



METROPOLIS PROGRESS REPORT.

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NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Our Strategic Action Plan was approved and released in late 2020. It is the roadmap for the next three years to deliver on our goal of helping our 141 members not only respond nimbly to emerging challenges but also find opportunities to build more equitable, resilient, and prosperous societies. Active listening is critical to all of this.

Following on, and in response to member requests, the first meeting of our Executive Committee and two thematic webinars co-led by members took place in the first four months of 2021.

This period also served to tap new formats and platforms to raise and spread our voice to reach new audiences and step up clarity in messaging. Establishing and strengthening alliances with a number of international players also allowed us to explore new approaches to metropolitan challenges.

I know we still have a long way to go to deliver on the challenges we have set ourselves for this three-year period, but I am confident we are on the right track. From the Secretariat General we will strive every day to achieve the outcomes our members have agreed upon.



OCTAVI DE LA VARGA

Metropolis Secretary General

ACTIVITIES



ACTION LINE 1

L1 Metropolitan diplomacy
and advocacy



ACTION LINE 3

L3 Internal governance
culture



ACTION LINE 2

L2 Capacities for
metropolitan governance



METROPOLIS IN THE MEDIA

 03 February

5TH EDITION OF THE GUANGZHOU AWARD RELEASE OF THE SHORTLIST

This online event served to release the 15 shortlisted cities, selected by the Technical Committee of the 5th edition of the Guangzhou International Award for Urban Innovation, comprised of 11 international experts. The online event gathered representatives from the Chinese People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC), Guangzhou Municipality, the Technical Committee for the Award and the event co-organizers, Metropolis and UCLG.

A total of 273 initiatives from 175 cities and local governments in 60 countries and regions applied for the 5th edition of the award, which fully demonstrated global cities’ determination to adhere to exchanges and cooperation under the COVID19 pandemic.



Members

Antananarivo, Berlin, Bogotá, Buenos Aires, Chongqing, Gauteng, Gaziantep, Goyang, Guadalajara, Guangzhou, Quito, Rosario, Tehran



Outcomes

L1A2D4, L3A2D2



Metropolitan challenges

- 2.1 Social resilience
- 2.2 Economic resilience
- 2.3 Climate resilience



Alliances

Guangzhou Award, ICLEI, UCLG

 15-21 February

UCLG RETREAT & CAMPUS A GLOBAL COMMUNITY THAT CARES



More than 600 participants attended the 7th edition of the UCLG Retreat & Campus. Under the slogan “A Global Community that Cares”, this year’s Retreat—a virtual get-together of all the members of UCLG Secretariats—focused on how to capitalize on the window of opportunity left in the wake of the pandemic. As the metropolitan section of the network, Metropolis actively participated in a wide range of discussions throughout the week, offering its perspective on governance as a strategy for a better future.



Members

Bogotá, Buenos Aires, Mexico City



Outcomes

L1A3D1



Metropolitan challenges

- 1.1 Combating inequalities and segregation
- 2.1 Social resilience
- 2.2 Economic resilience
- 2.3 Climate resilience



Alliances

UCLG

 25 February


CITIES ARE LISTENING LAUNCH OF "SUB-NATIONAL URBAN POLICY: A GUIDE"




The COVID-19 pandemic has evidenced the need for coordination among all levels of government to ensure quality of life and equal opportunities for all. In this regard, UN-Habitat and UCLG, with the support of the Andalusian Agency for international cooperation for development, launched the publication "Sub-national Urban Policy: A Guide" to which Metropolis has contributed.

In the framework of the series of conversations "Cities Are Listening", the guide was launched followed by a dialogue on the importance of sub-national urban policies as key instruments to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Guide aims to broaden the knowledge about Subnational Urban Policies, in addition to offering a working methodology for their formulation, implementation and development, and a variety of best practices.

 **Outcomes**
L1A2D2, L1A3D1

 **Metropolitan challenges**
1.1 Combating inequalities and segregation


 **Alliances**
UCLG, UN-Habitat


 8 March

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



To commemorate the International Women's Day, Metropolis launched a campaign encouraging the community to share further cases of innovation and reinvention in their cities after the pandemic in the Cities for Global Health platform, with a special focus on the SDG 5 and gender equality.

 **Outcomes**
L1A1D3

 **Metropolitan challenges**
3.1 Gender mainstreaming



17 March

CSW65. LOCAL FEMINIST LEADERSHIP. CARE AT THE CENTRE

A Local and Regional Governments' Day was organized under the framework of the CSW65 session, featuring a wide range of different events under the overarching title 'Feminist municipalism - Local to Global Women Leadership & Decision-making'. Organized by United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), the events were attended by several Metropolis members as well as by our Secretary General.

The 65th session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW65), that took place from 15 to 26 March, is the UN's largest annual gathering on gender equality and women's empowerment. The main aim of this year was to explore how to

promote women's full and effective participation and decision-making in public life, as well as the elimination of violence.



