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2010:

Board of Directors Meeting in Barcelona and 25th Anniversary of Metropolis



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Barcelona has been home to the Metropolis Secretariat-General since the year 2000.

Metropolis turns 25 this year and the anniversary is set to coincide with the holding of the Board of Directors Meeting in Barcelona, the site of the Association's Secretariat-General. From 5 to 8 October 2010 Barcelona will gather together politicians, technicians and experts in the metropolitan management from around the world.

As well as the statutory meetings, a number of Metropolis Standing Commissions will also meet, including Commission 2 Managing Urban Growth, Commission 3 Integrated Urban Governance and Commission 5 Partnership for Urban Innovation. The Global Fund for Cities Development and the Metropolitan Internatio-

nal Women's Network will also hold meetings.

Municipal leaders from over 100 of the Association's member cities shall be invited to attend the event to exchange experiences and celebrate the 25th anniversary of Metropolis in the incomparable setting afforded by the city of Barcelona.

Launching of the Global Fund for Cities Development in Paris

Metropolis members and stakeholders took advantage of the “Metropolises Facing the Crisis” conference, organized by the Regional Council of Île-de-France in Paris on 13 October 2009, to launch the Global Fund for Cities Development (GFCD). The partners recommend beginning with a bank of 10 projects for the first three years of operation and creating two cooperation duos that will form the nucleus of the founding members. The submission form can be downloaded from the website:

www.fmdv.net

The first Constitutional General Assembly meeting of the GFCD will be held on 7 October, as part of the Metropolis Board of Directors meeting.

Before then, the project must have been presented in detail to all the potential stakeholders (public and private donors, local authorities’ networks, philanthropic foundations and sovereign funds) invited to take part in its creation.

Furthermore, in accordance with the matters stated by Board members during their meeting in Moscow, discussions are being held with a leading financial institution, to structure the GFCD into two different entities to clearly disassociate technical assistance and financial engineering from any funding received. This means Metropolis members will be exempt from all financial liability, as a private structure that will run the GFCD will assume full responsibility.

These points will be presented to Metropolis members and stakeholders in full detail at the preparatory meeting of the Constitutional General Assembly to be held in late June, at the invitation of the Mayor of Istanbul. Announcement of the date of the meeting is expected shortly.

Meanwhile, the two pilot projects involving Antananarivo and Makati continue to make headway and to consolidate the approach proposed by the GFCD.

Metropolis members interested in further information may contact the GFCD team via the Fund’s website or directly by emailing:

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The launch of the GFCD was held in the framework of the “Metropolises Facing the Crisis” conference and included the presence of Metropolis President Jean-Paul Huchon.



Successful Turnout in Seoul for the 2nd Metropolis Women International Network Forum

The 2nd International Forum on “Dynamic Cities Need Women: Visions and Challenges for a Women-Friendly City”, organized by the Metropolis International Women’s Network, was held in Seoul, from 21 to 24 October 2009. The Forum included the participation of 12 antennae of the Women’s Network, 70 speakers including 11 female mayors and 1 male mayor; over 1,000 attendees from 40 cities in 35 different countries, and international organizations, experts from around the world, students and civil groups. A great number of participants also attended the training sessions and roundtable discussions that took place in the run-up to the Forum on 20 and 21 October.

The opening ceremony was chaired by the South Korean Minister for Gender Equality, Hee Young Paik; the Mayor of Seoul, Se-Hoon Oh; and the UN Deputy Secretary-General, Asha-Rose Migiro. Also in attendance were Francine Sénécal, the co-president of the Forum and president of the Metropolis International Women’s Network and Kyung Sook Lee, the co-president of the Forum in South Korea and director of the Seoul Foundation of Women and Family.

Numerous specialists from organizations such as the UN Secretary-General’s Office, the UN Division for the Promotion of Women, UN-Habitat and the Huairou Committee acknowledged the values and difficulties women face in many cities in this century and expressed their support for the initiative to create women-friendly cities. They also agreed to take part in future projects of the Metropolis International Women’s Network.

