

## NEWS



## Season Greetings from the President of METROPOLIS

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

On behalf of the entire Metropolis team and myself, I would like to extend my best wishes for 2015 to you, your families, your collaborators and anyone dear to you.

I would also like to express my sincerest gratitude to you for your renewed support in my re-appointment as President of Metropolis; I pledge to continue pushing our network forward and to enhance its recognition on the international stage.

The decisions you reached during our Congress in Hyderabad last October concerning a new strengthened governance, a board of directors that is both renewed and experienced, a plan of action for 2015-2017, which shall comprise a strong element of political debate, and the creation of a network of young people enable us to tackle the major events on the international agenda with poise and consummate professionalism, i.e. the Millennium Development Goals, the Post-2015 Development Agenda, COP 21 and Habitat III.

We are ready for battle, ready to rise to the challenges and to put ourselves forward – in our capacity as metropolitan authorities and regional capitals – as front-line spokespeople in effecting the world's future urban and social development.

Until then, I invite you to join me in Buenos Aires from 18 to 21 May 2015 for “Living the City” and to partake in a new more specific concept of meeting, which is not only more interactive but also rounds off the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our association in a spirit of conviviality.

Wishing a wonderful festive season to all of you.

Jessai's greetings and a happy new year

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