

# H III

THEMATIC MEETING  
METROPOLITAN AREAS  
MONTREAL 6-7 OCT. 2015



## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM



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## AN INCREASINGLY URBAN WORLD

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We live in an increasingly urban world. For the first time in history, more than half of the world's population lives in cities. By 2050, this proportion will reach nearly 70%. At the time of Habitat II, which took place in 1996 in Istanbul, the world had 2.6 billion people living in urban areas. It's estimated that, by the time the global community meets in 2016 in Quito for Habitat III, this number will have risen to 4 billion. According to the OECD, by the end of this "metropolitan century", most of the urbanization on our planet will likely be completed: approximately 85% of the world's population will live in cities by 2100.

## RECOGNIZE THE METROPOLITAN AREAS

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In times of rapid metropolitan expansion, a clear link between the impact of this process and national development can be identified, demanding technical and institutional capacities for optimizing metropolitan growth. At the international level, major upcoming events towards Habitat III represent an opportunity for exchange and advocacy on this topic, especially in the context of formulating the post-2015 Agenda. Therefore, it is important to highlight that the New Urban Agenda — which outlines new patterns for urban planning and design, taking into consideration local realities and possible economic and legislative solutions for urban development — must consider the necessity to intervene at the metropolitan level.

## THE MONTRÉAL DECLARATION: THE METROPOLITAN AREA IN THE NEW URBAN AGENDA

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The Montréal Thematic Meeting on Metropolitan Areas is a two-day conference in which participants from countries around the world will discuss the relevancy of metropolitan areas as a solution for managing urbanization. In this regard, discussions will focus on establishing a common agenda for the strengthening of collaborative mechanisms that encourage all stakeholders involved at the level of metropolitan areas.

The conference brings together participants and speakers from around the world representing states, metropolitan areas, regional authorities, municipalities, and civil society. International organizations will also be present.

The goal of the conference is to adopt the *Montréal Declaration on Metropolitan Areas*, which will contribute to the New Urban Agenda to be discussed at Habitat III in Quito in 2016.

The first day of the conference is divided into two dialogue sessions aimed at determining what future we want for our metropolitan areas and the mechanisms to support such a vision.

The second day of the program is organized into concurrent sessions in which participants from local, metropolitan, and regional institutions, representatives of member states, and representatives from

civil society will discuss the *Montréal Declaration on Metropolitan Areas*. Three concurrent sessions have been scheduled in order to build consensus for the adoption of this strategic document. The sessions will address the issue of the metropolitan challenges we face in this 21st-century wave of urbanization and, the issue of metropolitan mechanisms and their implementation with a view to fostering metropolitan cooperation by multiple partners. Each session will be initiated by a conversation between representatives from member states, metropolitan institutions, regional authorities, municipalities, and civil society.

In the afternoon, a plenary session will close the discussion before a final version of the Montréal Declaration is presented for adoption.

## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

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Please note that this program is preliminary and that the confirmation process is under way with guest speakers.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2015**

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**7:30**

### **Welcome**

**8:30**

### **Opening session**

Moderator: Ms. Marianna Simeone, broadcast journalist and business manager with vast experience in the areas of international trade, public affairs, culture and social services

### **Opening address**

- Dr. Fang Liu, Secretary General of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
- The Honourable Denis Coderre, Mayor of Montréal and Chair of the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal
- Dr. Joan Clos, Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) and Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
- Mr. Pierre Moreau, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Land Occupancy (*to be confirmed*)
- Mr. Philippe Couillard, Premier of Québec (*to be confirmed*)
- The Honourable Christian Paradis, Minister of International Development and Minister for La Francophonie of Canada (*to be confirmed*)
- Mr. Gregor Robertson, Mayor of Vancouver and Director, Great Vancouver Regional District (Metro Vancouver)

### **Panel Discussion**

- Dr. Joan Clos, Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) and Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
- The Honourable Denis Coderre, Mayor of Montréal and Chair of the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal
- The Honourable Mauricio Rodas, Mayor of Quito (*to be confirmed*)
- Representative of Metropolis (*to be confirmed*)
- Representative of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) (*to be confirmed*)
- Mr. Khalifa Ababacar Sall, Mayor of Dakar and member of the Réseau d'échanges stratégiques pour une Afrique urbaine durable (RESAUD) (*to be confirmed*)

10:30

Break

### Press Conference - Event launching

- The Honourable Denis Coderre, Mayor of Montréal and Chair of the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal
- Dr. Joan Clos, Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) and Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

10:45

### First Dialogue Session : *The metropolitan areas we want and the economic, social, and environmental challenges of cities*