The Forum concluded with the approval of the Declaration of Seoul signed in a protocol event by the president of the Metropolis International Women’s Network and the co-president of the 2nd International Women’s Forum, as well as representatives of the different antennae of the Women’s Network. The Declaration has already been adopted by the Metropolitan Region of Chile, which is composed of 52 municipalities, and is expected to be shortly adopted by the 36 municipalities of the Barcelona Metropolitan Region.



The Mayor of Seoul along with the heads of the Metropolis International Women’s Network.

Barcelona will host the next meeting of Regional Antenna

In the framework of the Board of Directors which will be held in Barcelona on 5-8 October, a meeting on regional antennas will take place. These antennas are essential bonds for the spreading

of information and the coordination of regional activities and initiatives. Currently, the Antennas of the network are located in Abidjan, Amman, Athens, Bamako, Bangui, Barcelona, Brussels, Dakar, the State of Mexico, Mashhad, Pune and Seoul.

Francine Sénécal, President of the Metropolis International Women’s Network, during her speech.



Porto Alegre hosts the first Commission 3 meeting on Integrated Urban Governance



Opening ceremony of the Democratic Governance in Cities Symposium.

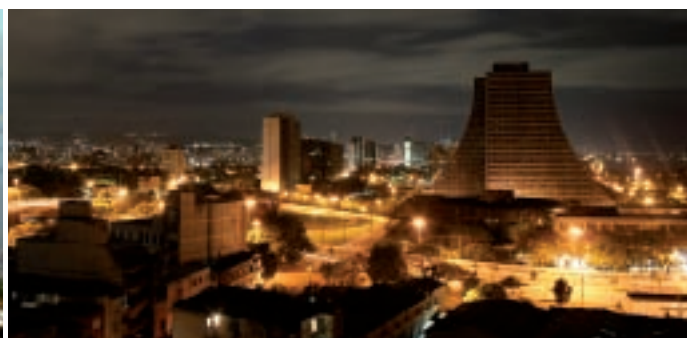
The first Commission 3 meeting was held in the city of Porto Alegre on 24 and 25 November. The meeting was part of the Democratic Governance in Cities International Symposium, which as well as the Metropolis event, also addressed the bases of urban innovation and participative democracy. The Symposium attracted over 700 participants from such diverse cities and institutions as Bamako, Barcelona, Belo Horizonte, Rosario, Salvador, Sao Paulo, Berlin, Edinburgh, Estado do México, Katmandu, Porto Alegre, Roma, Melbourne, UNDESA, UNESCO and CISCO Systems.

Attendees also had the chance to visit a number of the paradigmatic projects implemented by the City Hall of Porto Alegre, such as Social Sailing, the Popular Mall and Rural Roads. These projects have all adopted joint governance and co-responsibility as an instrument for problem-solving, bringing together the municipal government, civil society and the private sector.

As well as the traditional presentation of best practice case studies from Metropolis member cities, the World Cafe event was organized, in which participants broke into small groups to discuss three points: challenges, daily practice and obstacles to achieving suitable governance in local policies.

Finally, the Commission presided by the city of Berlin and with the vice-presidency shared by Porto Alegre and State of Mexico will develop further best practice case studies from other cities so that a wide-ranging, useful manual can be delivered at the Cairo Congress to help local governments with regards to urban and regional management.

If you would like to take part in Commission 3, please write to: metropolis@metropolis.org
The final report and post-event information is already available on the Metropolis webpage: www.metropolis.org



Porto Alegre launches the system of Qualification in Participative Local Planning and Management

The System of Qualification in Participative Local Planning and Management (PGLP) is an international program that aims to train citizens in participative practices in municipal administration, in order to strength and implement these processes. The training program gathers, in nine educational modules, the experience in participative local planning and management of the partner cities: Barcelona (SP), Belo Horizonte (BR), Cor-

doba (SP), Cuenca (EC), Porto Alegre (BR), Quito (EC), Tuscany Region (IT), Rosario (AR) and San Salvador (SV). The topics offered by the modules of each city reflect their strength in the process of participative democracy, drawn from solid experience of public policies developed by each one of them. The themes of the modules involve different dimensions of democratic management.

