

# FROM COP21 TO HABITAT III

## LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND CITIZENS AT THE HEART OF THE CHALLENGES

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### UCLG WORLD COUNCIL SPECIAL & OPEN SESSION

## FROM COP21 TO HABITAT III: LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND CITIZENS AT THE CENTER OF THE CHALLENGES

**5 December 2015, 9:00- 12:30**

**Saint- Denis, Stade de France- Door E - 21, av. Jules-Rimet**

[Compulsory online registration \[here\]](#)

What challenges does world's urbanization raise regarding climate change? How to implement the ecological transition in cities through an active citizenship?

Meanwhile the Heads of State meet at COP21 to decide the world's future, Plaine Commune urban community invites Mayors and citizens from all over the world to question our urban development model's sustainability and to vindicate concrete local alternatives to climate change.

According to the UN, in 2050, 70% of world's population will be living in cities. Since GIEC's rapport acknowledges that cities are the main emitters of greenhouse gases, is the current urbanization model compatible with our planet's future? How do we ensure environmental rights for all?

This UCLG World Council Open Session aims to be a link between the COP21 and the forthcoming UN Habitat III Summit (Quito, October 2016), as well as to contribute to political agenda for a fair, solidary and sustainable urban development.

[UCLG World Council](#) will be held in Paris from 5th to 7th December upon invitation of the City of Paris. The session is co-organized by Plaine Commune and [UCLG Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights](#), along with UCLG World Secretariat and [the Global Platform for the Right to the City](#). The UCLG Committees on Culture, Peripheral Cities and Local Finance will also participate.

**PUBLIC:** representatives from UCLG World Council's cities, civil society actors –especially from the Global Platform for the Right to the City, [Climat 21 Coalition](#) and Plaine Commune.

#### BACKGROUND:

UCLG Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights has started to join up actions between civil society and UCLG with a view to the definition of the New Urban Agenda ([Habitat III](#), Quito 2016). This work is based on the right to the city and the [Global Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City](#).

A first meeting between local authorities and civil society was held after the [June 2015 UCLG](#)

[Executive Bureau](#), in order to lay the foundations of this common work.

This Plaine Commune Seminar aims to develop this work with civil society and to consolidate alliances on common strategies, in order to speak with a common voice at COP21 and Habitat III.

The topic of ecological approach to the right to the city will be at the debate's core.

#### OBJECTIVES:

- To analyze urban dimension of climate change and to reinforce the ecological approach to right to the city.
- To maintain, extend and concrete the articulation between local governments and civil society regarding the COP21 and the future Habitat World Agenda (Habitat III).
- To combine analysis from local governments, researchers and civil society concerning ecological transition and the right to the city.
- To concrete common messages and proposals from civil society and local governments in views of Habitat III Summit.

#### DEVELOPMENT :



Two Plenary Assemblies:

1. **What does climate change challenge about our urban development models?** (1h15)

- Moderator: Daniel Guiraud (Mayor of Lilas and 1st Vicepresident of the Metropolis of Paris) and Mireille Ferri (chair of *Atelier International du Grand Paris*)

2. **What issues do our cities want to raise at Habitat III regarding climate change?** (1h15)

- Moderator: Augusto Barrera (former mayor of Quito) and Emilia Saiz (Deputy Secretary General of UCLG)

**Conclusions** (30 min):

- Debate's analysis by two researchers : Jordi Borja (president of DESC Observatory, Barcelona) and Cyria Emiliano (professor at University of Maine)
- 5 key ideas from the debate, by Patrick Braouezec, co-president of UCLG Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights, and member of the [Global Task Force](#).
- 5 key ideas from the debate, by a civil society representative (Global Platform for the Right to the City)
- 5 key ideas from the debate, by a UCLG World Secretariat representative

**METHODOLOGY:**

This seminar has been conceived as a **structured dialogue** between local authorities and civil society.

It will be held **without a platform or panel of speakers**, with free speaking (5 min) to answer to predefined core issues.

This debate's goal is to gather some proposals to be discussed at Habitat III summit.

**TERRITORIAL DIMENSION:**

Beyond the seminar of 5 December, local authorities are also invited to participate in the People Forum for Climat of Montreuil.

On 5 December at 4 P.M. a session on "*Weaving and unifying territories*" will also take place with Grand Paris International Workshop.

**PARTICIPANTS:**

**Local Governments**

The Mayor of Saint-Denis (metropolis of Paris, France), Didier Paillard  
The President of Plaine Commune (metropolis of Paris, France), Patrick Braouezec  
The Mayor of Barcelona (Spain), Ada Colau  
The Mayor of Madrid (Spain), Manuela Carmena  
The Mayor of Gwangju (South Korea), Jang-hyun Yoon -TBC

The Deputy Mayor for Social Equity of Toronto (Canada), Pam McConnell

The Mayor of Pikine (metropolis of Dakar, Senegal), Abdoulaye Thimbo

The Mayor of Bogotá (Colombia), Gustavo Petro

The Mayor of Sao Paulo (Brazil), Fernando Haddad -TBC

The Mayor of Tevragh-Zeina (metropolis of Nouakchott, Mauritania), Fatimetou Mint Abdel Malick

The Mayor of Rosario (Argentina), Mónica Fein - TBC

The Mayor of Matola (metropolis of Maputo, Mozambique), Calisto Cossa

The Mayor of Utrecht (Netherlands), Jan van Zanen

The Mayor of Rabat (Morocco), Mohamed Sadiki

The Mayor of El Bosque (Chile), Sadi Melo

The Mayor of Canoas (metropolis of Porto Alegre, Brazil) and co-coordinator of FALP for solidary metropolis, Jairo Jorge da Silva

The Mayor of Nanterre (metropolis of Paris, France) and co-coordinator of FALP for solidary metropolis, Patrick Jarry

The Vice-President of Seine-Saint-Denis for International and European Affairs and for the Decentralized Cooperation, Abdel Sadi.

The Mayor of Ile-Saint-Denis (metropolis of Paris, France), Michel Bourgain

The local Councilor for the implementation and monitoring of the Agenda 21, President of the transition local committee, in Fontenay-sous-Bois (metropolis of Paris, France), Régis Pio

Plaine Commune has invited 200 Mayors of France, especially from Paris metropolitan area.

Some organizations have been already contacted: Cités Unis France, Association Française des Conseils, Communes et Régions d'Europe, Association des Maires de Grandes Villes de France, Association des Maires de Villes de Banlieues de France...

**CIVIL SOCIETY**

Habitat International Coalition President, Lorena Zarate

The co-founder of Montréal Urban Ecology Center, Dimitrios Rossopoulos

Mobilized citizens from "Parc de la Courneuve"  
Local associations representatives from Plaine Commune

Climat 21 Coalition

Alternatiba Movement

Réseau des Ecoles de Citoyens, RECIT

AITEC

Observatorio DESC

Fondation pour le progrès de l'Homme