governance include a gender approach

L1M3D2

Gender parity at Metropolis events and debates, especially in terms of speakers

L1M3D3

At least one specific event on gender included in the program of Metropolis annual meetings

L1M5D1

Lobbying strategy agreed by the Board of Directors

L1M6D2

Annual strategic partnership reports (2018-2019-2020)

L1M7D2

Political / Technical presence at UCLG and GTF events

L1M8D2

Presence in specialized Media

To check the complete Metropolis Action Plan for the 2018-2020 period, with all measures, outcomes and deliverables, please visit our [website](#)

Execution of the Action Plan

L2

Measures

L2M1

That an agreed number of pilot projects are collaboratively implemented by member cities, in accordance with Metropolis vision.

L2M3

That the Metropolis Observatory and the Policy Transfer Platform are placed at the centre of the association as key means to learn and share models and specific experiences, as well as tools about engaged metropolitan governance.

L2M5

That a full gender-sensitive and effective plan on learning and capacity building (including Metropolis International Training Institute) is created, framed by the Metropolis vision and using Metropolis tools.

L2M6

That an agreed set of metropolitan governance tools are made available to city members, and support is actively given for their use in monitoring and assessing quality of life in those cities.

L2M7

That partnerships are set up with thematic networks, key research centres and academics, and that these relationships are active and engaged, contributing to systematizing existing Metropolis knowledge, and creating new knowledge.

L2M8

That collaborative forums are developed and supported as the way of bringing together mayors, urban practitioners, research centres and academics.

L2M9

That central knowledge spaces are created and fostered concerning gender-sensitive policies.

L2M10

That a youth perspective on the metropolitan governance is actively encouraged and integrated into Metropolis thinking and practice.

Outcomes and deliverables

L2M1D2

Execution of 6 pilot projects, one per main strategic theme, led by a member and transferred to other metropolises

L2M1D3

Annual call for pilot projects

L2M3D1

At least one issue paper on key themes related to metropolitan and/or urban governance

L2M3D3

One annual event of the Metropolis Observatory

L2M5D1

Annual gender-sensitive and effective plan on learning and capacity building

L2M5D2

Calendar of events and training program

L2M6D1

Metropolis Observatory and Policy Transfer Platform as a metropolitan governance toolkit

L2M7D1

Annual strategic partnership plans (2018-2019-2020)

L2M7D2

Calendar of events and training program

L2M8D1

Political and technical gatherings addressing key issues for our members, particularly annual meetings and triennial congresses

L2M9D1

Gender-sensitive technical and academic events within the framework of annual events

L2M10D2

Dissemination of knowledge and experiences of member cities through Metropolis media channels

Execution of the Action Plan

L3

Measures

Outcomes and deliverables

L3M1

That the responsibilities of each statutory body of the Association are defined, particularly the role of Regional Secretaries.

L3M1D1

Document of Regional Secretaries and Co-presidencies roles

L3M2

That five regional agendas are agreed in line with the global strategy of Metropolis.

L3M2D1

5 regional agendas on an annual basis designed and implemented by the Regional Secretaries and the Secretariat General

L3M3

That a strategy is developed to improve relationships among Metropolis key actors.

L3M3D1

Mapping of members according to their involvement, fee payment, etc.

L3M4

That an internal and external communication plans, sensitive to gender relations, are designed and implemented.

L3M4D2

Annual communication plan including actions and a calendar

L3M6

That the financial and operational activities of the Association are transparent and fair.

L3M6D1

Financial, management and accountability systems fully implemented

L3M6D2

Compliance strategy and system

L3M6D4

Clear and effective administrative procedures manual

L3M6D5

Biannual and Annual financial reports and strategic budgetsmanual

L3M7

That the re-organization of the Secretariat General in Barcelona is effected aligned with the strategic objectives of the Association.

