



# WORLD ASSEMBLY

of local and regional  
governments

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UN High-level  
Meeting on the  
implementation of  
the New Urban  
Agenda - Quito

New York, 27 April 2022  
15:00-18:00 EST  
UN Headquarters - CR 11

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IMPLEMENTING  
THE NEW  
URBAN AGENDA

**On the occasion of the High-level Meeting** on the review and follow up of the New Urban Agenda taking place in April in New York, the organized constituency of local and regional governments gathered within the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments (GTF), facilitated by United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) will be convening the World Assembly of Local and Regional Governments.

The World Assembly has been officially recognized by the United Nations General Assembly in recognition of the role local and regional governments and communities play in sustainable urban development and in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda. The World Assembly is explicitly acknowledged within the Quito Outcome document (paragraph 169) as a review and follow-up mechanism of the New Urban Agenda. Specifically, paragraph 169 calls for continued collaboration with the World Assembly in the follow-up and review of the New Urban Agenda, stating: “We note the importance of continuing to engage in the follow-up and review of the New Urban Agenda with sub-national and local governments associations represented at the World Assembly of Local and Regional Governments”.

The convening of the World Assembly of Local and Regional Governments will focus on demonstrating the need to deepen the debate on the recognition of local and regional governments as formal actors and contribute to build a long-lasting partnership to localize the universal development agendas. Towards the United Nations High-Level Meeting on the Review of Implementation of the New Urban Agenda, the local and regional government constituency is ready to demonstrate the interconnection between the New Urban Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the PGA's 5 Rays of Hope.

In the current overlapping crises we are living through, it is critical to leverage linkages between the New Urban Agenda, service delivery and coordination among spheres of government to accelerate its implementation. The World Assembly will be structured around three key axes: 1) local public service provision and the right to the city, 2) equality, finance, and green deals and 3) multilevel governance, intermediary cities and renewed planning models and will include participation not only from local and regional governments but also from representatives of national governments and stakeholder



15:00

### Opening

- **Abdulla Shahid**, President of the UN General Assembly
- **Collen Vixen Kelapile**, ECOSOC President
- **Maimunah Mohd Sharif**, UN-Habitat Executive Director
- **Carlos Martinez**, UCLG Special Envoy for the New Urban Agenda
- **Presidency of UNACLA**
- **Santiago Guarderas Izquierdo**, Mayor of Quito
- **Government of Ecuador**

15:30-16:15

### Local and Regional Governments Priorities for the New Urban Agenda

Facilitated a GTF Network Representative

- **Recommendations by local and regional governments on local public service provision and the right to the city**
  - Housing
  - Health
  - Digitalization
  - Right to the City
  - Multilevel Governance

- **Ada Colau**, Mayor of Barcelona
- **Uğur İbrahim Altay**, Mayor of Konya
- **Carolina Cosse**, Mayor of Montevideo
- **Anibal Gaviria**, Governor of Antioquia
- **Atishi Marlena**, Councillor, Member of Legislative Assembly, National Capital Territory of Delhi, India
- **Berry Vrbanovic**, Mayor of Kitchener
- **Christine Mba Ndutume**, Mayor of Libreville
- **Franklin Galarza**, President of the Association of Municipalities of Ecuador

#### Spain, Canada

**Partners:** General Assembly of Partners, Global Platform on the Right to the City



16:15-17:00

### Challenges for Acceleration effective action: Lessons learned during the Pandemic

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- **Recommendations by local and regional governments on social inclusion and financing**

- Equality
- Migration
- Green Deals
- Right to the City
- Finance Gaps

- **Claudia López**, Mayor of Bogotá
- **Frank Cownie**, Mayor of Des Moines
- **Carola Gunnarsson**, Mayor of Sala
- **Jordi Puigneró**, Vice-president of the Regional Government of Catalonia
- **Luis Donaldo Colosio**, Mayor of Monterrey
- **Yousef Shawarbeh**, Mayor of Amman
- **Fatimetou Abdelmalick**, President of Nouakchott
- **Kim, Myung Soo**, Vice Mayor of Daejeon Metropolitan City
- **Mbarka Bouaida**, President of the Guelmim Oued Noun Region and President of the Association of Regions in Morocco

#### **Switzerland**

**Partners:** LSE, Huairou Commission

17:00-17:45

### One Universal Development Agenda: The NUA as the cornerstone

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- **Recommendations by local and regional governments on multilevel governance and renewed planning models**

- New Service Delivery
- Role of Intermediary Cities
- Renewed planning models and infrastructures

- **Fernando Gray**, Mayor of Esteban Echeverria
- **Mahadi Che Ngah**, Mayor of Kuala Lumpur



- **Manfred Reyes Villa**, Mayor of Cochabamba
- **Mohamed Sefiani**, Mayor of Chefchaouen
- **Pablo Jurado**, President of CONGOPE
- **Paula Vargas**, Mayor of San Jose
- **Rohey Malick Lowe**, Mayor of Banjul
- **Valérie Dumontet**, Vice-President of Aude
- **Mpho Phalatsem**, Mayor of Johannesburg

**Côte d'Ivoire**

**Partners:** Cities Alliance, UNDRR

**17:45**

**Closing Remarks**

- Representatives from the **Global Taskforce**

