# GLOBAL
# TASKFORCE
## OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL
## GOVERNMENTS

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2nd
# WORLD
# ASSEMBLY
towards HABITAT III

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## BACKGROUND

The Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments is a coordination mechanism set up in 2013 at the initiative of **UCLG President and Mayor of Istanbul, Kadir Topbaş**. It brings together the major international networks of local governments to undertake joint advocacy relating to international policy processes, particularly the **climate change agenda, the Sustainable Development Goals and Habitat III**.

**The Taskforce** has substantially increased its membership since its creation and now brings together more than **20 global and regional networks, with the support of 20 partners** (including UN Agencies, the private sector, and international organizations).

## WORKING TOGETHER TOWARDS HABITAT III

## JOIN OUR GLOBAL TASKFORCE AND HELP US TO BUILD THE NEW URBAN AGENDA

## OUR WORK

Since 2013, the **Global Taskforce** has worked to bring together and amplify the voices of **the major global networks** of local governments in international policy processes, building on the long tradition of local government advocacy at international level.

## GTF-UNACLA

At the proposal of UCLG and following the agreement of the Executive Director of UN Habitat, the composition of the **United Nations Advisory Committee of Local Authorities (UNACLA)** has been modified and enhanced to reflect the GTF membership.

## GTF-GAP

Local and regional governments will organize our contributions to the **Habitat III** process through the **GTF**. However the GTF has decided to ensure representation at the **General Assembly of Partners (GAP)**, which represents the partners of **UN-Habitat**.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

Since its launch the Global Taskforce has:

- Successfully campaigned for the inclusion of a stand-alone goal on **sustainable urbanization in the 2030 Agenda** (SDG 11) on Sustainable Cities and Human Settlements;

- Called for the localization of the **implementation and monitoring of the 2030 Agenda**;

- Made proposals to ensure **adequate local financing of the 2030 Agenda at the Addis Ababa Conference** on Development Financing.

- Showcased the ways in which local governments are leading from the bottom-up to address the **urgent threat of climate change**.

## HOW TO JOIN US

The initiative aims to be inclusive and new members are welcome to join the Taskforce. Send an application letter signed by the head of the organization, briefly explaining your motivation to join the **Global Taskforce** and the activities you are already undertaking in relation to the new urban agenda to: globaltaskforce@uclg.org

## CALENDAR

## THE SECOND WORLD ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS

Building on the First World Assembly of Cities and Local Authorities, organized in the framework of Habitat II in 1996, the local government constituency is organizing the **Second World Assembly of Local and Regional Governments** through the **Global Taskforce**.

The Second Assembly will be the process and coordination mechanism through which our constituency will participate in the formal Habitat III process. It will refine and guide our inputs and recommendations to the **New Urban Agenda**.

The Second World Assembly is a three-part process, convened by the Global Taskforce, to be held over the course of 2016.

**FIRST SESSION**
**NEW YORK on MAY 15**

**SECOND SESSION**
**BOGOTA on OCTOBER 14**

**FINAL SESSION**
**QUITO on OCTOBER 16**
[back-to-back with the Habitat III Conference]

## MEMBERS

**UCLG** - United Cities and Local Governments and its Thematic Committees
**ICLEI** - Local Governments for Sustainability
**AIMF** - International Association of Francophone Mayors
**ATO** - Arab Towns Organization
**CLGF** - Commonwealth Local Government Forum
**MERCOCIUDADES** - Network of cities of Mercosur
**nrg4sd** - Network of Regional Governments for Sustainable Development
**METROPOLIS** - Metropolitan Section of UCLG
**UCLG Regions** - Forum of Regions of UCLG
**CEMR-CCRE** - Council of European Municipalities and Regions
**UCLG-ASPAC** - Asia Pacific Section of UCLG

**UCLG-EURASIA** - Euro-Asian Section of UCLG
**UCLG-MEWA** - Middle East and West Asia Section of UCLG
**UCLG-NORAM** – North American Section of UCLG
**FLACMA** - Latin American Federation of Municipalities and Local Government Associations
**UCLGA** - UCLG Africa
**CUF** - Cités Unies France
**FOGAR** -  Forum of Regions of UCLG
**FMDV** - Global fund for cities development
**PLATFORMA** - The European Voice of Local and Regional authorities for Development
**C40** - Climate Leadership Group
**UCCI** - Unión de Ciudades Capitales Iberoamericana



## PARTNERS

UN-HABITAT, CITIES ALLIANCE, UNACLA, DeLog, European Commission, French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Habitat for Humanity, HLP Post 2015, Huairou Commission, ILO, Millennium Campaign, One UN Secretariat, Slum Dwellers International, SUEZ, UNCDF, UNDP, UNESCO, UNICEF, UNSDSN, World Urban Campaign.

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