



The World Secretariat of United Cities and Local Governments is pleased to send you the latest news and events of interest for local and regional governments around the world.

TOP STORY



Liverpool welcomes city and regional leaders to discuss how to generate sustainable economic growth

The BT Global City Leaders Summit began on Wednesday 18th with more than 200 city and regional leaders of local governments from around the world – United Cities and Local Governments members and leaders – who were gathered in Liverpool's to discuss how they can generate sustainable economic growth in times of austerity.

MAIN STORIES



Planning and Public Spaces: a people-centred approach for the urban agenda

UCLG held its first Policy Debate session on 17th June 2014, dedicated to a crosscutting theme of UCLG's global agenda: Planning and Public Spaces. Participants joined this meeting to analyse two dimensions of the urban agenda.



“What are we going to do about the global agenda in this council chamber?” ask local leaders from across the world

Representatives of sub-national authorities from across the world called for local ownership of the post-2015 development agenda at a meeting in Liverpool on the 17th of June.



Bilbao, Host City for the First UCLG 2015 Culture Summit

Bilbao has been chosen host city for the first UCLG 2015 Culture Summit during the meeting of the UCLG Executive Bureau held in Liverpool. The UCLG Committee on Culture began the draft of the new Culture Agenda 21 in 2013 in Lille, Buenos Aires and Rabat, and will continue in 2014 through meetings, seminars, articles, questionnaires and visits to the pilot cities.



Liverpool Hosts the United Cities and Local Governments Executive Bureau Meeting

The United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) Executive Bureau is scheduled to take place in Liverpool, the United Kingdom from 17th – 19th June 2014 by invitation from the Mayor of Liverpool, Mr. Joe Anderson and the Local Governments Association (LGA) on the occasion of the International Festival of Business.



The UCLG Executive Bureau receives the Annual Activity Report for 2013

UCLG presented its Annual Activity Report for the period 2013 at the meeting of the Executive Bureau in Liverpool on 19th June 2014. The Report compiles all the activities carried out by the World Organization during 2013 and aims to present the work accomplished by the Sections of our global network.



First EU Policy Forum on Development meeting held outside of Brussels takes place in Peru

Following a meeting of the Task Team (made up of representatives of UCLG Africa, UCLG MEWA, FLACMA, Platform and the UCLG World Secretariat) on the 24th of June, the EU Policy Forum on Development (PFD) in the Latin America and the Caribbean region was held in Lima, Peru, on 25-26th of June.



Cities and Regional Governments conveyed in a dedicated dialogue day at the Climate negotiations to share their crucial experiences

With the negotiations on climate are resuming in Bonn from 2 to 13 June, the Local Governments and Municipal Authorities constituency, has convened a delegation of technical and political representatives to participate in the meetings.



“Re-Imagining people centered public spaces” Learning Exchange in Durban, South Africa

A learning exchange event on “Re-imagining public spaces” was held from the 4th to 6th of June in Durban, South Africa. The event was jointly hosted by eThewkinini – Durban, COGTA (provincial body of the Ministry of Corporate Governance and Traditional Affairs), UCLG, UCLG Africa, and UN Habitat.



World Environment Day 2014: Cities and regions, the greatest challenge and hope for a sustainable future

World Environment Day (WED) is the United Nations' principal vehicle for encouraging worldwide awareness and action for the environment. Many of the solutions to the challenges of climate change and urbanization are found in cities themselves.



Public Services International Delegation Visits UCLG

UCLG World Secretariat received in May a delegation from Public Services International (PSI), the global trade union that represents public service workers. The aim of the meeting was to seek areas of common interest.



Climate change and its effects on cities was discussed at the UCLG-MEWA headquarters

Assoc. Prof. Barış KARAPINAR, lecturer at Boğaziçi University, delivered a talk on “Intergovernmental Climate Change Panel Fifth Evaluation Report: Effects of Climate Changes on Cities, Vulnerabilities and Harmony”, at the UCLG-MEWA Headquarters in Sultanahmet.



Register now for the 11th Metropolis World Congress!

The 11th Metropolis World Congress in Hyderabad is expecting more than 2000 delegates from over 100 international cities and elected and public officials from over 100 Indian tier one and tier two cities. Be part of it and join us now!



South-South cooperation in the field of participatory democracy

Representatives of local, regional and national governments, international organizations, associations, researchers, academics and civil society from twenty-five countries met in Canoas, Brazil, on the third, fourth and fifth of June for 14th International Observatory of Participatory Democracy (IODP) Conference.



