The Bogota World Summit: a key item on the agenda at the UCLG Executive Bureau in Kazan

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The UCLG's Executive Bureau took place in Kazan from 25 to 27 May with over 200 representatives present from some 90 cities and local and regional authorities from all around the world, along with important figures from the urban world. The meetings in Kazan are the last time that the UCLG governing bodies will come together before they meet at the World Summit in Bogota, which will take place from 12 to 15 October this year.

In addition to addressing a range of issues such as the well-being of citizens, sustainable cities, the Habitat III process, the learning agenda and the UCLG awards, the Executive Bureau meetings in Kazan were a key opportunity to present the World Summit of Local and Regional Leaders and the 5th UCLG Congress. The Summit, to be held in Bogota from 12 to 15 October 2016, is closely linked to the organization's general priorities and the Habitat III Conference, which will take place immediately after the Summit, from 17 to 20 October in Quito, Ecuador.

The Executive Bureau commended the hosts for the effort made to provide an inclusive and diverse space. The importance of discussing general policies and creating formats that would make it possible to experience the reality of Bogota as well as developing learning sessions was stressed. The membership expressed its enthusiasm for the Congress format and made a commitment to ensure a representative presence in Bogota.
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