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METROPOLITAN AREAS
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AN INCREASINGLY URBAN WORLD

We live in an increasingly urban world. For the first time in history, more than half of the world's population lives in cities. By 2050, this proportion will reach nearly 70%. At the time of Habitat II, which took place in 1996 in Istanbul, the world had 2.6 billion people living in urban areas. It's estimated that, by the time the global community meets in 2016 in Quito for Habitat III, this number will have risen to 4 billion. According to the OECD, by the end of this "metropolitan century", most of the urbanization on our planet will likely be completed: approximately 85% of the world's population will live in cities by 2100.

RECOGNIZE THE METROPOLITAN AREAS

In times of rapid metropolitan expansion, a clear link between the impact of this process and national development can be identified, demanding technical and institutional capacities for optimizing metropolitan growth. At the international level, major upcoming events towards Habitat III represent an opportunity for exchange and advocacy on this topic, especially in the context of formulating the post-2015 Agenda. Therefore, it is important to highlight that the New Urban Agenda — which outlines new patterns for urban planning and design, taking into consideration local realities and possible economic and legislative solutions for urban development — must consider the necessity to intervene at the metropolitan level.

THE MONTRÉAL DECLARATION: THE METROPOLITAN AREA IN THE NEW URBAN AGENDA

The Montréal Thematic Meeting on Metropolitan Areas is a two-day conference in which participants from countries around the world will discuss the relevancy of metropolitan areas as a solution for managing urbanization. In this regard, discussions will focus on establishing a common agenda for the strengthening of collaborative mechanisms that encourage all stakeholders involved at the level of metropolitan areas.

The conference brings together participants and speakers from around the world representing states, metropolitan areas, regional authorities, municipalities, and civil society. International organizations will also be present.

The goal of the conference is to adopt the *Montréal Declaration on Metropolitan Areas*, which will contribute to the New Urban Agenda to be discussed at Habitat III in Quito in 2016.

The first day of the conference is divided into two dialogue sessions aimed at determining what future we want for our metropolitan areas and the mechanisms to support such a vision.

The second day of the program is organized into concurrent sessions in which participants from local, metropolitan, and regional institutions, representatives of member states, and representatives from civil society will discuss the *Montréal Declaration on Metropolitan Areas*. The day will start with a plenary session to present the draft Declaration. Afterwards, three concurrent sessions have been scheduled in order to build consensus for the adoption of the *Montréal Declaration on Metropolitan Areas*.

In the afternoon, a plenary session will allow participants to present their last comments before proceeding to the adoption of the *Montréal Declaration on Metropolitan Areas*.

PROGRAM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2015

7:30
Foyer-Level 4

Welcome

8:30
Amphitheater
Level 4

Opening session

Moderator: Ms. Marianna Simeone, broadcast journalist and business manager with vast experience in the areas of international trade, public affairs, culture and social services

Opening address

- Dr. Fang Liu, Secretary General of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
- The Honourable Denis Coderre, Mayor of Montréal and Chair of the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal
- Dr. Joan Clos, Secretary-General of Habitat III Conference, Executive Director of UN-Habitat and Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations
- Mr. Gregor Robertson, Mayor of Vancouver
- Mr. Jean Rouselle, Member for Vimont, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Land Occupancy (housing), Government of Quebec

Panel Discussion: *The importance of recognizing metropolitan areas in the New Urban Agenda*

- Dr. Joan Clos, Secretary-General of Habitat III Conference, Executive Director of UN-Habitat and Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations
- The Honourable Denis Coderre, Mayor of Montréal and Chair of the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal
- Mr. Alfred Bosch, Vice-President International relations and Cooperation, The Metropolitan Area of Barcelona
- Mr. Gregor Robertson, Mayor of Vancouver

10:00
Foyer - Level 4

Break

Press Conference - Event launching Foyer - Level 5

- The Honourable Denis Coderre, Mayor of Montréal and Chair of the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal
- Dr. Joan Clos, Secretary-General of Habitat III Conference, Executive Director of UN-Habitat and Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations

10:15

Amphitheater
Level 4

First Dialogue Session :

The metropolitan areas we want and the economic, social, and environmental challenges of cities

- Panel bringing together delegates from civil society in addition to local, metropolitan, and national governments, as well as parliamentarians and academics