Members
Barcelona (city), Bogotá, Libreville, Montevideo, Montréal, Nouakchott



Outcomes
L1A2D3, L1A3D3



Metropolitan challenges
1.1 Combating inequalities and segregation
3.1 Gender mainstreaming



Alliances
UCLG, UN-Women



17 March

FIRST METROPOLITAN FORUM OF SEVILLE



During the First Metropolitan Forum of Seville, which was held by Seville City Council and Pablo de Olavide University, participants discussed the metropolitan dynamics of cities and the challenges they face. This space for debate and collaboration between institutions and civil society was held in a hybrid format and attracted dozens of viewers to its live broadcast on YouTube. The Forum helped to highlight the extent of the similarities between metropolitan spaces from all around. Our Secretary General was invited to participate as speaker.




Outcomes
L1A2D1, L1A2D3



Metropolitan challenges
1.3 Advancing mobility



 7 April & 20 April

CITIES ARE LISTENING PUBLIC SPACE, MENTAL HEALTH AND CULTURE



As part of the Cities are Listening series, in partnership with UCLG and UN-Habitat, Metropolis participated in two webinars during the first months of 2021.

The webinar “Public Space and Mental Health and Wellbeing” on 7 April, invited experts and city leaders from Brussels, Buenos Aires, La Paz and Munich to discuss the value of public space for mental health in metropolitan areas.

The second webinar, “Upgrading Culture in Sustainable Development”, on 20 April, explored the importance of imagining new forms of participation and creating new solidarity networks. Mexico City, Lisbon and Rabat participated in this exchange of ideas and solutions.

Both events brought light to the key role of local and metropolitan governments in working together to find solutions to common problems, particularly in the context of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.



Members

Brussels, Buenos Aires, La Paz, Lisbon, Mexico City, Rabat



Outcomes

L1A2D2, L1A3D1




Metropolitan challenges

1.1 Combating inequalities and segregation
2.1 Social resilience



Alliances

UCLG, UN-Habitat

 13-16 April

BARCELONA RE-ACT

Barcelona City Council launched a dialogue to reactivate the city after the pandemic. The event gathered experts, city leaders and thinkers from Barcelona and around the world in a hybrid event (on-site and on-line) in order to rethink how to build a more resilient, competitive and sustainable city.

Our Secretary General was invited to take part in the session around the economic opportunities arising from the ecological and green transition. He shared the views and priorities of Metropolis as well as some specific experiences from its members.

The critical questions of the debate were around if the green economy was still relevant because of the consequences of the pandemic and if cities can promote circular economy and develop a practical agenda around the SDGs.



OCTAVI DE LA VARGA
Secretari General de Metropolis



Members

Barcelona (city)



Outcomes

L1A1D1



Metropolitan challenges

2.1 Social resilience
2.2 Economic resilience
2.3 Climate resilience



27 April

UN-HABITAT EXPERT GROUP MEETING ON GOVERNANCE



Our Secretary General was one of the experts invited to provide inputs to a dialogue on multi-level governance, along with Regions4 and the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA). Participants identified potential areas of collaboration with partners and stakeholders and discussed the elements of governance that should be strengthened to support the domains of change of the UN-Habitat Strategic Plan 2020-2023 and its flagship programs.



Outcomes
L1A2D2, L1A3D1



Alliances
UN-Habitat



Metropolitan challenges
3.3 Engaged citizenship

28 April

ESPON POLICY SEMINAR

As part of its involvement in decentralized cooperation projects, Metropolis is Acted as an observer in the ESPON METRO research project, "The role and future perspectives of Cohesion Policy in the planning of Metropolitan Areas and Cities", which is co-financed by the EU European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). The main objective of the project, which got underway last October, is to investigate governance in EU metropolitan areas in relation with EU Cohesion Policy.

On the occasion of the delivery of the Interim Report of the ESPON METRO research project, the Metropolitan City of Torino (CMTo) and Politecnico di Torino organized a policy seminar that combined the pan-European reflections developed in the context of the project with the need to inform local actors on the opportunities that the new 2021-27 programming period will offer. The morning session of the seminar was dedicated to the role of metropolitan areas and cities in the 2021-27 cohesion policy and attracted the participation of policy-makers and national and international experts interested in metropolitan governance. Lia Brum, Metropolis Observatory Officer, joined a panel with EUROCITIES, and, Xavier Tiana, from the Metropolitan Area of



Barcelona, took part in another panel about the perspective of metropolitan authorities in the role of metropolitan cities in the new EU cohesion policy.