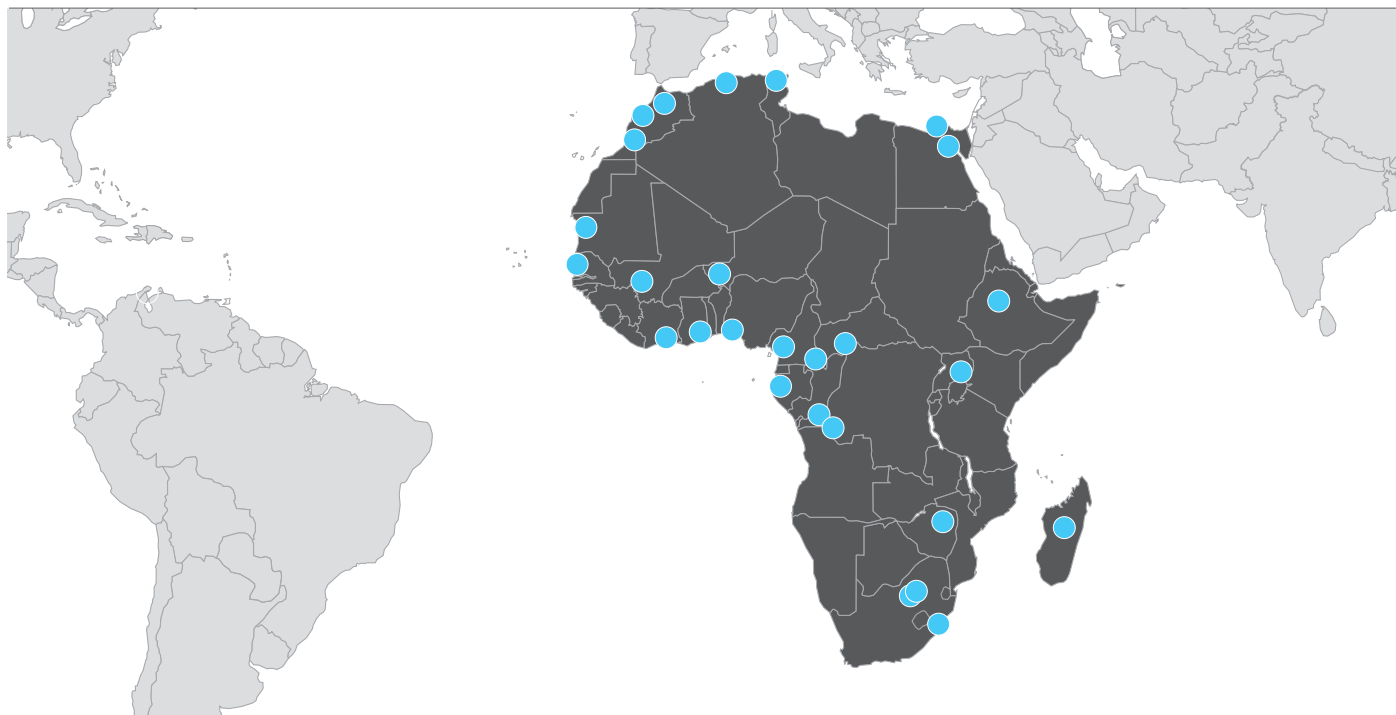
L3M7D3

Internal organisation based on a project management approach

WHO WE ARE



AFRICA



ABIDJAN
ACCRA
ADDIS ABABA
ALEXANDRIA
ALGER
ANTANANARIVO

BAMAHO
BANGUI
BRAZZAVILLE
CAIRO
CASABLANCA
COTONOU

DAKAR
DOUALA
DURBAN
GAUTENG
HARARE
JOHANNESBURG

LIBREVILLE
MARRAKESH
NIAMEY
NOUAKCHOTT
RABAT
TUNIS

VICTORIA
YAOUNDÉ

Focal Points



REGIONAL SECRETARY
Rahmatouca Sow Dieye, Dakar



SECRETARIAT GENERAL
H  l  ne Jourdan

Members of the Board of Directors

CO-PRESIDENCIES

David Makhura, Premier of **Gauteng**

REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENCIES

Robert Beugre Mambe, Governor of **Abidjan** District

MEMBERS

Mostafa Madbouly, Minister of Housing of Egypt (**Cairo**)

