



**Building Bridges:
from Vision
to Collective Action.**

20—24 FEB 2023

FORECASTING GLOBAL TRENDS FOR LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS

Thursday 23 February

All participants. Special focus on the UCLG Network and the GTF
[English, French, Spanish]

To leave no one and no place behind, the local and regional government constituency must work with a vision towards the future. This will entail forecasting global trends, understanding local realities, and preventing future crises and conflicts. This will be especially key given the upcoming UN Summit of the Future taking place in 2024 which will be fed into by the SDG Summit taking place in 2023, central to the agenda of the local and regional government constituency.

This day will be a moment to reflect on the actions of the local and regional government constituency and their visibility. There will be moments to present conversation starting trends, to reflect on innovative partnerships responding to these trends, and include an interactive space for sharing initiatives fostering localization. All this taking into account the Power of We and the notion of care as the umbrella of the UCLG Pact for the Future.

Welcome remarks

10:00-10:15

Forecasting Global Trends for Local and Regional Governments:

Setting the Scene

10:15-10:30

We will review the milestones ahead of the coming months, and introduce the 2023 Municipal Forecast, a tool and publication that identifies trends in urbanization.

Media for Cities Debate

10:30-13:00

UCLG and OnCities 2030, through the Urban Journalism Institute, aim to join efforts to increase the understanding and rigorous information about the local efforts towards achieving social, economic, and environmental sustainability as part of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals, the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the full commitment towards the climate action agenda.

The session will serve as the launch of the 2023 Municipal Forecast, a collaboration between UCLG and the Urban Journalism Institute identifying the key moments and trends in urbanization for the coming months. During the session, local and regional leaders and journalists will debate the key trends for the coming months, how to construct narratives that showcase the local approaches to global issues, and the value of local storytelling.



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Lunch Break

13:00 – 14:30

Strengthening Coalitions to Accelerate Action and Looking at the Future through a Territorial Lens: High-impact partnerships

14:30- 16:00

High impact partnerships for transformation will be a critical milestone to foster innovation and impact of our movement in the coming years. As our capacity to amplify voices of the membership deepens, renewed partnerships will be critical in forging far reaching transformative visions articulated through co-creation and localization and driven by the core values reflected in The Pact for the Future.

The session will share localization efforts and partnerships that embody the leadership of local and regional governments and their allies to accelerate the 2030 Agenda and form coalitions for action.

Proximities	Smart Cities	Informalities
Metropolis	Regions	Intermediary Cities

Launch Ceremony of the Guangzhou Award

16:00-16:10

Consolidating a Global Community that Cares: Future Envisioning Workshop

16:10 -18:00



The Factory of the Future is a daily space to engage our membership and partners, to connect their actions, and co-create and construct the ways to unfold the Pact for the Future. Through interactive workshops, participants will exchange their views, envision innovative solutions and build concrete collective actions to deliver on the agenda of UCLG. As for any production process, the Future Envisioning Workshops will invite participants to dive into different production phases, such as the identification of materials and tools, the establishment of quality controls, the structuring of assembly lines; and finally, the outreach and dissemination strategy.

This workshop will have a format of a Marketplace as an interactive space for “speed dating” sessions with the aim of sharing practices, initiatives and tools developed by different parts of the network and partners that contribute to the implementation of Pact for the Future. The setup is to ensure information flow is demand-driven. Participants will get to know the different “products” and fill their basket with initiatives that are most interesting for them, while the providers share and promote their cases interactively to the groups.