Members
Barcelona (metropolitan area), Torino



Outcomes
L1A2D2, L1A3D3



Metropolitan challenges
3.2 Transparency and accountability

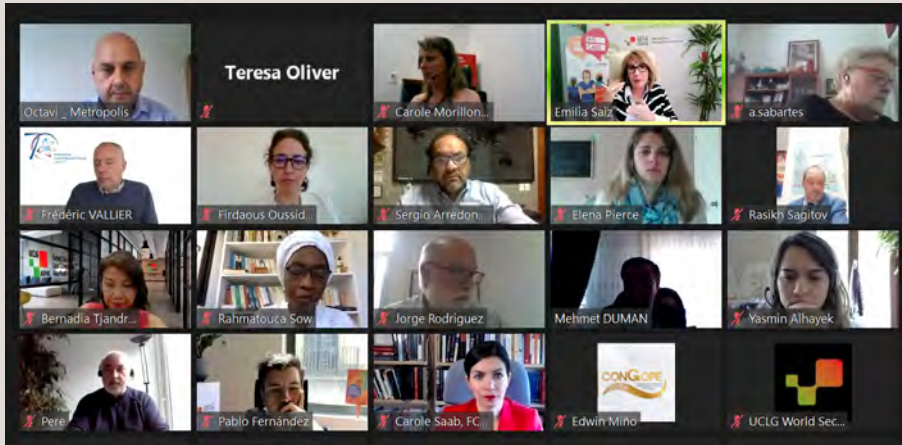


Alliances
European Union



29 April

MEETING OF THE SECRETARIES GENERAL OF THE UCLG SECTIONS



The meeting gathered all Secretaries General from UCLG sections and aimed to exchange on the preparation of the Executive Bureau, to take place from 18 to 20 May 2021, as well as the latest updates of each section. The focus was put on the roadmap of the Forum of Regions and on the updates for the Forum of Intermediary Cities. Our Secretary General attended the meeting.



Members
Kazan



Outcomes
L1A3D1



Metropolitan challenges
1.1 Combating inequalities and segregation
3.1 Gender mainstreaming



Alliances
UCLG, UCLG Africa,
UCLG ASPAC

21 January

THE ATLAS OF THE HUMAN PLANET 2020



The Atlas of the Human Planet 2020 collects contributions from more than 100 users of the Global Human Settlement Layer data sets among decision-makers, researchers, and practitioners. Its launch event featured presentations delivered by the authors of showcases in the thematic areas of Disaster Risk Management, Urbanisation, Development, Environment, and Sustainability.

One of the showcases of the Atlas is dedicated to our African Metropolitan Report, where the Global Human Settlement Layer data sets were used, along with our metropolitan indicators, in the analysis of metropolitanisation processes in the continent. Michael Sutcliffe, one of the co-authors of the African Metropolitan Report, was one of the speakers of the session on 21 January.



Members

Abidjan, Accra, Addis Ababa, Antananarivo, Bamako, Brazzaville, Cairo, Casablanca, Dakar, Douala, Durban, Gauteng, Harare, Johannesburg, Libreville, Nouakchott, Rabat, Tunis



Outcomes

L2A2D5, L2A2D6

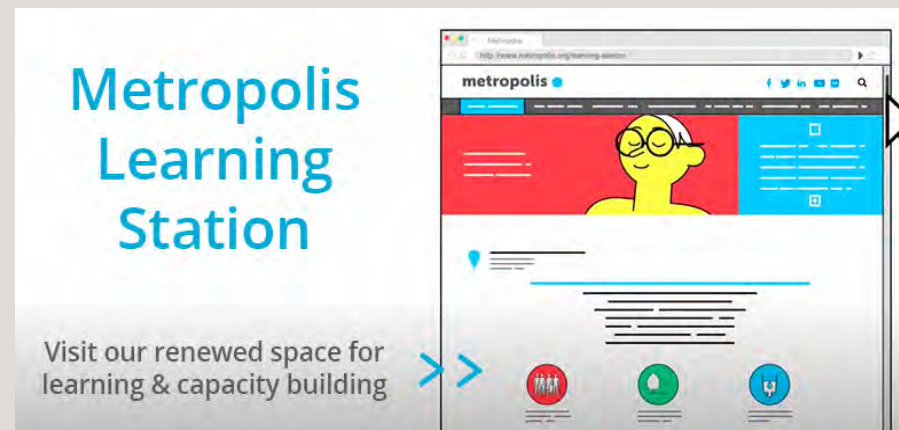


Metropolitan challenges

1.1 Combating inequalities and segregation
3.2 Transparency and accountability

27 January

METROPOLIS LEARNING STATION LAUNCH



Visit our renewed space for learning & capacity building

The Learning Station is a virtual space where all learning-related activities led or co-led by Metropolis can be found. This webpage included in the Metropolis official website is a tool that respond to action line 2 of the previous action plan: contribute to the strengthening of urban capacities for good metropolitan governance, including through the design and use of an agreed set of integrated urban instruments.

Visit the Learning Station [here](#).



Outcomes

L2A2D2, L2A3D2



Metropolitan challenges

4.1 Promoting digital rights



 28 January

LEARNING FROM TACTICAL URBANISM, METROPOLITAN PERSPECTIVES FOR LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS



In the webinar "Learning from tactical urbanism: Metropolitan perspectives for long-term solutions" organized with the support of the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona (AMB) and exclusively available to our members, invitees shared actionable insights on how cities and metropolises are incorporating new healthcare needs, and citizens' growing demand to have more public spaces where to feel safe and healthy.




Members
Barcelona (metropolitan area), Berlin, Bogota, Brussels, Montréal, San Salvador



Outcomes
L2A2D4



Metropolitan challenges
1.1 Combating inequalities and segregation

 4 February

METROTALKS, INCLUSIVE URBAN PLANNING



In this MetroTalk, we focused on the problem of housing quality and the fact that it is not affordable for everyone with Jane Weru, Executive Director of Akiba Mashinani Trust, and William Cobbet, at that moment, Director of Cities Alliances.



