



CONCEPT NOTE

UCLG's shared vision for urban and territorial equality

Friday 25 February 2022, 14:30-16:30 (CET)

Context

The COVID-19 pandemic has dramatically aggravated inequalities and is compromising the future of our societies. At the 2020 UCLG Retreat, it was made clear that allowing inequalities to continue growing is not an option for the municipalist movement. Since then, UCLG has been devoted to articulating a large-scale collaborative process bringing together over a hundred representatives from local governments, partner organizations, organized civil society and academia in the framework of the GOLD VI process. As a result, six pathways have been identified for local and regional governments to advance urban and territorial equality: *commoning, connecting, renaturing, prospering and democratizing*. As well as what is necessary to upscale locally-grounded practices that have large transformational power. Several key principles that arise as cutting across these pathways have been identified.

Together, these key principles make up the composite vision for advancing urban and territorial equality that the GOLD VI report will propose and that can contribute to the development of the Pact for the Future. This session will provide the space for UCLG members and closest partners to have a debate on these pathways and related key principles that the GOLD VI report is proposing. Do these key principles and the vision they make up reflect your priorities for the urban and territorial equality agenda? Is any important element for the UCLG network missing from these? And importantly: how can they best contribute to UCLG's shared agenda towards the 2022 Daejeon World Congress?

Main objectives

- Bring the network to date on the evolution of UCLG's work on addressing urban and territorial inequalities: GOLD VI and the vision it proposes for advancing urban and territorial equality from the local-up.





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- Build up momentum and promote alignment and ownership of UCLG's vision for urban and territorial equality as we gear up to the World Congress.

Methodology

Plenary session in hybrid format. The UCLG Presidency will open the session and the GOLD VI Steering Committee will present the key principles identified in the research process for advancing a shared vision for urban and territorial equality.

A high-level panel will follow, as well as a live debate for the UCLG network and partners to exchange on how the identified key principles can be relevant for advancing urban and territorial equality and indicate any blind spots.

The debate will serve as input for the finalization of the political recommendations that will be brought to the UCLG Congress.

Agenda

- **Welcome by UCLG Presidency** (5 minutes)
- **The UCLG shared vision for advancing urban and territorial equality**: main findings and key principles from the GOLD VI process (10 minutes)
- **High-level panel with the UCLG leadership and key partners** (30 minutes)
- **Open floor with inputs from the UCLG Town Halls** (50 minutes)
- **Closing remarks and next steps** (15 minutes)