Call for applications: Two local governance Talent programmes

The Hague Academy for Local Governance calls for applications from young local government practitioners for two of its Talent for Governance programmes organised in the second half of 2014.

COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS



Announcement: Winners of the International Award UCLG - MEXICO City - Culture 21

The objective of the "International Award UCLG - MEXICO City - Culture 21" is to recognise leading cities and people that have distinguished themselves through their contribution to culture as a dimension of sustainable development.



Gwangju welcomes tens of cities to discuss about how to implement human rights at local level

The Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights of UCLG co-organized, together with Gwangju Metropolitan City, the Gwangju International Center and the Korea Human Rights Foundation, the 4th World Human Rights Cities Forum (WHRCF), which took place in Gwangju.



The new website of the Mediterranean Commission is on line

With almost 5,000 visitors every month, the website is an actual resource centre that collects and makes available information, publications, the latest news and current events in the Mediterranean. Discover its new version at: www.commed-cglu.org.



Fruitful week for the Champions in Liverpool, United Kingdom

On the 16th of June 2014, a successful training for the UCLG Champions was held by the CIB Working Group in Liverpool, United Kingdom. Its purpose was to discuss the progress in activities undertaken by the Champions to promote the key messages of the UCLG Policy Paper.

OUR BLOG



Here are the innovative ideas 21 European cities proposed in the Bloomberg Mayors Challenge

Citiscop's urban innovation feature this week is on the "ideas camp" for European cities hosted recently by Bloomberg Philanthropies in Berlin. The 21 cities are finalists in the most recent round of the Bloomberg Mayors Challenge.



Intermediary Cities: Between growth management and financial sustainability

Between 10th and 12th June, the Cities Forum, which is linked to UCLG and other institutions, took place at IFEMA, Madrid. The forum was attended by Mayors and Managers of Ibero-American cities, present to discuss issues such as sustainability, service management, public space and governance, among others.



Local Leaders' Empowerment is Key to a Post-2015 Urban Agenda

A new tool has been produced for local and regional governments to contribute to the post-2015 Agenda and the New Urban Agenda of Habitat III in 2016. It is the creation of UCLG, the Global Network of Cities, Local and Regional Governments, an organisation that represents the interests of local governments on the world stage.



A call to extend the "big data" revolution to urban poor

The "big data" revolution must extend to the world's urban poor. That's the point of a recent essay by David Satterthwaite, senior fellow at the International Institute of Environment and Development. A billion citizens live in informal urban settlements, but little information is collected about them to improve their lives, Satterthwaite writes.



Quito acogerá el Foro de Alcaldes sobre Movilidad, Migraciones y Desarrollo

Barcelona, 20 jun (EFE).- Los asistentes al primer Foro de Alcaldes sobre Migración, Movilidad y Desarrollo que se ha celebrado hoy en Barcelona han acordado que este tenga continuidad y se celebre el año próximo en la ciudad de Quito (Ecuador).



Climat : Anne Hidalgo appelle les grandes villes à s'unir

Anne Hidalgo a appelé jeudi à l'ONU les grandes villes à s'unir pour lutter contre le changement climatique. «Les grandes villes doivent s'unir pour développer des offres industrielles qui permettent d'agir concrètement contre le péril climatique et l'érosion massive de la biodiversité», a déclaré la maire de Paris.



Strengthen role of local authorities in DRR

A new global framework for disaster risk reduction (DRR) must seek to strengthen the role of local government because the impact of all disasters is local, the 4th Session of the Americas Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction heard on Wednesday. With urban populations set to continue rising, it is vital that local governments can mount an effective responses to the environmental threats their populations may face.

EVENTS

Financing urban development European conference

July 03, 2014

Cinquième édition du Forum de l'action internationale des collectivités

July 03, 2014

4th High-level Development Cooperation Forum

July 10, 2014

3rd UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

July 14, 2014

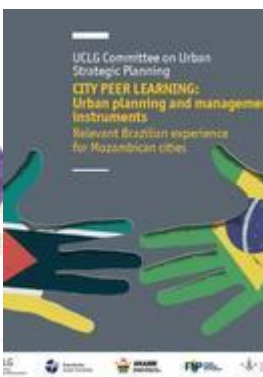
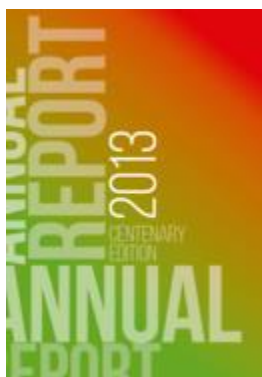
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