Outcomes
L1A3D3, L2A1D1



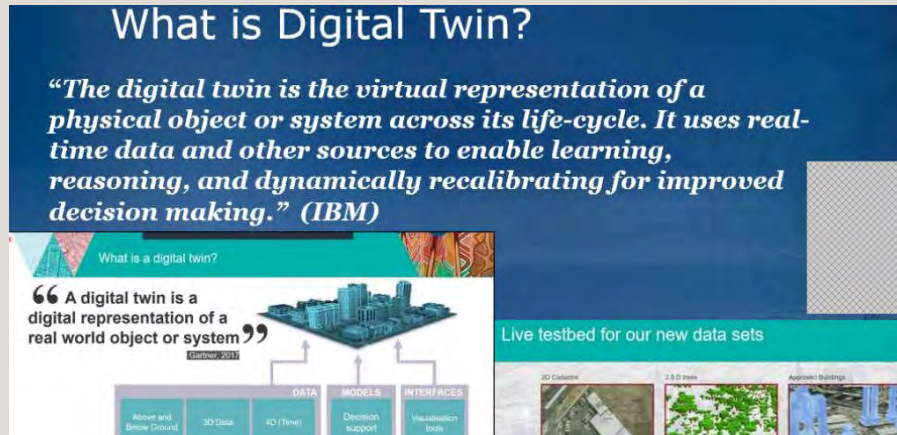
Metropolitan challenges
1.1 Combating inequalities and segregation
1.2 Affordable housing
2.1 Social resilience
2.2 Economic resilience
2.3 Climate resilience



Alliances
Cities Alliance

11 February

GEOSPATIAL VISUALIZATION FOR URBAN REVITALIZATION



Mashhad training regional center organized a webinar on geospatial visualization to showcase how technological tools can help better strategic urban planning and urban regeneration.

Payam Ghadirian, Manager in Data Development and Support at Emergency Management at Victoria, presented a couple of urban regeneration and revitalization projects in the Greater Melbourne Area.

The open data movement has brought about a change, especially in the way cities address data. Many local or regional governments do not have the capacity or do not yet see themselves as data intermediaries or integrators.



Members
Mashhad



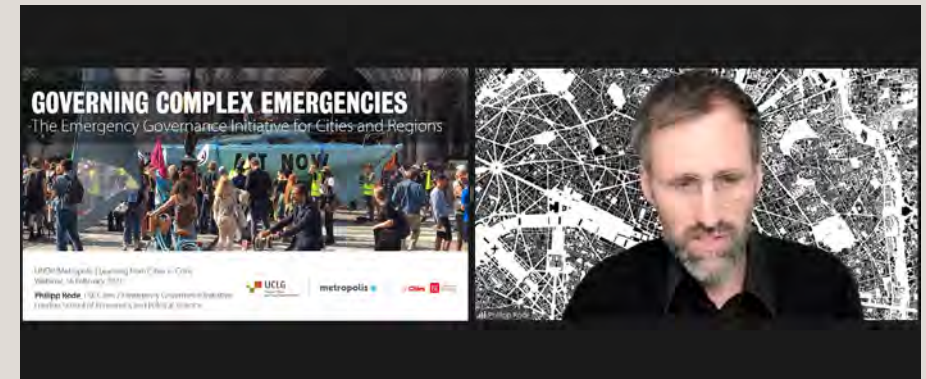
Outcomes
L2A2D3



Metropolitan challenges
1.1 Combating inequalities and segregation
3.2 Transparency and accountability

16 February

LEARNING FROM CITIES IN CRISES. METROPOLITAN PERSPECTIVES ON FRAGILITY AND RESILIENCE



In order to learn more about how Local and Regional Governments (LRGs) have dealt with the pandemic against the background of ongoing crisis in their respective cities, we organized together with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) a webinar titled "Learning from cities in crises. Metropolitan perspectives on fragility and resilience".

The event, attended by more than a hundred participants, counted with the presentations of the city director of Ramallah, a representative of UNDP, the director of the London School of Economics Cities Programme and our Secretary General.



Members
Ramallah



Outcomes
L2A1D1, L2A2D3



Metropolitan challenges
2.1 Social resilience
2.3 Climate resilience



Alliances
UNDP

25 February

INTERNATIONALIZATION AND METROPOLITAN SPACES



We organized the third and final webinar of the cycle on internationalization together with the AL-LAS Project to discuss the legitimacy of international actors and debate why internationalization needs to be a public policy. Participants listened the experiences of Dakar and the Urban Community of Nouakchott (CUN); represented by Rahmatouca Sow, Deputy Chief of Cabinet at the City of Dakar, and Fatimetou Boukhreiss, Director of Cooperation for the the Urban Community of Nouakchott; after some key ideas explained by Santiago Betancour, co-author of Issue Paper 9 and member of AL-LAs project.



