

## NEWS



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

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On the eve of the G7 Summit, which is taking place next week (June 8-9) 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.

The G7 (Group of Seven) is an informal grouping of seven of the world's advanced economies consisting of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States. The forum offers an opportunity for G7 leaders, ministers and policy makers to come together each year to build consensus and set trends around some of today's most challenging global issues.

**Click on the image below to read the letter** signed by Michael Müller, Mayor of Berlin and Acting President of Metropolis, along with the presidencies of other ten networks of local and regional governments.



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Your Excellencies,



Leaders of the G7



As you gather in Charlevoix on the occasion of your Annual Summit, the mayors and leaders of local and regional governments representing thousands of cities globally salute you and offer our support as you address the range of critical issues facing your nations and, indeed, facing nations around the world.



In an increasingly urbanized world, the hundreds of millions of citizens that make up our cities and jurisdictions are directly impacted by the decisions and actions taken through the leadership of the G7. We take this opportunity to present our perspective on the issues before you at Charlevoix and offer you the partnership of local government in tackling these challenges together.



Internationally, there is growing recognition of the importance of the urban dimension of development as demonstrated through the ambitious goals set and adopted under the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Habitat III New Urban Agenda. Further, cities and local governments increasingly play a key role in driving local solutions to global challenges, and we are organizing internationally in order to share lessons learned and the tools and innovation that will help tackle the challenges that the G7 has set out on its agenda.



As leaders on the front lines of the world's cities and territories, we see increasing inequalities around the world culminating in human tragedy and undermining the very foundations for sustainable growth and peaceful development that all of us as leaders aspire to. We are pleased that your agenda includes discussions on investing in growth that works for everyone and preparing for jobs of the future. For without an inclusive approach to