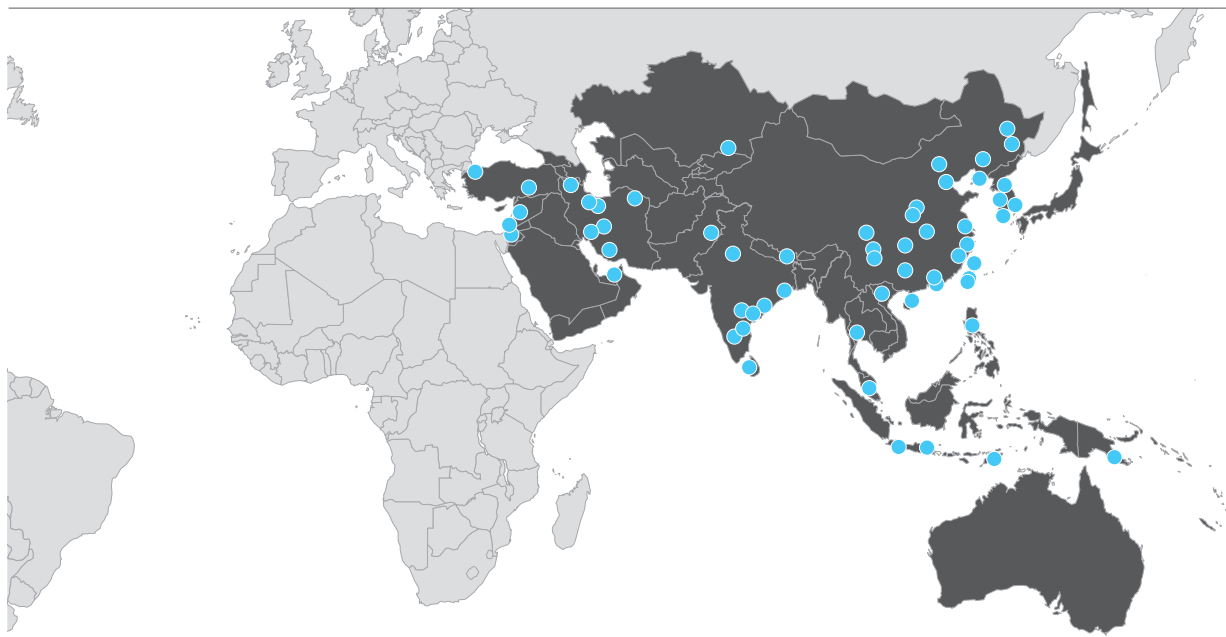
Abdelaziz El Omari, Mayor of **Casablanca**

Khalifa Sall, Mayor of **Dakar**

Maty Hamady, Mayor of **Nouakchott**

Mohamed Sadiki, Mayor of **Rabat**

ASIA-PACIFIC



AHVAZ	CHANGSHA	FUZHOU	ISFAHAN	MASHHAD	SURABAYA
AMMAN	CHENGDU	GAZIANTEP	ISTANBUL	NANNING	TABRIZ
BAGHDAD	CHONGQING	GUANGZHOU	JAKARTA	NEW DELHI - NIUA	TAICHUNG
BANGALORE	COLOMBO	GUJRANWALA	JILIN	NEW TAIPEI CITY	TAIPEI
BANGKOK	DAEGU	GWANGJU	KAOHSIUNG	RAMALLAH	TEHRAN
BEIJING	DAEJEON	GYEONGGI	KARAJ	SEOUL	TIANJIN
BEIRUT	DALIAN	HAIKOU	KATHMANDU	SHANGHAI	ULSAN
BHOPAL	DIYARBAKIR	HANGZHOU	KOLKATA	SHENZHEN	WUHAN
BOGOR	DUBAI	HANOI	KUALA LUMPUR	SHIRAZ	XI'AN
BUSAN	EAST KALIMANTAN	HARBIN	KUNMING	SOUTH TANGERANG	ZHENGZHOU
CHANGCHUN	FAISALABAD	HYDERABAD	LAHORE		
		INCHEON	MALE CITY		