Members

Barcelona (city), Brussels, Dakar, Grand Lyon, Grand Paris, Johannesburg, Montréal, Nouakchott



Outcomes

L2A2D3, L2A3D2



Metropolitan challenges

3.2 Transparency and accountability



Alliances

AL-LAs

12 March

CITY MANAGERS COMMUNITY 2020, FINAL REPORT



“Optimising the development and benefits of green infrastructure” is the title of the report that shares the conclusions of the activities carried out with a total of 15 members between June and November 2020, in the framework of the project City Managers Community, which every year brings together a select group of senior public managers who are in charge of day to day operation of major cities and metropolitan areas. This report showcases the many ways in which we can establish, develop and expand green infrastructure at metropolitan scales, based on the experiences of our members. The publication was previously distributed to representatives from the membership involved and is now available to the general public in our website.



Members

Barcelona (metropolitan area)



Outcomes

L2A2D4



Metropolitan challenges

2.1 Social resilience
2.3 Climate resilience

16 March

PILOT PROJECT. LAUNCH OF “METROPOLITAN AREAS DIALOGUE ON GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE. OVERCOMING CHALLENGES AND ENHANCING BENEFITS”



The first pilot project of the 2021 - 2023 period, “Metropolitan Areas Dialogue on Green Infrastructure: Overcoming challenges and enhancing benefits”, was launched. This project, which will be implemented by Mexico City in the following 30 months in cooperation with the metropolitan areas of Barcelona and the Aburrá Valley, will strengthen the technical capacities around the effective implementation of green infrastructure to enhance its benefits to the environment and human welfare under three main axes: ecological connectivity, urban biodiversity, and resilience to climate change.



Members
Barcelona (metropolitan area),
Mexico City, Valle de Aburra



Outcomes
L2A2D3, L2A2D4



Metropolitan challenges
1.4 Basic infrastructure
and services
2.3 Climate resilience

23 March

THE IMPORTANCE OF URBAN FORESTS FOR SUSTAINABLE CITIES

**Urban Forestry
Days**
23-24 March 2021

Pandemic times are shaping
urban forest use. Will this change
our perception of the importance
of urban forestry?

Register now!



Metropolis moderated the session “The importance of urban forest for sustainable cities” as part of the Urban Forestry Days 2021, an event co-organized by the European Forest Institute (EFI), the European Forum on Urban Forestry (EFUF) and the Horizon 2020 project CLEARING HOUSE. Three members of our association participated in this session.



Members
Barcelona (metropolitan area),
Fuzhou, Sao Paulo




Outcomes
L2A2D4, L3A2D2



Metropolitan challenges
2.3 Climate resilience



 23-24 March

12TH METROPOLIS OBSERVATORY ISSUE PAPER



Seizing the momentum of the 2021 Urban Forestry Days, the Metropolis Observatory Issue Paper 12, titled “Bringing nature back to the metropolis for all”, was released online, through our website and social media channels. In this publication, Galia Shokry and Isabelle Anguelovski, along with their colleagues from the Barcelona Lab for Urban Environmental Justice and Sustainability (BCNUEJ), discuss how greener metropolises could also be more just for all their residents. Through an examination of the promises and social pitfalls of various greening agendas, using empirical and scholarly research, this publication shows how collaboration between metropolitan governments and residents can lead to more just and greener outcomes for all.



Members

Barcelona (city), Barcelona (metropolitan area), Beijing, Bogotá, Bucharest, Cairo, Durban, Greater Manchester, Johannesburg, Medellín, Mexico City, Quito, Rio de Janeiro, Santiago de Chile, São Paulo, Seoul, Shanghai, Shenzhen, Shiraz, Wuhan



Outcomes

L1A1D1, L2A3D1



Metropolitan challenges

- 1.1 Combating inequalities and segregation
- 2.1 Social resilience
- 2.3 Climate resilience
- 3.1 Gender mainstreaming
- 3.3 Engaged citizenship

 25 March

DIGITAL CITYMAKERS SUMMIT



The first online event of the USE platform, organized by the City of Berlin, counted on more than 200 registered participants from across the globe. The program was inspired by the recently renewed Leipzig Charter, which emphasizes the pursuit of the common good using the transformative power of cities. The event featured keynotes from Barbara Berninger, Head of the division for international affairs of the Berlin Senate Chancellery and our Regional Secretary for Europe, and Oliver Weigel, Head of the Department of Urban Development of the Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community of the German government. The main part of the event took place in the seven network sessions hosted by Metropolis and USE partner

organizations, which further explored the topic of justice and community-oriented urban development by presenting practical examples.



Members

Barcelona (city), Barcelona (metropolitan area), Berlin, Gaziantep, Guangzhou, Hangzhou, Jakarta, Montréal, Xi'an



Outcomes

L2A2D2



Metropolitan challenges

- 1.2 Affordable housing
- 2.1 Social resilience
- 3.1 Gender mainstreaming
- 3.3 Engaged citizenship

7 April

VISIONS AND CHALLENGES IN URBAN REGENERATION



Co-organized by the Municipality of Tehran and Metropolis, the webinar “Visions and Challenges in Urban Regeneration” was attended by several dozens of people. The Mayor of Tehran and co-president of Metropolis, and the Mayor of Shiraz and member of our Board of Directors, made the political speeches at the beginning of the event. Afterwards, the audience could listen to experts on urban regeneration in Tehran, New Delhi, Istanbul and Cairo. Our Secretary General also intervened by sharing some key insights.



