



Governing local and global realities as one: The Future of Government

Plenary Session: Pact for the future for government

Date and time: Friday, 14 October, 13:30 KST

Duration: 90 minutes

Lead Organizer: UCLG World Organization

Session summary

Our world is at a moment that we could define as foundational. The number of overlapping crises, their universal nature, and their degree of interconnection places us in front of an unprecedented scenario that represents an important wake-up call to transform, all together, our systems and ways of life.

Confronted with a closing window of opportunity, it is now time for the local multilateral system to demonstrate it is ready to join national and international partners in bringing about truly transformative action by reinvigorating the multilateral system so it is fit for the challenges of today and tomorrow. This is the clear and historic commitment that underlies UCLG's Pact for the Future.

Against this backdrop, we are firmly committed to contribute to a sustained and profound change in our societies and systems. A change to break through as one, stronger, caring for each other and for our planet. Failing is not an option.

Through this Pact for the Future, UCLG members and the organized constituency of local and regional governments acknowledge this foundational moment and reinstate their commitment to the power of collective action, shared ownership and co-creation – the cornerstones of harmonious and sustainable societies.

The Pact will serve as a crucial point for deliberation towards the Summit of the Future and the SDG Summit, set to take place next year, and frame the territorial contribution to the United Nations' Pact for the Future. It will also be a crucial lever to ensure that the constituency of local and regional governments, hand in hand with its partners, jointly deliver on the 2030 Agenda, the Paris Agreement and the New Urban Agenda and meet the expectation of current and future generations.

Contribution to the UN Summit of the Future

The session will be a landmark moment of consultation to ensure that our Pact for the Future of Humanity resonates with the Summit of the Future and the upcoming



UN Pact for the future. To make sure that, with our Pact, we inspire truly transformational change at scale in all parts of the world.

We are in a once-in-a-generation opportunity to review and improve our tools to respond to the challenges we face, to ensure we drive a profound transformation of our societies and our systems.

Redefining governance to renew multilateralism

The local and territorial level is critical to rethink and to reshape governance systems into more inclusive ones. Responding to these calls and rebuilding trust between citizens, institutions and communities, at all levels, are determinant elements to achieving the global agendas. Citizens, and citizenship, through social movements and civil society, are increasingly calling for the transformation of governing systems.

In this regard, the *Pact for the Future for Government* calls for redefining governing in Partnership. The Pact for the Future will continue to put our communities at the core of decision-making mechanisms, building peace and prosperity from our cities and our regions.

Objectives

The session will foster a dialogue between representatives of local and regional governments to address the role that local and regional governments will play in the multilateral system of the future. Open governance, emergency governance, development cooperation, local finance and the renewal of the international system will be at the core of the conversations, delivering specific recommendations for the movement to be adopted in the Pact for the Future.

Specific objectives:

- Develop a consultation to ensure that the Compact contributes to the SDG Summit and the Future Summit, and to the preparation of the UN Pact for the Future.
- Identify common goals between local, regional and national governments to ensure the delivery of governing in partnership through the Pact;
- Explore the synergies between the municipal view on the renewal of governance and the UN Summit of the Future, as well as the recommendations of the UNSG's Common Agenda.

Main deliverables/impact of the session

Contributions stemming from the session will be included in the outcome of the 2022 Daejeon Summit: The *government* axis of the Pact for the Future, bringing



local governments and civil society to the far-reaching pact and ensuring that this strengthens UCLG's work plan and political priorities.

The session will result in a municipal commitment to the Future of People, Planet and Government under the leadership of the UCLG Presidency.

Deroulé of the session

POLITICAL VISION

- **Claudia López**, Mayor of Bogotá

PARTNERS ASPIRATIONS

- **Lucy Slack**, Secretary General of the Commonwealth Local Governments Forum
- **Marina Ponti**, Director of the SDG Action Campaign
- **Florencio Venté**, Local Governments at United Nations Major Group for Children and Youth
- **Genie Birch**, President of the General Assembly of Partners

CONSULTATION

Facilitated by: Greg Munro, Director of the Cities Alliance

- **Barthélémy Dias**, Mayor of Dakar
- **Souad Abderrahim**, Mayor of Tunis
- **Emilio Jatón**, Mayor of Santa Fe
- **Taneen Rudyk**, President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and Councillor of Vegreville
- **Yasutomo Suzuki**, Mayor of Hamamatsu

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Rapporteur: **María Fernanda Espinosa**, President of the 73th UN General Assembly

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Ibrahim Ugur Altay, Mayor of Konya, UCLG Co-President