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# UN HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM 2021 GTF Kick off and Preparatory Meeting and Local Authorities Major Group Official Side Event

7 July 2021 – 18:00-20:30 CEST



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## Global Taskforce Preparatory Meeting

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### Brief Description:

As it is traditionally the case, the Global Taskforce members and partners meet during the first days of the High-Level Political Forum in order to fine-tune participation of the constituency to ensure that the multilateral process is inclusive and takes into account the messages from the levels of government closest to people.

This particular preparatory meeting will have has the objective to advance in the preparations of the activities of the World Assembly of Local and Regional Governments towards Quito +5 which is becoming all the more relevant in view of the UN Taskforce on the Future of Cities.


As we prepare towards the UN High-Level Meeting to be held in June 2022, the World Assembly of Local and Regional Governments, explicitly recognized in the Quito Outcome Document, will play a pivotal role in voicing our constituency in the process towards and during the UN High-Level Meeting. It is proposed to hold a special convening of the World Assembly of Local and Regional Governments on the monitoring of the state of implementation of the New Urban Agenda, in the first half of 2022, where our key proposals and issues would be formally presented.

It is proposed to ensure greater articulation between the World Assembly of Local and Regional Governments and UNACLA when ensuring input to the monitoring and review of the New Urban Agenda, both promoting the New Urban Agenda as an accelerator towards the localization of the SDGs. It is also proposed that the inputs of our constituency are closely coordinated with the General Assembly of Partners, the other mechanism to which our voice is heard within UN-Habitat.

A technical roadmap for local and regional governments towards Quito+5 will be presented.

The meeting will gather GTF members and partners in presence with UN Habitat Representative and GAP representative.

### Draft Program:

1. Opening Segment
  2. Touch-Base on the HLPF Programme and LRG moments at HLPF
  3. Discussion on the Technical Roadmap of Local and Regional Government towards Quito+5
    - Lucy Slack, Secretary General, CLGF
    - Natalia Uribe, Advocacy Coordinator, Regions4
    - Fabiana Goyeneche, Director of International Relations and Cooperation of Montevideo
    - Frederic Vallier, Secretary General CEMR
    - Agustí Serra, Director General of Urbanism and Territorial Policy, Catalonia Regional Government
  4. Tour de Table of Networks
  5. Wrap up
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## **Local Authorities Major Group\_Side Event**

Empowering local and regional governments for a more inclusive multilateral system

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### **Brief Description:**

Local and regional governments are crucial to ensuring the 2030 Agenda becomes a reality. The crises stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic brought to light the vital role local public service provision plays in ensuring that people and the planet are protected. It has also underlined that our communities' health spans way beyond healthcare.

Looking towards the COVID-19 recovery, it is clear that local and regional governments and their associations must be empowered and that a more inclusive and coherent multilateral system is needed to achieve the global agendas.

This side event organized by the Local Authorities Major Group gathered within the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments will count on the participation of mayors and governors from around the world to share how, through their experiences at the local and regional levels, the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is strengthened by putting communities, local public service provision and partnerships at the centre.

The event will focus on how to support systems of service provision to ensure their sustainability in the aftermath. It will also address rising inequalities exacerbated by COVID-19 and discuss how protecting those most vulnerable as well as strengthening their access and protection of health services, advancing resilience through climate action, and fostering culture are key to an equitable recovery.

A special focus will be put on the SDGs in review in the 2021 HLPF as well as social inclusion and the concept of a caring society, resilience and biodiversity, and governance and local democracy.

### **Skeleton Program:**

1. Setting the scene
2. Interventions from political representatives of the GTF
  - Bjørn Arild Gram, Mayor of Steinkjer in Norway, President of the Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities
  - Wobine Buijs-Glaudemans, Mayor of Oss in the Netherlands, Member of VNG
  - Carlos Martínez, Mayor of Soria, Envoy of the Presidency for the New Urban Agenda
  - Raffaele Cattaneo, Minister of Environment and Climate of Lombardy
  - Mohamed Sefiani, Mayor of Chefchaouen
3. Presentation of the Local Authorities Major Group Statement
  - Christian Spahr, Secretary General, Assembly of European Regions
  - Carles Llorens, Secretary General, ORU-FOGAR
  - Kobie Brand, Deputy Secretary General, ICLEI
  - Ana Román Martín, Managing Director, UCCI



- Maggie Powers, Head of Policy and Advocacy Maggie Powers joined the Mayors Migration Council
4. Open Discussion
  5. Wrap up

**List of confirmed participants for both sessions:**

- Paola Arjona, Technical Director, AL-LAS
  - Genie Birch, President, General Assembly of Partners
  - Kobie Brand, Deputy Secretary General, ICLEI
  - Wobine Buijs-Glaudemans, Mayor of Oss in the Netherlands, Member of VNG
  - Raffaele Cattaneo, Minister of Environment and Climate of Lombardy
  - Fabiana Goyeneche, Director of International Relations and Cooperation of Montevideo
  - Simone Giovetti, Policy Officer, CUF
  - Bjørn Arild Gram, Mayor of Steinkjer in Norway, President of the Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities
  - Carles Llorens, Secretary General, ORU-FOGAR
  - Emilie Maehara, Deputy Director, FMDV
  - Ana Román Martín, Managing Director, UCCI
  - Carlos Martínez, Mayor of Soria
  - Francisco Mugaburu, Cooperation and Networks Manager, UCCI
  - Maggie Powers, Head of Policy and Advocacy Maggie Powers joined the Mayors Migration Council
  - Fernando Rocafull, Vice principal, UCCI
  - Emilia Saiz, Secretary General, UCLG
  - Hugo Salomao, Director of International Relations of Belo Horizonte
  - Mohamed Sefiani, Mayor of Chefchaouen
  - Marlene Simeon, Director, Platforma
  - Lucy Slack, Acting Secretary General, CLGF
  - Christian Spahr, Secretary General, Assembly of European Regions
  - Shipra Narang Suri, Chief Urban Practices Branch, UN-Habitat
  - Natalia Uribe, Advocacy Coordinator, Regions4
  - UCLG WS Policy, Research and Learning Teams
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