



**Local and Regional Leaders World Summit  
16-20 November 2010**

**PRE-SUMMIT INTERACTIVE ONLINE FORUMS**

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future agenda of Local and Regional Leaders ONLINE!  
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## Introduction

The Local and Regional Leaders World Summit, taking place in Mexico from 16-20 of November 2010 will be preceded by online discussions. The idea is to allow local and regional authorities and practitioners from different parts of the world to have a common place where they can raise questions, discuss issues, share experiences and work together to develop new knowledge.

A Summit should be an inclusive experience. It should gather thoughts and ideas from both UCLG members engaged in the work of the organization but also from a much broader audience that is equally interested in the work of local and regional governments around the world. In order to ensure this interaction, we are opening a series of on-line forums as part of the Summit's website.

## These forums will run from June until September 2010

Weekly forums will deal with some of the topics that UCLG members have identified as important for the future agenda of local and regional authorities internationally. They have been organised under four categories, 'Promoting Innovation', 'What should be the new Global Governance?', 'The City in 2030' and 'Climate Change and Local Governments'.

Under '**Promoting Innovation**' four forums (one a week) will be devoted to:

- i) multicultural environment,
- ii) the challenge of gender equality,
- iii) local economic development,
- iv) financial needs of local governments in the crisis.

'**What should the new Global Governance be**' will look at:

- i) partners in international development,
- ii) partners in global solutions,
- iii) partners in regional integration, and
- iv) new global governance.

In '**The city in 2030**' we want to discuss:

- i) living in the city,
- ii) working in the city,
- iii) moving in the city, and
- iv) shaping the city

'**Climate Change and Local Governments**' will focus on

- i) the current situation of the Climate Talks,
- ii) and on what the position of Local Governments should be for Cancun.

There will also be a special permanent forum where participants are invited to submit suggestions about the type of conclusions and issues that should be dealt at the Summit. We would like to identify "**What are the Key messages the World Summit of Local and Regional Leaders wants to deliver?**"

Participants will be able to answer this question until two weeks before the Congress and all relevant ideas will be taken into account when constructing the Summit Declaration.

# Participation

## WHO

Anyone associated with the local and regional government world can participate in the forums. You don't need to be an expert to have a valid opinion on the issues presented in the forums, nor is it necessary to show solutions which have been tried and tested within local governments.

## HOW

Register online at the UCLG Congress Portal. The participants must register with their real name. No aliases will be accepted.

Messages may be posted in English, Spanish or French. However, the main language used in the forums will be English.

Local and regional government practitioners from different parts of the world will help moderating the different forums.

There will be special contributions from institutional partners of UCLG, such as UN Agencies, private sector, international NGOs etc.

The forums will be moderated and a preliminary screening of messages will be carried out to avoid spam, publicity or other irrelevant postings.

Rules of common courtesy must be observed on the forums. Participants should introduce themselves and are welcome to highlight the main message of their contribution.

Participants are asked to read previous posts and encouraged to post adding different information or points of view.

## WHEN

Whenever you want! Just check in and read the contributions of other participants. Send in your own contribution whenever you have the time.

The forum is not a live chat, participants do not need to be online at the same time and can log in and participate according to their own schedule.

A question will be posted at the beginning of each week. Those interested can participate in the issue of the week, either by posting an answer to the question or posting comments on other participations.

## Timeline

### 1<sup>st</sup> Forum: Promoting Innovation

Week 1: Topic: **Multicultural environment**

- Focus on- *Examples of activities and programmes local and regional governments have in the challenge of an urban multicultural society.*
- **Date: 21-27 June, 2010**

Week 2 – Topic: **The challenge of gender equality**

- Focus on- *Actions to help improve access, control and symbolic and cultural aspects of local strategies, to improve gender equality.*
- **Date: 28 June – 4 July, 2010**

Week 3 – Topic: **Local economic development**

- Focus on- *Projects and proposals that are being implemented by local governments to foster local economic development, despite the crisis.*
- **Date: 5-11 July, 2010**

Week 4 – Topic: **The financial needs**

- Focus on- *Different strategies assumed by local and regional governments to cope with diminishing incomes.*
- **Date: 12 - 18 July, 2010**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Forum: The City of 2030

Week 1 – Topic: **Living in the city**

- *How should our cities be preparing for changes in lifestyles and culture?*
- **Date: 12 - 18 July, 2010**

Week 2 – Topic: **Working in the city**

- *How far can city governments act to help to ensure that there are jobs of decent quality, as well as quantity?*
- **Date: 19-25 July, 2010**

Week 3 – Topic: **Moving in the city**

- Focus on- *Projects and proposals that are being implemented by local governments in urban mobility*
- **Date: 26 July - 1 August, 2010**

Week 4: Topic: **Shaping the city**

- Focus on- *The city as guarantor of human rights.*
- **Date: 2 – 8 August, 2010**

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Forum: Partners in the new global governance

Week 1 – Topic: **Partners in international development**

- Focus- *What is the role of cities in international development?*
- **Date: 6 - 12 September, 2010**

Week 2 – Topic: **Partners in global solutions**

- Focus on- *Global problems that require local solutions, and how this should be dealt with in practical terms.*
- **Date: 13-19 September, 2010**

Week 3 – Topic: **Partners in regional integration**

- Focus on- *Regional integration models and the presence of local governments within them*
- **Date: 20-26 September, 2010**

Week 4: Topic: **The new global governance**

- Focus on- *The possibilities of a new global governance system. What should it look like?*
- **Date: 27 September – 2 October, 2010**

## **4<sup>th</sup> Forum: Climate Change**

Topic: **Copenhagen to Cancun**

- Focus on- *The current situation of the Climate Talks, and what the position of Local Governments should be at Cancun*
- **Date: 1 July – 27 September, 2010**

## **5<sup>th</sup> Special Forum: Key Themes**

Topic: **What are the Key themes this Summit wants to deliver?**

- Focus on- *The messages to be put forward at the end of the summit regarding the three topics i) promoting innovation, ii) The City in 2030, and iii) The New Global Governance*
- **Date: 1 July – 27 September, 2010**