Members

Cairo, Istanbul, New Delhi - NIUA, Shiraz, Tehran



Outcomes

L2A2D3, L2A3D2



Metropolitan challenges

1.4 Basic infrastructure and services
2.1 Social resilience
2.2 Economic resilience
2.3 Climate resilience

8 April

CONSULTATION WEBINAR ON THE OECD URBAN PRINCIPLES IMPLEMENTATION TOOLKIT



The OECD Secretariat convened a selection of urban stakeholders to present the draft Toolkit to implement the OECD Principles on Urban Policy. Lia Brum, Metropolis Observatory Officer, was part of the group and identified the synergies between this initiative from OECD initiative and the ones of Metropolis, such as the Cities for Global Health and Urban Sustainability Exchange platforms, as well as the metropolitan indicators, which were referenced as sources of information for future collaboration.



Outcomes

L2A2D5, L2A2D6



Metropolitan challenges

3.2 Transparency and accountability



Alliances

UCLG



📅 20 April

WEBINAR “BARRIOS, MIR@DAS DESIGUALES Y JÓVENES”



This webinar was organized as part of the project “Neighbourhoods, inequality and youth: putting multidimensional inequalities on the local political agenda in countries in transition”, implemented in partnership with Oxfam, the European Union, Barcelona City Council, and the Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB).

This event aimed to share and disseminate promising experiences in measuring and analyzing inequalities in urban settings, especially in large cities and metropolitan areas such as Mexico City, Brasília, São Paulo and Barcelona. It also promoted the use of methodologies and shared lessons learned from these

experiences from the perspective of both civil society organizations (Oxfam Mexico, Rede Nossa São Paulo and Movimento Nossa Brasília) and municipalities (Barcelona City Council).



Members
Barcelona (city)



Outcomes
L1A3D3, L2A2D3



Metropolitan challenges
2.1 Social resilience

📅 21 April

LEARNING FROM CITIES. DATA-DRIVEN POLICY MAKING FOR URBAN RESILIENCE



“Data-Driven Policy Making for Urban Resilience” was the first edition of the series of conversations called “Learning from Cities”, co-led by Metropolis and UNDP with support from UCLG. The session was designed to identify what cities and institutions are doing to use data to make better decisions and advance along the road to achieving resilient cities.

Contributions were made by:

- The Head of Urban Economy Innovation for the Fraunhofer Institute
- A Data and Policy Consultant at UNDP, Asia Pacific Regional Innovation Centre
- The Chairman of the Rawalpindi Development Authority

- The Director of Government Affairs Data and Security Management at Guangzhou Municipal Government and Head of the Operation Centre for the Guangzhou Municipal Digital Government
- Metropolis Secretary General



Members
Guangzhou



Outcomes
L1A3D3, L2A2D2



Metropolitan challenges
2.1 Social resilience
2.2 Economic resilience
2.3 Climate resilience



Alliances
UNDP

13 January

INTERNAL PLANNING MEETING OF THE SECRETARIAT GENERAL FOR 2021



A virtual meeting with all the team at the Secretariat General was held to identify the flagship initiatives of the association and plan the activities for 2021, coinciding with the first year of implementation of the Metropolis Strategic Action Plan 2021-2023.



Outcomes
L3A3D2, L3A3D4

30 March

CO-PRESIDENCIES MEETING



The first Co-Presidencies meeting of the 2021-2023 mandate brought together mayors representing the Co-Presidencies, representatives from the Treasury and the president of Metropolis Women. The meeting aimed to explore the priorities of each co president's portfolio and the goals of Metropolis Women in order to identify key points and contributions to carry out the Metropolis Strategic Action Plan, as well as proposals for action. The meeting was held virtually and chaired by Wen Guohui, Mayor of Guangzhou and President of Metropolis.



Members

Barcelona (city), Barcelona (metropolitan area), Berlin, Brussels, Gauteng, Guangzhou, Montevideo, Montréal, Tehran



Outcomes

L3A1D2, L3A3D3



Metropolitan challenges:

- 1.1 Combating inequalities and segregation
- 1.2 Affordable housing
- 1.3 Advancing mobility
- 2.1 Social resilience
- 2.2 Economic resilience
- 2.3 Climate resilience
- 3.1 Gender mainstreaming
- 3.3 Engaged citizenship
- 4.1 Promoting digital rights
- 4.2 Closing the gender digital gap









Alliances
UCLG








METROPOLIS IN THE MEDIA

January

-  **ALLAS**
Montevideo global
-  **L'Institut Paris Region**
Île-de-France
-  **Chicago Council on Global Affairs**
MetroTalks
-  **Cities Today**
Interview to Mayor Ada Colau
-  **AMB**
Metropolis General Assembly
-  **MedCities**
Cities for Global Health