Moderator: Dr. Robin Rajack, Lead specialist, Housing and Urban Development at Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

Rapporteur: Mr. Edgardo Bilsky, Director of research, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)

Goal: To identify the major issues facing metropolitan areas and the best practices put in place to tackle them

PANELISTS

- Mr. Raymond Louie, President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and Vice-Chair of Metro Vancouver
- Mr. Alfred Bosch, Vice-President International relations and Cooperation, The Metropolitan Area of Barcelona
- Dr. Eugenie Ladner Birch, Nussdorf Professor and Co-Director, Penn Institute for Urban Research, University of Pennsylvania and Chair of UN-Habitat's World Urban Campaign
- Dr. Bráulio F. de Souza Dias, Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity
- Dr. Pierre Hamel, Professor at the Université de Montréal, Department of Sociology
- Dr. Janice E. Perlman, Founder and President of the Mega-Cities Project
- Mr. Victor M. Vergara, Lead Urban Specialist, The World Bank

12:00

Lunch break *On your own*

12h00

Side Events :

➤ **CORIM**

The Leadership of Mayors in the New Urban Agenda

Guest Speakers : The Honourable Denis Coderre, Mayor of Montréal and President of the CMM

Mr. Gregor Robertson, Mayor of Vancouver

Location : Hôtel Bonaventure

Schedule : 12h00 à 14h00

Fee : 130,00 \$ CAD

Information and registration : <https://www.corim.qc.ca/en/event/698>

➤ **FORUM MONDIAL DE L'ÉCONOMIE SOCIALE**

Actors of the social economy and local governments: Allies in intelligent and sustainable development of cities

Discover innovative models from co-constructed public policies that address the challenges of public administrations of cities and communities living there: housing, food security, social cohesion, quality of life for residents through local services.

Location : ICAO – Foyer, Level 4

Schedule : 12h00 à 14h00

Fee : Free admission

➤ **YULISM**

Make the most out of your stay in Montreal in a way that is authentic, educational and interactive. Discover exciting urban projects and talk with inspired and inspiring locals.

Schedule : 12h15 à 13h45

Information and registration :

<https://www.weezevent.com/multibilletteries/montreal-thematic-meeting-on-metropolitan-areas/index.html>

❖ **On the Savoury Side of the Street**

An incursion into the recently resurrected world of Montréal street food trucks accompanied by a gourmet guide. Meet the restaurant owners, learn more about their business and, of course, their delicious dishes.

❖ **In the belly of the burg: discover Montréal's underground city**

Underground Montréal invites you to discover its 'inner' city. This network of covered walkways, "made from a patchwork of shadow and sky" allows you to explore the history of the monuments, buildings and works of art that feature on the tour.

14:30
Amphitheater
Level 4

Second Dialogue Session :

Strengthening metropolitan coordination mechanisms

- Panel bringing together delegates from civil society and local, metropolitan, and national governments, as well as parliamentarians and academics

Moderator: Mr. Alain Grimard, Senior Human Settlements Officer, UN - Habitat

Rapporteur: Mr. Michel Max Raynaud, Associate Professor, Université de Montréal and Director of the project RESAUD and Director of the Ivanhoé Cambridge Observatory of urban and real-estate development

Goal: Identify the mechanisms for strengthening metropolitan coordination: public and institutional funding (multi-level articulation), technical aspects (planning, infrastructure and services, critical projects), and governance (metropolitan identity and democracy, metropolitan burden-sharing among various groups, private partnerships)

PANELISTS

- Ms. María de los Ángeles Duarte, Co-chair of the Preparatory Committee for Habitat III, Minister of Housing and Urban Development, Ecuador
- Ms. Rovená Negreiros, President of EMPLASA, São Paulo, Member of the Pan American Network of Metropolitan Areas
- Mr. Bob Stacey, Deputy Council President of Metro Portland Council
- Professor Jérôme Alokó-N'Guessan, Director of the Institut de Géographie Tropicale (IGT), Abidjan
- Mr. Felipe Roca, Secretary General of Metropolis, World Association of the Major Metropolises
- Dr. Abel Schumann, Economist, Regional Development Policy Division, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- Dr. Mariona Tomàs, Professor, Department of Constitutional Law and Political Science, University of Barcelona

