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## Metropolitan governance and pandemic: challenges and opportunities?

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Every year for five years now, on October 7, Metropolis and UN-Habitat invite metropolitan authorities from around the world and interested institutions and organizations to commemorate World Metropolitan Day.

This day is an opportunity to highlight the metropolitan character of many territories around the world and to recognize their contribution to sustainable urban development.

World Metropolitan Day was decreed to recall the adoption, on October 7, 2015, of the Montreal Declaration on Metropolitan Areas, whose fifth anniversary is being celebrated this year.

In a global context characterized by the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's World Metropolitan Day is an opportunity to reflect on the role of metropolitan governance in the context of emergency situations.

The Montreal Metropolitan Community invites you to attend a Webinar featuring representatives from the Brussels, Barcelona and Montreal regions for a crossover look at the challenges and opportunities raised by the coronavirus pandemic for metropolitan regions.

This Webinar will be followed by a question and answer period.

"The current crisis has been an opportunity for Greater Montreal to strengthen our metropolitan solidarity, increase the territory's resilience and accelerate our sustainable development.

- Valérie PLANTE, Mayor of Montréal and President of the Montréal Metropolitan Community

### **Course of events**

9:30 a.m. Opening remarks

- Animation : to be confirmed

9:35 a.m. The state of cities in the face of pandemics

- Alain GRIMARD, Principal International Agent, UN-HABITAT

9:45 am The recovery plan of the Brussels Capital Region

- Speaker to be confirmed

9:55 am: The case of the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona

- Participation to be confirmed

10:05 a.m. Emergency measures and the Greater Montreal recovery plan

- Massimo IEZZONI, Director General, Montreal Metropolitan Community

10:15 a.m. Discussion period: Metropolitan governance and the pandemic - challenges and opportunities?

10:45 a.m. Public question period

11:00 a.m. End of Webinar

### **To participate :**

On Wednesday, October 7, log on to the Zoom platform using the information that will be sent to you following your registration.