



## CONCEPT NOTE

### The New Urban Agenda Under Review

13 June 2022, 14:00-15:30 (CEST)

Hybrid session

*In cooperation with the UCLG Policy Council on the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda*

We live in a tense, unequal world, and we are at a crossroads. We face crises that continue to expose our systems' shortcomings and roll back the right to the city and increase inequalities. While in recent years local public services have been key to protecting our communities, we continue to see an endemic lack of resources in many parts of the world and above all an imbalance between powers and responsibilities. This is a consequence of a lack of commitment to implementing the universal development agendas and particularly to the New Urban Agenda, which is a clear accelerator of the 2030 Agenda.

To achieve the transformative potential of the universal development agendas, we need effective implementation from the bottom-up. Effective coordination mechanisms, establishing synergies, interlinkages and partnerships between spheres of government and stakeholders remain essential to transform our shared commitments into effective actions. The progress on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda shows that few countries have in place the policies or the capacity to make it a reality, and the document is not seen as what it really is: a key lever for the acceleration of the agendas and for policy coordination among all actors.

Within this context, it is critical that the international system rises to the task and ensures that the New Urban Agenda is front and center in the achievement of the universal development agendas and follows up on the commitments made by all actors at the High-Level Meeting of the UN General Assembly on the New Urban Agenda that took place in April, 2022. The World Assembly of Local and Regional Governments, which met at the High-Level Meeting and which is acknowledged within the Quito Outcome document (paragraph 169) as a review and follow-up mechanism of the New Urban Agenda, will be key in this endeavor ensuring that the local and regional government constituency is driving the achievement of these shared objectives.

Building on the outcomes of the last convening of the World Assembly of Local and Regional Governments at the High-Level Meeting, and as we head towards the 11th session of the World Urban Forum, in which the World Assembly will look at the New Urban Agenda with a focus on peace and addressing our current emergencies, this session will allow UCLG members and partners to take stock of the achievements and challenges undertaken and prepare messages for a renewed phase in advocacy towards the realization of the New Urban Agenda.



## Agenda

**Opening remarks: (14:00-14:10)**

**Roundtable discussion: Taking stock and looking ahead: from the High-Level Meeting to the World Urban Forum (14:10-14:50)**

**Open discussion: (with all panelists and questions/comments from the floor)  
(14:50-15:20)**

**Closing remarks: (15:20-15:30)**