Courses are offered in the on-site and on-line modalities and can be

requested by any city of the world. The headquarters of the program are located in the Management School of the Porto Alegre Municipality which, from its training center, organizes the implementation of the modules. The System includes equipment for teleconferencing, distance learning platform (Moodle), classroom and a website:

www2.portoalegre.rs.gov.br/sistemaglp_ing

Metropolis at the UCLG World Council Meeting in Guangzhou

The United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) statutory and commission meetings were held within the framework of the organization's World Council meeting that took place in Guangzhou from 10 to 13 November 2009.

Numerous representatives of local and regional authorities, invited by the Mayor of Guangzhou, Zhang Guangning, attended the World Council and 18 Commission meetings: the Mayor of Paris and UCLG President, Bertrand Delanoë; the Mayor of Johannesburg and UCLG Co-President, Amos Masondo; the Mayor of Istanbul and UCLG Co-President, Kadir Topbas, took part in the event.

Metropolis, the metropolitan section of UCLG, reminded attendees of the importance of the Global Fund for City Development (GFCD) project and of its Commission entitled Partnership for Urban Innovation (PUI). The event enabled Metropolis to gain four new Asian members as part of the agreements signed by UCLG and ASPAC (the UCLG section that covers the Asia-Pacific region).

UCLG confirmed that its next Executive Bureau meeting will be held in Chicago in late April 2010.



UCLG Commission Secretariats and Sections meeting.

First Commission 2 Meeting on Managing Urban Growth in New Delhi

The first meeting of Commission 2 “Managing Urban Growth” was convened during 3-5 December 2009 in New Delhi, and was hosted by the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) of India, attracting decision-makers, practitioners from the urban development sector and close to 40 delegates from Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Barcelona, Brazzaville, Cairo, Gyeonggi Province, Hyderabad, Jamshedpur, Kolkata, Melbourne, Mumbai, New Delhi, Pune, Shiraz, Sydney and Udaipur, and many national and municipal governments in India.

The meeting was organized within the framework of the “Urban Mobility India 2009 conference” which brought together more than 500 delegates, giving participants the opportunity to interact with practitioners from many cities.

All the presentations were from acknowledged experts, and of the highest quality and relevance to the work of the commission. The main thrust of the presentations was on: 1) new technologies and e-transformation in the urban sector; 2) strategic planning, integrated transport and liveability of cities; 3) social inclusion and poverty alleviation; 4) funding infrastructure; 5) reforming governance systems; and 6) the role of government.

One of the objectives was to strengthen relations between Metropolis and Asian cities overall, and to



Participants of the meeting in New Delhi. In the center, Mary Lewin, Commission 2 Coordinator.

engage more Indian cities in the activities of Metropolis. The participants gave a very positive feedback and expressed their desire to continue their association with the Commission (six Indian cities have joined as members of Commission 2 following the meeting).

This first meeting was certainly an excellent kick-off for Commission 2 in its undertaking to explore the issues of rapid urbanizations and livability of cities; in identifying what makes cities livable to their inhabitants and

attractive to investors, and what governments are doing (or should do) to protect, promote and enhance the livability of cities.

If you would like to take part in Commission 2, please write to: metropolis@metropolis.org. The final report and post-event information is already available on the Metropolis webpage: www.metropolis.org.



Metropolis to Take Part in Shanghai 2010 Expo

The city of Shanghai, a member of Metropolis, will host the 2010 World Expo from 1 May to 31 October 2010 under the theme “Better City, Better Life”.

The Expo will have a space dedicated to good urban practices, called the Urban Best Practice Area (UB-PA). Over forty local authorities from around the world have been chosen to

be present at Shanghai, of which thirteen are members of our Association. The cities should present the way they are integrating problems of sustainable development into their technical, social, esthetic, cultural and economic options. The presentation of good urban practices in terms of sustainable development has been a focus of the reflections, exchanges

and events Metropolis has been carrying out for a number of years.

