World Assembly of Local and Regional Governments

What is the Second World Assembly?

The World Assembly is the political mechanism through which the local and regional government constituency is making its joint inputs to the Habitat III process. It builds on the first session that gathered local governments in Istanbul during Habitat II.

It is convened and facilitated by the Global Taskforce (GTF), the technical consultation mechanism set up by local and regional government networks. You can find out more about the GTF and our activities here: www.gtf2016.org

16 October, Quito
15:00-18:00
"Agora room" at the UN Conference venue Casa de la Cultura

The World Assembly will hold its third session in Quito on 16 October, gathering elected officials, Mayors, Governors, Councilors and local government networks.

The Assembly will present the constituency’s recommendations to the Habitat III process. It will highlight its vision and signal the areas that need to be prioritized. It will further present the commitments of local governments post-Quito and the implementation of the development agenda.

Key messages

The World Assembly will bring the voice of local and sub-national elected officials to the UN Conference. It will call to reinforce the application of the subsidiarity principle and the renewal of governance at all levels. It will call for sound financial resources to be dedicated to local governments and will also place emphasis on the need to link the Habitat III outcomes to the 2030 Agenda and the implementation of the Climate Agreements. All of the above are underpinned by the request to define a consultation mechanism that will provide a specific seat for this sphere of government at the global table.

The hashtag for the Second World Assembly is #Listen2Cities to be associated with #Habitat3.

How can I participate in the Second World Assembly?

Participants can register through the international associations of local governments that are part of the GTF. The networks will share the information among their members and send nominations to globaltaskforce@uclg.org. The expected profiles of attendees are local elected representatives and high-level political leaders.

By registering for the Second World Assembly, you will also be registered for the Habitat III Conference.

Global Taskforce networks should send the names of nominated political representatives to globaltaskforce@uclg.org by 21 September.

We will also need a short biography (10 lines) and a picture for each delegate.

Please also provide information on the topic that they would like to focus on.

More information may be requested by the UN at a later stage for registration and accreditation purposes.

The GTF has contracted the IISD Reporting Services who will provide web coverage and a summary report from the third session of the Second World Assembly of Local and Regional Governments. Please access this website on Sunday 16 October 2016 for more information.
ANNEX 1: LIST OF GTF MEMBERS AND PARTNERS

MEMBERS

- UCLG - World Organization of 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 - Eurasian 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 - United Cities France
- FOGAR - Regions United
- FMDV - Global Fund for Cities Development
- PLATFORMA - The European Voice of Local and Regional Authorities for Development
- C40 - Climate Leadership Group
- UCCI – Union of Ibero-americans capital cities Unión de Ciudades Capitales Iberoamericanas
- AL-LAs - AL-Las Project

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