- Panel bringing together delegates from civil society in addition to local, regional, and national governments, as well as parliamentarians and academics

Moderator: Dr. Robin Rajack, Lead specialist, Housing and Urban Development Specialist at Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

Rapporteur: Mr. Edgardo Bilsky, Director of research, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)

Goal: Identify the problem and justify the relevance of the metropolitan scale, particularly for the new objectives of post-2015 global development

#### PANELISTS

##### Elected officials, ministers, and other officials

- The Honourable Denis Coderre, Mayor of Montréal and Chair of the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal
- Mr. Raymond Louie, President of Federation of Canadian Municipalities and Vice Chair of Metro Vancouver
- Mr. Gilbert Tsimi Evouna, Government Representative for the Yaoundé urban community
- Mr. Durga Shanker Mishra, Vice Chairman, Delhi Development Authority (DDA), New Delhi (*to be confirmed*)

##### Scholars and experts

- Dr. Pierre Hamel, Professor of the Université de Montréal, Department of Sociology
- Dr. Janice E. Perlman, Founder and President of the Mega-Cities Project
- Dr. Eugenie Ladner Birch, Professor of Urban Research, Department of City and Regional Planning, University of Pennsylvania
- Dr. Bráulio F. de Souza Dias, Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity

12:45

Lunch break (*On your own*)

Side Events

*Information to come*

14:45

**Second Dialogue Session : Strengthening metropolitan coordination mechanisms**

- Panel bringing together delegates from civil society and local, regional, and national governments, as well as parliamentarians and academics

Moderator: Mr. Alain Grimard, Senior Human Settlements Officer, United Nations - Habitat

Rapporteur: Mr. Michel Max Raynaud, Associate Professor, Université de Montréal and Director of RESAUD

Goal: Identify the mechanisms for strengthening metropolitan coordination: public and institutional funding (multi-level articulation), technical aspects (planning, infrastructure and services, critical projects), and governance (metropolitan identity and democracy, metropolitan burden-sharing among various groups, private partnerships)

**PANELISTS**

**Elected officials, ministers, and other officials**

- Ms. Rovena Negreiros, President of EMPLASA, Sao Paulo
- Mr. Bob Stacey, Deputy Council President of Metro Portland Council
- Ms. Ada Colau, Mayor of Barcelona and President of Barcelona Metropolitan Area (AMB) *(to be confirmed)*
- Mr. Felipe de Jesus Gutierrez, Secretary of Urban development and Housing at the Federal District of Mexico and representative of the Fonds mondial pour le développement des villes (FMDV)

**Scholars and experts**

- Dr. Mariona Tomàs, Professor, Department of Constitutional Law and Political Science, University of Barcelona
- Professor Jérôme Aloko-N'Guessan, Director of the Institut de Géographie Tropicale (IGT), Abidjan
- Dr. Hank V Savitch, Professor, Department of Urban & Public Affairs, University of Louisville
- Dr. Abel Schumann, Economist, Regional Development Policy Division, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- Mr. Walter Deffaa, Director General, Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission *(to be confirmed)*

17:00

**Meeting of mayors**

19:30

**Official dinner at Montréal City Hall *(by invitation only)***

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2015

7:30

### Welcome

8:30

### Exchange Sessions: Drawing up the *Montréal Declaration on Metropolitan Areas*

Rapporteur: Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal

- **Session 1 - Delegates from member states**

Chair: Ms. Maryse Gautier, Co-chair of the Preparatory Committee for Habitat III, Auditor, Ministry of Sustainable Development, France

- **Session 2 - Local government (all levels)**

Chair: The Honourable Denis Coderre, Mayor of Montréal and Chair of the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal

- **Session 3 - Civil society, including universities, research institutions, the private sector, non-governmental organizations, etc.**

Chair: Dr. Eugenie Ladner Birch, Professor of Urban Research, Department of City and Regional Planning, University of Pennsylvania

10:00

### Break

10:15

### Exchange Sessions (continued): Drawing up the *Montréal Declaration on Metropolitan Areas*

12:00

**Lunch break** (*On your own*)

### Side Events

*Information to come*

13:30

### Plenary Session: Finalizing the *Montréal Declaration on Metropolitan Areas*

Moderator: Communauté Métropolitaine de Montréal (CMM) and United Nations (UN)



15:30

**Closing Session:**

**Adoption of the *Montréal Declaration on Metropolitan Areas* and closing speech**

- The Honourable Denis Coderre, Mayor of Montréal and Chair of the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal
- Dr. Joan Clos, Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) and Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

16:00

**Press Conference**

- The Honourable Denis Coderre, Mayor of Montréal and Chair of the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal
- Dr. Joan Clos, Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) and Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

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