February

-  **Bogotá**
Webinar on tactical urbanism
-  **AMB**
AMB Internationalisation Plan
-  **UNDP ART**
Issue Paper XI: Violence in the metropolis
-  **Cities Today**
Guangzhou Award
-  **Bogotá**
Use platform

March

-  **UNDP**
Webinar on tactical urbanism
-  **ciestobe**
Cities and internationalization
-  **Cities Today**
Interview to Mayor Valérie Plante
-  **DeLoG**
Strategic Action Plan / Use platform

April

-  **shahr agency**
-  **Ciudad Sostenible**
Webinar on urban inequalities
-  **LA Network**
Cities for Global Health
-  **UNDP**
Learning from cities
-  **CETT**
Webinar on tactical urbanism



ACTIVE LISTENING



**MEMBERSHIP
ENGAGEMENT**



**COLLABORATION
WITH ALLIANCES**



**BILATERAL
MEETINGS**



MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT



Abidjan
Accra
Addis Ababa
Antananarivo
Bamako
Barcelona (metropolitan area)
Barcelona (city)
Beijing
Berlin
Bogotá
Brazzaville

Brussels
Bucharest
Buenos Aires
Cairo
Casablanca
Chongqing
Mexico City
Dakar
Douala
Durban
Fuzhou

Gauteng
Gaziantep
Goyang
Greater Lyon
Greater Paris
Greater Manchester
Guadalajara
Guangzhou
Hangzhou
Harare
Istanbul

Jakarta
Johannesburg
Kazan
La Paz
Libreville
Lisbon
Mashhad
Medellín
Montevideo
Montréal
New Delhi-NIUA

Nouakchott
Quito
Rabat
Ramallah
Rio de Janeiro
Rosario
San Salvador
Santiago de Chile
São Paulo
Seoul
Shanghai

Shenzhen
Shiraz
Tehran
Torino
Tunis
Valle de Aburrá
Wuhan
Xi'an

COLLABORATION WITH ALLIANCES



BILATERAL MEETINGS

January

Online

Members
Barcelona (metropolitan area),
Gauteng

Alliances
UNDP

February

Online

Members
Barcelona (city), Buenos Aires,
Johannesburg, Santiago de
Chile

Alliances
UCLG

March

Online

Members
Guadalajara, Montréal

April

Online

Alliances
Paradiplomacia.org,
UCLG Culture

PROGRESS



**MAIN
RESULTS**



**METROPOLITAN
CHALLENGES**



**IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE STRATEGIC
ACTION PLAN**



MAIN RESULTS



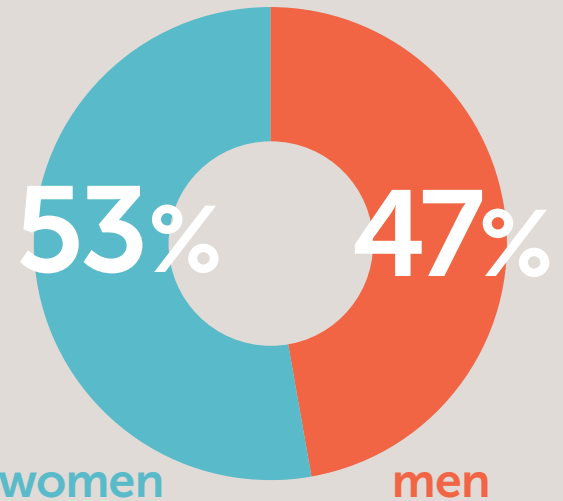
From 1 January to 30 April

1,380+

people engaged in events led or co-led by Metropolis

119

experts with whom we have collaborated



METROPOLITAN CHALLENGES



From 1 January to 30 April

1.1 Combating inequalities and segregation

1.2 Affordable housing

1.3 Advancing mobility

1.4 Basic infrastructure and services

2.1 Social resilience

2.2 Economic resilience

2.3 Climate resilience

3.1 Gender mainstreaming

3.2 Transparency and accountability

3.3 Engaged citizenship

4.1 Promoting digital rights

4.2 Closing the gender digital gap



IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN

To check the [Metropolis Strategic Action Plan 2021-2023](#), please visit our website



L1 Strengthen global leadership on metropolitan diplomacy and advocacy

L1A1 Common political metropolitan narrative

L1A1D1 Policy recommendations on issues critical to the metropolitan future

L1A2 Metropolitan perspective in global agendas

L1A2D1 Champion Metropolis position at international arena and forums

L1A2D2 Bring the metropolitan governance perspective to debates around global and regional agendas

L1A2D3 Active participation in global and regional political events to impact and foster urban diplomacy

L1A2D4 Support metropolitan leaders in making their voices heard at the international level

L1A3 Global alliances strategy vis-à-vis other networks and actors

L1A3D1 Contribute to UCLG activities and debates as the metropolitan section

L1A3D3 Collaboration with multilateral actors, local government networks, think tanks, international agencies, and other stakeholders



L2 Build adaptive capacities for metropolitan governance

L2A1 Shared vision of the metropolises of the future

L2A1D1 Prospective analysis on how to build the metropolises of the future

L2A2 Support for the development and implementation of metropolitan governance structures, policies, services, and planning

