

## THEMATIC PILLARS

### THE KEY MOMENTS OF THE PROGRAMME WILL BE THE FOLLOWING:



**Wednesday, 12**

**October:** Opening Plenary

**Thursday, 13 October:** Plenary, UCLG Executive Bureau

**Friday, 14 October:** Second World Assembly of Local and Regional Governments, UCLG General Assembly

**Saturday, 15 October:** UCLG World Council, Closing Plenary

The plenaries and policy dialogues at the Summit will be based on the cornerstones of the **Global Agenda of Local and Regional Governments for the 21st Century**. These sessions will see mayors, governors, high-level representatives of national governments, intergovernmental organizations, civil society, academia, development agencies, finance institutions and the private sector come together to discuss the Agenda and present it to the world.

# PLENARIES ON THE POLICY AGENDA

## **The era of strong local government: recalling the Spirit of Habitat II**

Strong local governments are crucial for the wellbeing of all. The UN Member States gathering at Habitat III will need to remember the spirit of Habitat II, which acknowledged local governments as “the closest partner” of UN Habitat and “essential” in the implementation of the Urban Agenda.

## **Linking up the 2030 Agenda and the New Urban Agenda**

In order to ensure that no one is left behind, local and regional governments need to be directly involved in the monitoring, implementation and financing of both the 2030 Development Agenda and New Urban Agenda.

## **From Bogotá to Quito: a seat at the global table**

The local and regional leaders gathered in Bogotá will present our key recommendations for Habitat III. We will propose concrete mechanisms for a global governance architecture to ensure that the implementation of the New Urban Agenda involves all local and regional governments.

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## Policy Dialogues on the Cornerstones of the New Urban Agenda as the basis for Global Development

- **Stronger, more accountable local and regional governments:** Elected local and regional leaders are uniquely placed to promote collaborative, participatory and integrated governance. This policy dialogue will explore how to empower local leaders to work with their communities to co-create and implement a collective vision for local development. Speakers will discuss new mechanisms for citizen participation, the advantages and challenges of inter-municipal cooperation, and current trends in decentralization and local democracy.  
> [Follow online the #SDG16 conversation](#)
- **The Right to the City at the heart of the New Urban Agenda:** Local and regional governments have called for the Right to the City to guide all the dimensions of the New Urban Agenda. This session explores the policy implications of the Right to the City in terms of access to public goods, the co-creation of the city, and the recognition and promotion of diversity. Speakers will share ideas on how local and regional governments can integrate the Right to the City into their daily work.  
> [Follow online the #Right2City conversation](#)
- **Culture as a driver for urban transformation:** The function of culture as a pillar of sustainable development is increasingly recognized. This dialogue will discuss how heritage, creativity, diversity, cultural participation and the transmission of knowledge are instrumental to building people-centred societies. It will also explore the operational role played by cities and local governments within this context, and the need for them to be acknowledged in, and empowered by, the New Urban Agenda.  
> [Follow online the #Culture conversation](#)
- **Territories to promote sustainable local economic and environmental policies:** The potential of city and regions to mobilize local actors and harness opportunities to foster economic development and environmental

sustainability needs to be unlocked and recognized. Speakers will discuss new local and regional initiatives to promote new models of production and consumption, include the informal sector, reduce energy consumption, and foster positive urban-rural linkages.

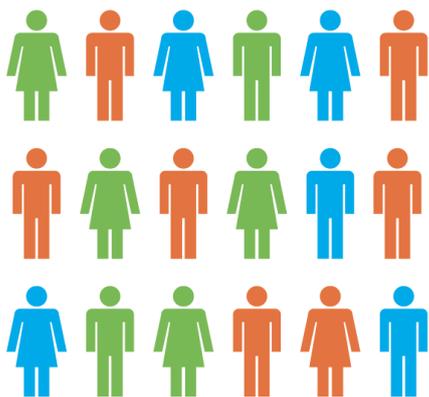
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- **Drive bottom-up national development:** Local and regional governments can be strategic partners of national governments in driving national development from the bottom up. What advocacy tools do local leaders have to make sure that national urban and regional policies take them into account? What specific challenges do metropolitan areas, intermediary cities, regions, small municipalities and rural areas have? How can we ensure balanced development that leaves no community behind?
- **Building the spirit of solidarity:** Our broad family of local and regional governments has a proud historical tradition of decentralized cooperation and international solidarity. This session explores how local and regional governments can share expertise with one another to improve their ability to tackle common challenges from urban planning to migration.
- **Financing the New Urban Agenda:** Local government investments increasingly contribute to economic growth at national and regional levels, but don't always receive a fair share of the resources generated in return. This session explores ways of rethinking local financing systems in order to make urbanization sustainable. Speakers will discuss innovative new financing mechanisms and strategies for local and regional governments to advocate for fiscal reform and access to borrowing.

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There will also be three meeting places for the different local government communities that make up the broad UCLG family. This will allow each local government community to discuss the issues relevant to its own perspective, as well as its contribution to the network as a whole.

## Community Forums



- **Constituencies:** Metropolitan and peripheral cities; Intermediary cities; Locally elected women.
- **Local government associations**
- **Regional governments**

# Permanent working platforms: co-creating the city

In a rapidly changing world, cities and territories are where national and local debates on the future connect. Local governments are ideally placed to act as hubs for bottom-up dialogue between citizens and institutions.

In order to harness this capacity, the Summit will host two permanent working platforms. These will allow local officials, experts, academics, civil society representatives and partners to discuss some of today's most pressing policy issues before, during and after the Summit.

The platforms will begin the work in the run up to the Summit and their work will feed into the Congress Policy Dialogues and Summit outcomes.

- **The Future of Cities.** This platform will aim to foresight the major changes that cities will face over the coming decades, as well as suggest how local governments will need to adapt to cope with them.
- **The Right to the City.** Discussing the concrete implementation of the right to the city in our communities will be instrumental to the social transformation of our cities and territories.

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## Enlaces

[1]

<https://www.pre.bogota2016.uclg.org/en/media/sdgs-and-new-urban-agenda-will-achieve-nothing-if-we-fail-strengthen-local-democracy>

[2] <https://www.pre.bogota2016.uclg.org/en/media/right-city-will-be-central-theme-uclg-world-congress-bogota>

[3]

<https://www.pre.bogota2016.uclg.org/en/media/uclg-congress-will-demonstrate-how-culture-essential-and-why-it-must-be-priority-sustainable>

[4] <https://www.pre.bogota2016.uclg.org/en/media/local-governments-believe-power-public-space>

[5]

<https://www.pre.bogota2016.uclg.org/en/media/global-observatory-local-finances-will-be-launched-uclg-world-congress-bogota>