HONORARY MEMBER: CPFFC

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REGIONAL SECRETARY
Liu Baochun
Guangzhou



SECRETARIAT GENERAL
Agnès Bickart

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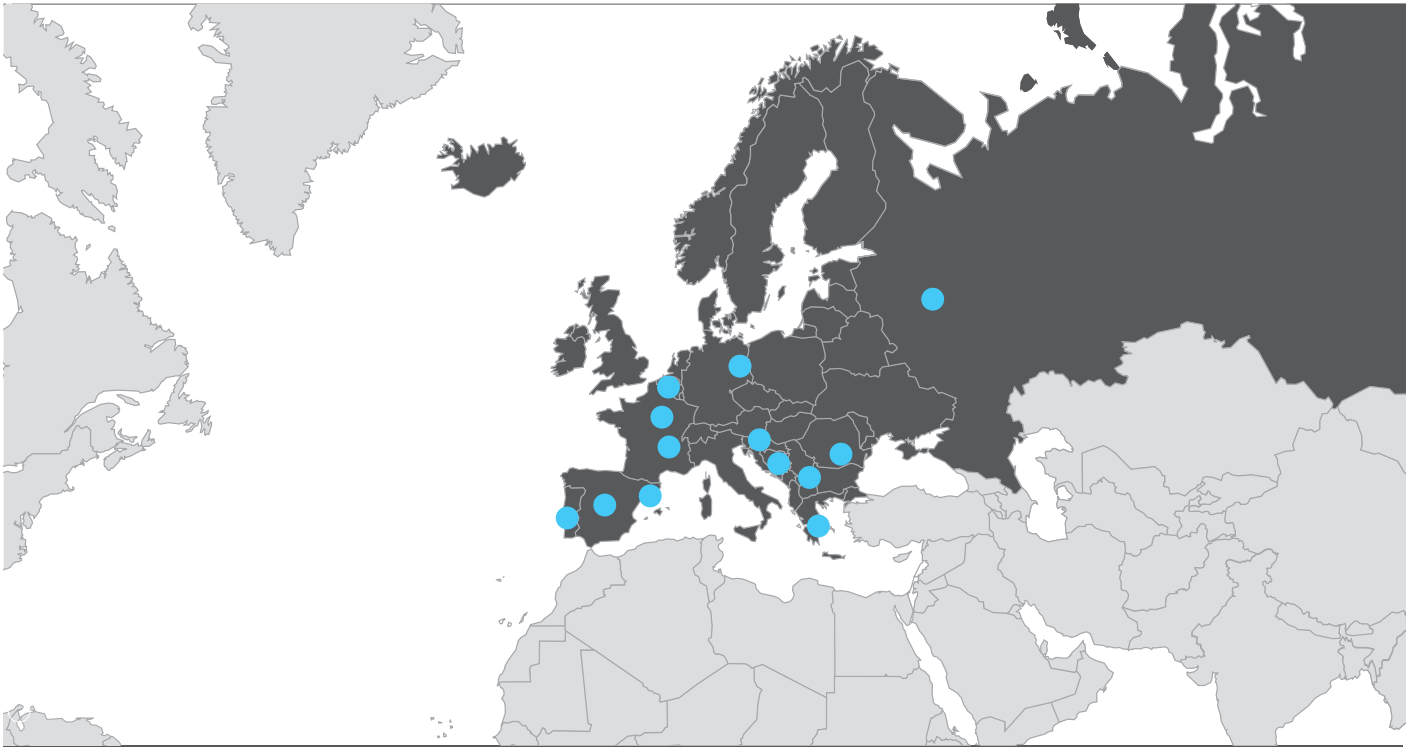
Xu Liyi, Mayor of **Hangzhou**