L2A2D2 Online platforms for knowledge exchange

L2A2D3 Learning and capacity-building activities for senior managers and practitioners

L2A2D4 Innovative projects and working groups on specific metropolitan issues

L2A2D5 Reference frameworks for urban planning in metropolitan areas

L2A2D6 Systematizing and capitalizing on existing expertise and knowledge within the association

L2A3 Localizing global agendas at the metropolitan scale, in particular the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals

L2A3D1 Guidelines to help members to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and other global and regional agendas

L2A3D2 Capacity building so that public servants can implement policies and actions to achieve the global agendas



L3 Foster within Metropolis an accountable and sustainable internal governance culture

L3A1 Caring organization

L3A1D2 Close relationships with our members (considering regional specificities)

L3A2 Financially sustainable association

L3A2D2 Diversified funding sources

L3A3 Transparency and accountability

L3A3D2 Continued emphasis on robust accountability system

L3A3D3 Maintaining existing compliance system

L3A3D4 Traceability of activities and expenses

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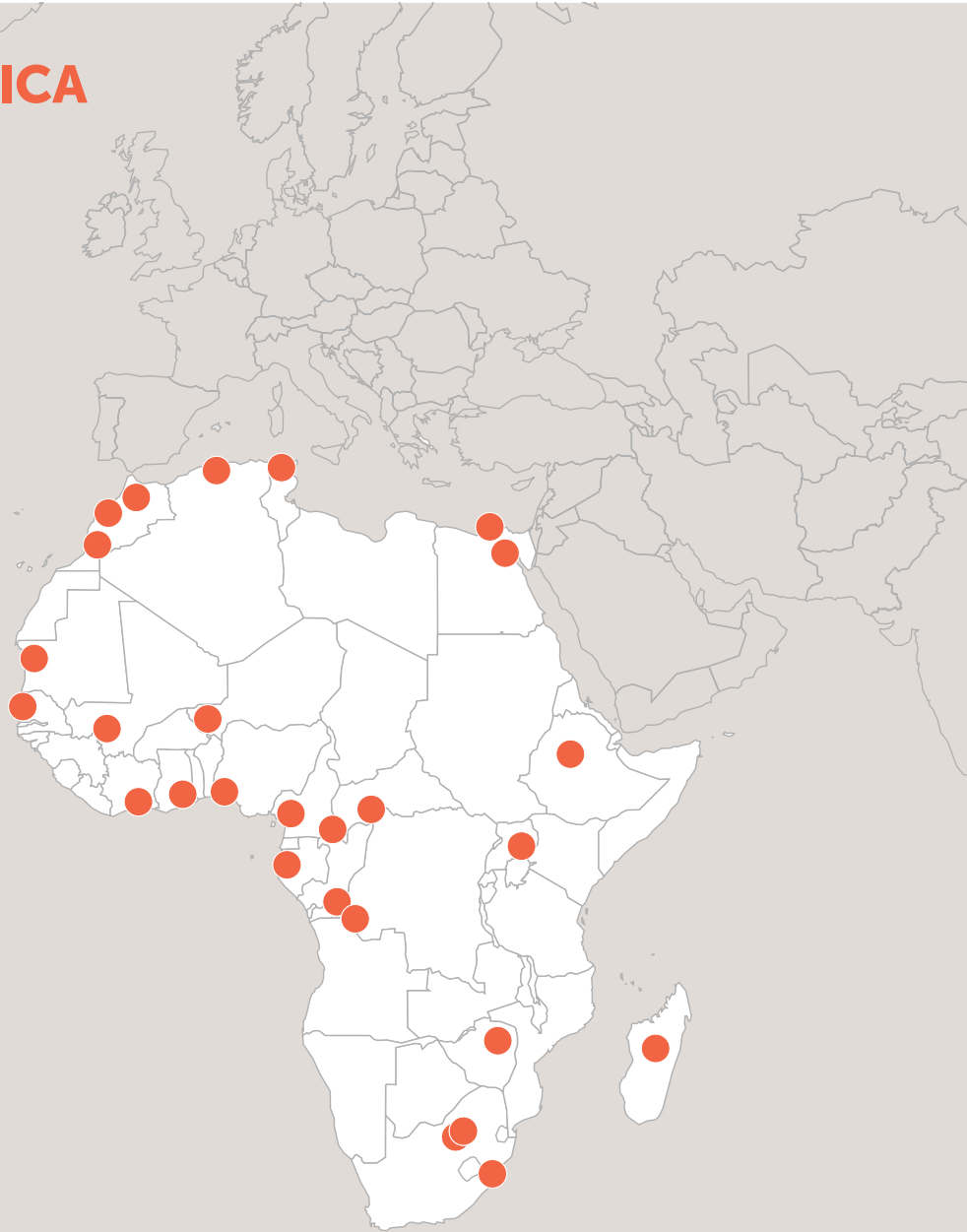
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- Casablanca
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- Dakar
- Douala
- Durban
- Gauteng
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- Libreville
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- Nouakchott
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- Victoria
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- East Kalimantan
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- Barcelona (metropolitan area)
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- Greater Manchester
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