14:30
Room CR6
Level 3

Meeting of the member cities of the Big City Mayors' Caucus (BCMC)

17:00
Room CR5
Level 3

Meeting of mayors and elected officials

19:30

Official dinner at Montréal City Hall *(by invitation only)*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2015

7:30

Foyer- Level 4

Welcome

8:30

Room CR1
Level 4

Presentation of the draft declaration: Drawing up the *Montréal Declaration on Metropolitan Areas*

9:30

Foyer -Level 4

Break

10:00

Exchange Sessions: Drawing up the *Montréal Declaration on Metropolitan Areas*

Rapporteur: Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal

Room CR6, Level 3

▪ Session 1 - Delegates from member states

Chair: Ms. María de los Ángeles Duarte, Co-chair of the Preparatory Committee for Habitat III, Minister of Housing and Urban Development, Ecuador

Co-Chair: Mr. Alioune Badiane, Director Programme Division, UN-Habitat, Nairobi

Room CR1, Level 4

▪ Session 2 - Local government (all levels)

Chair: The Honourable Denis Coderre, Mayor of Montréal and Chair of the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal

Co-Chairs: Mr. Felipe de Jesús Gutiérrez Gutiérrez, Secretary of Urban development and Housing at the Federal District of Mexico - Fonds mondial pour le développement des villes (FMDV)

Mr. Greg Moore, Mayor of Port Coquitlam and Chair of Metro Vancouver

Ms. Rovena Negreiros, President of EMPLASA, Sao Paulo, Member of the Pan American Network of Metropolitan Areas (RAMA)

Room CR2, Level 4

■ **Session 3 - Civil society, including universities, research institutions, the private sector, non-governmental organizations, etc.**

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Chair: Dr. Eugenie Ladner Birch, Nussdorf Professor and Co-Director, Penn Institute for Urban Research, University of Pennsylvania and Chair of UN-Habitat's World Urban Campaign

Co-Chairs: Mr. Dinu Bumbaru, Policy Director, Héritage Montréal

Ms. Angèle Cyr, Public Affairs Officer, Canadian Commission for l'UNESCO

Ms. Chantal Deschamps, Mayor of the city of Repentigny and member of the Executive committee of the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal

12:00

Lunch break (*On your own*)

12:00

Side Events :

❖ **RÉSEAU D'ÉCHANGES STRATÉGIQUES POUR UNE AFRIQUE URBAINE DURABLE (RESAUD)**

Operational metropolis/university alliances to help manage their metropolitan areas a model for sharing knowledge and know-how at the heart of the New Urban Agenda

By partnering with their metropolises, universities are purveyors of local solutions and can accompany elected officials and policy makers in their efforts to develop sustainable cities. Come and discuss the importance of putting the experience of metropolis/university alliances in Francophone Africa at the heart of the New Urban Agenda.

Guest speakers :

- Mr. Alioune Badiane, Director Programme Division, UN-Habitat, Nairobi (Kenya)
- Ms. Ramata BAKAYOKO-LY, President of the Felix Houphouet Boigny University, Abidjan (Ivory Coast)
- Mr. Rabiou CISSE, President of the University of Ouagadougou, Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso)

Location : OACI – Room CR6, Level 3

Schedule : 12h15 à 13h15

Fee : *free admission*

❖ **YULISM**

Schedule : 12h15 à 13h45 (*refer to Tuesday's activities*)

Information and registration :

<https://www.weezevent.com/multibilletteries/montreal-thematic-meeting-on-metropolitan-areas/index.html>

❖ On the Savoury Side of the Street

❖ In the belly of the burg: discover Montréal's underground city

14:00
Amphitheater
Level 4

Plenary Session

Finalizing the Montréal Declaration on Metropolitan Areas

Moderator: Communauté Métropolitaine de Montréal (CMM) and
United Nations (UN)

15:15
Amphitheater
Level 4

Closing Session:

Adoption of the *Montréal Declaration on Metropolitan Areas* and closing speech

- The Honourable Denis Coderre, Mayor of Montréal and Chair of the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal
- Dr. Joan Clos, Secretary-General of Habitat III Conference, Executive Director of UN-Habitat and Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations

16:00

Closing of the Montréal Thematic Meeting



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