



## THINKING BIG: UCLG FACILITIES

Thursday 22 February

All participants. Special focus on the UCLG Network

The key objectives of the day are diverse. Firstly, to introduce the UCLG Facilities as the new instrument of the network to strengthen joint action. Secondly, to map, through each of the sessions dedicated to the three pilot Facilities, the different initiatives through which the network is contributing to each Facility. And thirdly, to start the conversation about how different key partners can contribute to this joint endeavour.

### Thinking Big: UCLG Facilities

10:00-10:30

The UCLG Facilities are an instrument to trigger change, based on funneling and strengthening the network's efforts to forefront key political agendas as levers to re-shape development action. The Facilities bring together UCLG leadership, partners, coalitions, and work teams of the Organization. Three pilot Facilities will be kicked-off at the 2024 UCLG Retreat: the Local4Action, UCLG-Women and Caring Systems Facilities. This session will seek to launch the UCLG Facilities, bringing attendees on board with their characteristics and objectives. Moreover, the session will seek to motivate different parts of the network and key partners to reflect on how their work contributes to the three pilot Facilities. In turn, strategic steps to strengthen synergies and accelerate the action of the networked constituency will be identified.

**Emilia Saiz,**  
Secretary General,  
UCLG

### Local4Action Facility

10:30-12:00

In an era of global shocks, the Local4Action Facility is the natural evolution of UCLG's political mandate and the frontrunner role embodied by our members to localize the global development agendas within the framework of the SDGs and other agendas such as the Sendai Framework, the Global Compacts on Migrants and Refugees or the Climate agenda. The Local4Action Facility mainstreams the narrative of the Power of We to regenerate hope and catalyze action to unlock enabling governance frameworks and financial environments by fostering partnerships and multilevel coordination. This aims to garner the



understanding of all the global development agendas as multi-level, whole-of-government, and whole-of-society, creating an ecosystem of transformative local actions that, put together, elevate the vision, action, and political leadership of our members and amplify their impact towards the change we need to activate.

**Setting the scene:**

**Berry Vrbanovic**, Mayor of Kitchener, Co-President of UCLG

**Moderated Panel:**

<b>Mehmet Duman</b> , Secretary General, UCLG-MEWA	Xi'an Municipal Foreign Affairs Office	<b>Lance Joel</b> , CEO, SALGA	<b>Fabrizio Rossi</b> , Secretary General, CEMR
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**Interactive Exercise: Priorities and tools for localization**

**In Focus:**

<b>Sophie van Haasen</b> , Coordinator, Global Forum on Migration and Development – Mayors Mechanism	<b>Leire Pajín</b> , President, REDS
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**UCLG-Women Facility**

12:00-13:30

UCLG carries the proud legacy of being an equality driven movement: from the establishment of our Standing Committee on Gender Equality, to nurturing a bold Global Feminist Municipal Movement, and a Pact for the Future that puts care, equity and solidarity at the center. The recent global crises have highlighted the critical role of women elected leaders in advancing inclusive and rights-based agendas. Yet today we are seeing increased backsliding on women's rights and gender-based violence in particular against women in decision-making. What are the key entry-points to accelerating women's meaningful and safe participation in political and public life? The UCLG-Women Facility will take a whole-of-society and whole-of-network approach, collectively joining efforts to tackle the old, new



and systemic challenges of inequality and discrimination, with women's and feminist leadership as an essential lever for change.

**Setting the scene:**

<p><b>Ana Falú,</b> UCLG UBUNTU Advisor and Professor Emeritus of the National University of Córdoba</p>	<p><b>María Fernanda Espinosa,</b> UCLG UBUNTU Advisor and Executive Director of GWL Voices for Change and Inclusion</p>
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**Moderated Panel:**

<p><b>Fatimetou Abdel Malick,</b> President of the Nouakchott Region, UCLG Co-President, Chair of the UCLG Standing Committee for Gender Equality</p>	<p><b>Céline Papin,</b> Deputy Mayor of Bordeaux for Territorial, European and International Cooperation</p>	<p><b>Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi,</b> Secretary General, UCLG-ASPAC</p>	<p><b>Emil Broberg,</b> Board Member of SALAR, Member of the UCLG Standing Committee on Gender Equality</p>
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**Interactive Exercise: Empathy building and local policy responses**

**In Focus:**

<p><b>Laura Neuman,</b> Senior Advisor, The Carter Center</p>	<p><b>Pilar Conesa,</b> Curator of the Smart City Expo World Congress and President of Anteverti</p>
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**Lunch break**  
13:30-14:30



## Caring Systems Facility

14:30-16:00

The UCLG Caring Systems Facility funnels and strengthens the network's efforts to advance a renewed understanding of care. Forefronting how populations' care needs have changed, the Facility proposes a change in the scale of discussions around care: understanding that renewing the social contract to improve justice and sustainability in urban life requires adopting a city- and region-wide scale. And whereby local and regional governments play a central role in promoting a systemic change by responding with their actions to a key question: if care is put at the center of local public action and urban life, what would change?

### *Interactive Exercise: Expanding the collective understanding of care*

#### *Setting the scene:*

**Lorena Zarate**, Co-Founder & Member of Support Team, Global Platform for the Right to the City

#### *Moderated panel:*

<b>Nicholas You</b> , Executive Director, Guangzhou Institute for Urban Innovation	<b>Ana Moreno</b> , Technical Secretary, Global Alliance for Care	<b>Jordi Vaquer</b> , Secretary General, Metropolis	<b>Yves Cabannes</b> , Emeritus Professor of Development Planning, University College London
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#### *In Focus:*

<b>Tom Mitchell</b> , Executive Director, IIED	<b>Daria Cibrario</b> , Policy Officer, PSI
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## Stocktaking Plenary

16:00-17:00