On 18 and 19 June 2010, conferences on Partnership for Urban Innovation will be held in the framework of the events organised by CISCO at the Universal Exhibition in Shanghai.

Metropolis signs an agreement with FLACMA

During the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) World Council held in November 2009, Metropolis signed a cooperation agreement with the Latin American Federation for Cities,

Municipalities and Associations, FLACMA (the UCLG section for Latin America), so that all the cities in the region that join UCLG may automatically become members of Metropolis, and vice versa. In Latin America, all

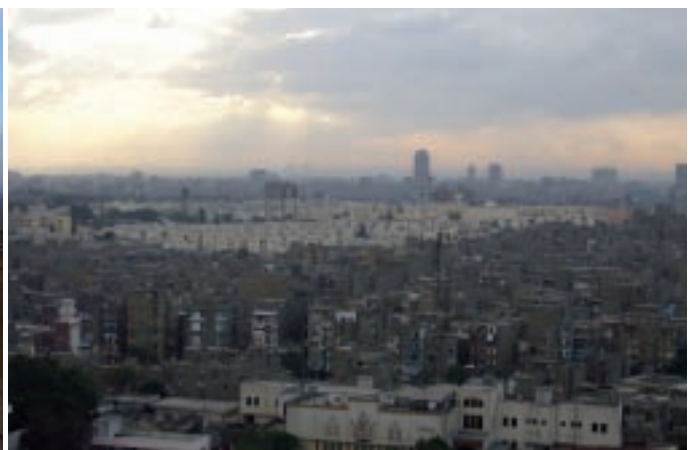
the members with more than one million inhabitants joining Metropolis or FLACMA will become automatically members of both organisations.

Gearing Up for the 10th Metropolis World Congress in Cairo, April 2011

A delegation from the Secretariat-General and Office of the President of Metropolis visited Cairo between 27 October and 2 November to prepare for the 10th

Metropolis World Congress to be held in the city from 4 to 7 April 2011. During the visit, the delegates discussed matters relating to the program, logistics, promotion, planning and

financing of the Congress. The organizers anticipate creating a website to bring together all updated Congress information.



New Members

Metropolis welcomes its newest members: Bogota City Hall (Colombia), Chengdu Municipal Government (China), Diyarbakir

Metropolitan Municipality (Turkey), Guarulhos Municipal Government (Brasil), Nanning Municipal Government (China), Urban Community of

Nouakshot (Mauritania), Rio de Janeiro City Hall (Brasil) and Zhengzhou Municipal Government (China).

Calendar

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	ORGANISED BY	FURTHER INFORMATION
FEBRUARY				
22-24	European Summit of Local Governments	Barcelona	Spanish Ministry of Territorial Policy, Council of Barcelona	www.europeansummit2010.eu
24-26	7 th Forum of the World Alliance of Cities Against Poverty (WACAP)	Rotterdam	UNDP World Alliance of Cities Against Poverty	www.wacap2010-rotterdam.nl
MARCH				
10-13	International Conference of Innovative Cities	Curitiba	The IC-IC, initial co-promotion of the FIEP (Federation of Industries of the State of Parana)	www.cidadesinovadoras.org.br
22-26	World Urban Forum	Rio de Janeiro	UN-Habitat	www.unhabitat.org
APRIL				
16-20	Annual Regional Assembly Innovation and the American Metropolis	New York	Regional Plan Association	www.regionalassembly.org/2010 www.rpa.org
26-28	Executive Bureau	Chicago	UCLG	www.cities-localgovernments.org
MAY				
2-3	Barcelona+15: Mediterranean Committee Forum of Local and Regional Authorities	Barcelona	Mediterranean Commission of United Cities and Local Governments	www.commed-cglu.org
19-21	6 th European Sustainable Cities & Towns Conference	Dunkerque	The European Sustainable Cities and Towns Campaign & the city of Dunkerque	www.dunkerque2010.org
28-30	1 st World Congress on Cities and Adaptation to Climate Change	Bonn	ICLEI	www.resilient-cities.iclei.org/bonn2010/program

