

Future Envisioning Exercise 15 June 2023, Brussels

The Future Envisioning Exercises, mandated by the UCLG Policy Councils, are a mechanism to unfold the Pact for the Future. They are the common point of arrival of the present Policy Councils and Town Halls. Simultaneously, they are a common point of departure: a space of dialogue and co-creation in which the UCLG political leadership, together with organized civil society and partners articulated in the UCLG Town Halls, reach tangible and actionable aspirations through forward-looking consultations around 4 Entry Points to unfold the Pact for the Future: Reclaiming the Commons, Redefining Finances and the Economy, Regaining Trust and Rebuilding Governance Architecture.

The first phase of these exercises laid the foundations for our common journey into the future. As a conclusion and as a new starting point, the fifth session brings together our political leadership in the Agora to submit its deliberations to the scrutiny of society. The learnings and aspirations shared throughout the four Future Vision Exercises will reach the heart of our organization to be debated, interpreted and expanded through an open conversation with journalists and civil society.

Setting the Scene by the Chair

The first part of the session will share the main outcomes, including gaps and opportunities, that the Future Envisioning Exercises have brought to the table of our constituency. In this sense, the bonds that unite the priority issues in our territories will be explored through the lenses of the entry points in order to draw together a common horizon ahead of us. Along these lines, our constituency will renew its pledges in favor of a new social contract based on equality, care and protection of human rights, as the ultimate expression of the Right to the City for all.

Reporting the Entry Points and Contributions

The visions of each of the entry points will be presented as a result of the collective meetings of the Policy Councils and the Town Halls followed by specific contributions from UCLG leadership on the priorities of their mandates with respect to each of the entry points.



COMMONS	FINANCE AND ECONOMY	TRUST	GOVERNANCE ARCHITECTURE
Mohamed Sefiani Mayor of Chefchaouen and UCLG Special Envoy on Food Systems	Claudia López Mayor of Bogota and UCLG Vice-President for Metropolis	Carola Gunnarsson City Councillor of Sala and UCLG Special Envoy for Freedom, Solidarity and Fighting Violence against Local Political Leaders	Carlos Martínez Mayor of Soria and UCLG Special Envoy for the New Urban Agenda

In Focus

This year the UN General Assembly will review the 2030 Agenda at the SDG Summit and in 2024 the Summit of the Future will go into depth on the Secretary General's "Our Common Agenda". By speaking directly to the international development agendas, the Pact aims to be the contribution of our organized constituency to both Summits.

Daniel Perell, Chair of the Coalition for the United Nations We Need

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Unleashing the Media's Role in Envisioning a Sustainable Local Future

Media responsible for reporting on urban issues is entangled with informing about sustainable development and explaining concepts such as commons or local finance. The media, particularly journalism itself is embattled, both by polarizing forces and lack of trust, as well as existential threats to journalists and journalism, both in terms of bodily harm but also sustained professional existence.

How we envision and respond to these challenges, as leaders, experts, journalists, etc. will be the focus of the Agora discussion. As members of the media, how can you best act with this backdrop of challenges to support sustainable urban development? How can diverse stakeholders understand the job of the media to inform, and how can resources be pooled and shared for the pursuit of common goals? Defining ways of responding to polarization and improving information availability, credibility and transparency will be discussed.



Jessica Bridger Journalist and Urbanist	Aitor Hernández-Morales Reporter for POLITICO	Tim Weber Executive Director of Edelman
Debate with the Executive Bureau		

MEDIA forCITIES

* The Media for Cities campaign aims to bring urban journalism and city-related topics to newsrooms globally by advocating within the media sector for research and elaboration of the most influential urban policies and strategies. It also seeks to promote and strengthen media presence in dialogues on sustainable urban development. In these ways, Media for Cities seeks to both inform and strengthen sustainable urban development strategies, moving the topic into the spotlight in networking meetings and public debates with influential media representatives, international organizations, and local authorities. The campaign will also develop partnership agreements with media worldwide to increase the coverage of sustainable urban development issues.