



POLICY COUNCIL ON TERRITORIAL, MULTILEVEL GOVERNANCE AND SUSTAINABLE FINANCING

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Interpretation will be available in English, French and Spanish.

Agenda

Opening remarks

- **Emilia Saiz**, Secretary General, UCLG
- **Pablo Jurado**, President of CONGOPE, Vice-President of UCLG for the Forum of Regions

Presentation of priorities by policy councillors

Moderation: Serafin Pazos-Vidal, Head of Brussels Office, Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA)

- **Emilio Jatón**, Mayor of Santa Fe
- **Joanne Vanderheyden**, Mayor of the Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc, President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
- **Ahmed Aziz Diallo**, Mayor of Dori
- **Benoît Pilet**, Deputy Mayor of Angers
- **Santiago Saura Martínez de Toda**, City Councillor for Internationalization and Cooperation, Madrid
- **Cemal Baş**, City Councillor of Keçiören

Reactions from partners

- **Rudi Borrmann**, Lead Open Government Partnership Local (OGP Local)
- **Frédéric Audras**, Head of the Urban Development, Planning and Housing Department, French Development Agency (AFD)
- **Robert Ramsay**, Senior Researcher, Canada Union of Public Employees (PSI)

Representatives of the Co-Chairs and Policy Councillors:

- **Olivia Paton**, Head of European and International Strategy Office, Barcelona Provincial Council
- **Mireia Huerta**, International Officer, Association of Catalan Municipalities (ACM)

Open discussion and wrap-up

Issues covered until now by the Policy Council

The meetings held in 2021 allowed the Sherpas and Policy Councillors to discuss concrete proposals for its agenda with particular attention to the **territorial perspective, the urban-rural continuum** and achieving a **green, fair and equal recovery** for all cities and regions in light of the COVID-19 crisis.

The Councillors have particularly emphasized the following issues:

- Emphasizing the importance of having a **sybiotic relationship between different spheres of government** based on the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality, as well as **co-governance mechanisms**, to promote an enabling environment with a view to achieving aligned goals.
- **Addressing the rural-urban symbiosis and territorial approach** as important bases for grasping demographic changes and the digital divide and guaranteeing cohesion by working within the framework of systems of cities.
- Strengthening the political incidence of local and regional governments towards the national and international spheres with practical recommendations and data-driven analyses, in particular on the issue of the **localization of financing for sustainable development**.
- Highlighting the need to keep advocating for financing local and regional governments while **acknowledging the broader ecosystem of public and private financial stakeholders** engaged in financing local and territorial development.
- Enhancing and **developing new multi-stakeholder partnerships involving national governments and the private sector** to create an enabling environment for cities and regions to leverage finance.
- Developing a Policy Paper that defines priorities, instruments, and tools for UCLG's work in the global multi-stakeholder financial space.
- Considering the need to **reinvent governance from the perspective of growing emergencies**, it is essential to acknowledge the scale of emergencies, and focus on social justice and empathy in the recovery. These are some of the lessons from the Emergency Governance Initiative for Cities and Regions jointly led by UCLG, Metropolis and LSE Cities.
- Stressing the **co-benefits of local and regional governments and local communities** and civil society organizations working in partnership to develop transformative and accountable public policies.

Preparing the Pact for the Future: issues that could be covered in the year to come

- **Emergency multilevel governance:** Findings of Policy Brief 04 of the Emergency Governance Initiative in Cities and Regions
 - Links with the LSE initiative.
- The issue of **capacity building** and the relationship between multilevel governance and strengthening of competences and capacities.
 - Links with the UCLG Working Group on Capacity and Institution-Building (CIB).
- Relationship between **multilevel governance and transparency**, the issue of **building alliances between local governments and civil society** to influence global governance and how **local democracy can contribute to strengthening governance and fostering informed and engaged communities**
 - Links with Open Government Partnership (OGP) and issues related to digitalization.
 - Links with the International Observatory on Participatory Democracy (IOPD).
- **Global minimum corporate tax and tax justice**
 - Links with talks within the U20, priority for Barcelona

- Preliminary findings of **UCLG policy paper** defining actionable recommendations under the **Global Action Framework on Localizing Financing**.
 - Links with the Town Hall process.
- Role of local and regional governments and their associations in the **governance of recovery plans and fiscal stimulus packages**
 - Links with discussions within the Malaga Global Coalition for Municipal Finance
- The **development of financial markets on a national scale and the catalytic role of Subnational Development Banks (SDBs)**
 - Links with the work of the regional alliances of SDBs in Africa (Network of African Local Government Financing Institutions - RIAFCO) and in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- The **specific challenges and needs of intermediary cities** to ensure that they have **fair conditions to access international funds**, either directly or through development partners and international cooperation
 - Links with World Forum of Intermediary Cities, priority for Santa Fe