Dr. Bonthu Rammohan, Mayor of **Hyderabad**

Seyyed-Mohammad-Ali Afshani, Mayor of **Tehran**

Xianwang Zhou, Mayor of **Wuhan**

EUROPE



ATHENS
BARCELONA (CITY)
BARCELONA (METROPOLITAN
AREA)
BERLIN

BRUSSELS
BUCHAREST
GRAND LYON
ÎLE-DE-FRANCE
LISBON

MADRID
MOSCOW
SARAJEVO
SOFIA
ZAGREB

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**REGIONAL
SECRETARY**
Barbara Berninger
Berlin



**SECRETARIAT
GENERAL**
Lia Brum

Members of the Board of Directors

ACTING PRESIDENCY

Michael Müller, Mayor of Berlin

CO-PRESIDENCIES

Ada Colau, Mayor of Barcelona & President of the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona

TREASURY

Jean-Luc Vanraes, Vice-president of the Steering Committee of the Brussels Regional Investment Society

MEMBERS

Laura Pérez Castaño, City councilor responsible for Feminisms and LGTBI of Barcelona/ President of Metropolis Women

Manuela Carmena, Mayor of Madrid

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN



BELO HORIZONTE
BOGOTÁ
BRASILIA
BUENOS AIRES
CARACAS
CÓRDOBA

GUARULHOS
GUAYAQUIL
LA HABANA
LA PAZ
MARACAIBO
MEDELLÍN

MINAS GERAIS
MONTEVIDEO
PORTO ALEGRE
QUITO
RIO DE JANEIRO
ROSARIO

SAN SALVADOR
SANTIAGO DE CHILE
SAO PAULO
VALLE DE ABURRÁ
ZULIA

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REGIONAL SECRETARY
Nelson Fernández
Montevideo



SECRETARIAT GENERAL
Lia Brum

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Daniel Martínez, Mayor of **Montevideo**

REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENCY

To be appointed, Representative of the Regional Metropolitan Government of **Santiago de Chile**

MEMBERS

Horacio Rodríguez Larreta, Head of the Government of the Autonomous City of **Buenos Aires**

Gustavo Paim, Vice Mayor of **Porto Alegre**

NORTH AMERICA



ATLANTA
GUADALAJARA
MEXICO CITY
MONTERREY

MONTRÉAL
PUEBLA
TORONTO
TIJUANA

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REGIONAL SECRETARY
Mariana Flores
Mexico City



SECRETARIAT GENERAL
Teresa Oliver

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Valérie Plante, Mayor of **Montréal**

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Secretariat General



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Communication &
Compliance



Guillaume Berret
Project Officer for Pilot
Projects & International
Calls for Projects



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Senior Manager for
Institutional relations
& Asia portfolio



Federica Biondi
Head of Administration
and Finance



Xavier Borrell
Administration
Officer



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Content Curator & Focal
Point for Latin America
and Europe



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Assistant



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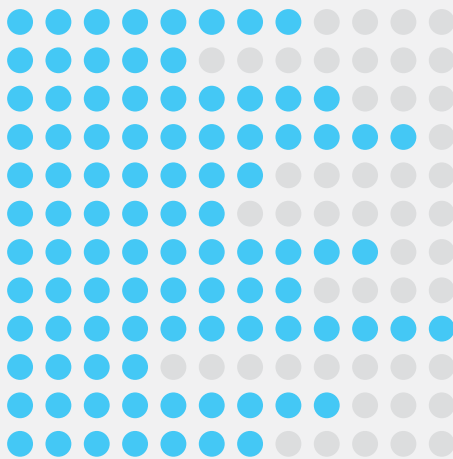
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