

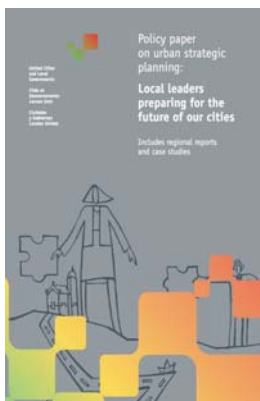


UCLG committee Strategic Planning – November 2010

We are pleased to present you with the latest news on City Development Strategies (CDS):

1. *outcomes related to the UCLG summit*
2. *current news and agenda 2011*

Policy paper adopted by UCLG



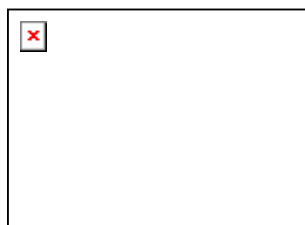
The UCLG Executive Bureau, which met at the Palacio de Minería in Mexico City adopted the UCLG Policy Paper on Strategic Planning “**Local leaders preparing for the future of our cities**”, in the framework of the World Summit of Local and Regional Leaders - 3rd World Congress of UCLG.

We believe this document is **an important milestone** in the understanding of planning and its relevance in the agenda of local governments. We are grateful to all comments and inputs that official members, associated partners and observers of the Committee on Strategic Planning made to the drafts of the document, which ensured the truly participatory nature of the document's creation and that it reflect experiences and position of local governments globally.

The document is the result of 2 years of collecting information, holding regional debates, processing and evaluating case studies and drafting and debating conclusions and recommendation, at the global level and also in each region. According to the first feedback received, the regional conclusions are extremely enriching as they provide a comprehensive overview of the challenges, opportunities and management approaches of local governments in different backgrounds.

However, the document is not an end in itself and the process is continuous. In Mexico, committee members brought up many suggestions how to use and build on the work prepared in national policy dialogues and practices. Please find the document link: [UCLG Policy Paper Strategic Planning](#).

Strategic planning : a key theme during the UCLG summit



The congress sessions of the section “the city of 2030” dealt with planning and visioning. Particularly the session “shaping the cities”, that was coordinated with the committee on strategic

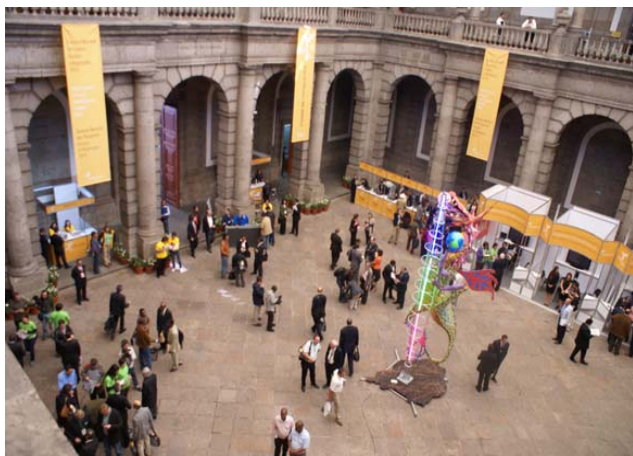
planning, allowed for a debate on the upcoming priorities and responses by 6 local authorities of 4 different regions, namely the CEO of Durban eThekweni who chaired the debate, and the mayors of Cologne- Germany, Tripoli- Lebanon, Nanterre-France, San Jose- Costa Rica, as well as a district of Mexico city gave insights to their practices and perspectives. Please visit our congress website to see the video: http://www.canal21.df.gob.mx/index_cglu.html

The committee on urban strategic planning, represented by the city of Rosario was part of the drafting committee of the key documents, along with the representatives of the following committees: Decentralization and Local Self-Government, Social Inclusion and Local Finance. Please find the manifesto and recommendations issued during the summit:

[The City of 2030 – Our Manifesto](#)
[Recommendations of the Local and Regional Leaders World Summit](#)

The UCLG committee followed the invitation of the Metropolis committee on Megacities to coordinate a roundtable on of Urban Strategic Planning in their workshop on Megacities. Mayors, directors for planning and directors on international relations from Vancouver, Cologne Rosario, Johannesburg, Durban and Daegu provided inputs along the most relevant recommendations of the policy paper.

Special emphasis was made for regional integration and strategic planning as an opportunity to negotiate and address new challenges related to social inclusion, migrations, population flow and climate change, being “new urbanism” one important element to make the new policies tangible. <http://www.metropolis.org/news/second-commission-4-meeting-brought-together-diverse-megacities-mexico-discuss-challenges-and-o>



Agenda 2011

Committee meetings proposed :

Committee meeting in 2011 in Durban
Committee meeting in next world council UCLG
November 2011

Policy

2010: explore members interest
12/ 2010. Mercociudades attended by Rosario
1/ 2011: dialogue with AFD
2011 dialogue with German LGA and Cologne
3/ 2011: conference in Barcelona by Medcities
2011: debate with Salga encouraged by Durban

Mentoring

2011: assess demand and offer of members
2011: support follow up of mentoring partnerships
3 South African cities Malawi
January 2011: 1st mentoring Bergen Mombasa
2011: follow up mentoring Rosario Ciudad Sur
2011: start of mentorship in Asia
End of 2011: progress review of programme
jointly with Norwegian ministry

Networking

2011: follow up knowledge management
April 2011: city delegates in AERYC event
July 2011: knowledge event in Florence

Policy paper presented in Mercociudades

On 3rd of December 2010 the mayor of Rosario and president of the Urban Strategic Planning committee, Miguel Lifschitz, is presenting the policy paper to the members of Mercociudades in Belo Horizonte. This network gathers mayors and cities of the Southern American region and is consolidating an important agenda for local governments and municipal movements in Latin America.

Besides the support of this network to the development of the Latin American chapter, the interest of many cities is to continue sharing experience and encourage interregional dialogues.

All this inputs and references would have not been possible without the contribution of members and associate partners to the preparatory work. Besides the policy paper, the world secretariat engaged in November in an **online forum on strategic planning**. The forum brought up numerous ideas and inputs that were useful to the development of the documents and activities in Mexico, and we will study how to build up more continuously on this enriching experience. Please find the short report on this debate attached or through the link:

[UCLG Online forum urban strategic planning](#)

The way ahead: the executive meeting of the committee and its project partners

Several committee members and the "CityFuture" partners held an executive meeting in the context of the world council on 17 of November in Mexico. The CityFuture project is supported by the Norwegian ministry of Foreign affairs and the Cities Alliance secretariat, that participated jointly with the French and Swedish cooperation agency.

The progress of the project and the committee was reviewed and the new proposals and activities were discussed. Besides the policy paper, a publication on the experience of Johannesburg mentoring Lilongwe was provided and can be downloaded: [establishing basics for performance](#)

Besides the agenda on policy, that is very inspiring and driven by members in several regions, also proposals on mentoring and networking were brought up.

