

Urban Innovation and the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda

Side Event at the High-Level Meeting on the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda

Time

20:00-21:30 (Beijing Time), April 27, 2022

Meeting link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83235780432?pwd=R1FqM1N4eGk2WXZwdEx6MSt4allpUT09>

Organizers

United Cities and Local Government

World Association of the Major Metropolises

Guangzhou Institute for Urban Innovation

Secretariat of Guangzhou International Award for Urban Innovation

Partners

Lincoln Institute for Land Policy

UCLG Community on Urban Innovation

Metropolis Regional Secretariat for Asia and the Pacific

Concept Note

Cities and local governments are a source of ideas and approaches to help the world reach the Goals of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2030 Agenda). Cities also demonstrate how the tenets of the New Urban Agenda (NUA) can be implemented with creativity, efficient use of resources, and broad community support.

This side event showcases how local governments are demonstrating just how impactful urban innovation can be and how important it is to engage cities as partners in efforts to implement the NUA and to accelerate the implementation of the SDGs.

Up to three living case studies of urban innovation from Africa, Asia and Latin America and/or Europe will present their efforts in addressing the the three transformative commitments of the New Urban Agenda, namely : Social inclusion and ending poverty;

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Inclusive urban prosperity and opportunities; and Environmental sustainability and resilience. The side event will also involve a panel of experts to discuss lessons learned.

Agenda

1. Remarks (20 min)

- Mr. Zhan Decun, Director-General of Guangzhou Foreign Affairs Office
- Ms. Sara Hoeflich, Director of UCLG Learning
- Ms. Agnès Bickart, Senior Manager for Institutional Relations, Metropolis

2. Living cases (40 min)

- Introduction to the Report *Urban Innovation and the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda*

- Mr. Amath DIA, General Secretary of the Department of Saint-Louis, Senegal

Living case: Inter-municipal approach for the safeguard and enhancement of the Mangrove by the Local Authorities

- Mr. Mathi Vathanan, Principal Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Department, Odisha, India

Living case: The Urban Wage Employment Initiative – reducing vulnerabilities and enhancing resilience of the urban

- Mr. Vladimir Tapia, Secretary of Territory, Habitat and Housing of the Metropolitan District of Quito, Ecuador

Living case: Eco-Efficiency tool for the Metropolitan District of Quito

3. Panel discussion (20 min)

- Mr. Enrique R. Silva, Director of International Initiatives, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy
- Ms. Eugenie L. Birch, Nussdorf Chair for Urban Research, School of Design, Co-Director of Penn Institute for Urban Research, University of Pennsylvania; Co-Chair of the 5th Guangzhou Award Jury

4. Q&A (10 min)

Moderator:

Nicholas You, Executive Director of Guangzhou Institute for Urban Innovation

