



## UCLG COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

### COMMITTEE ON URBAN STRATEGIC PLANNING

**Intermediary cities gain recognition in the UCLG Agenda.  
Preparation for the UCLG Congress in Rabat, 1-4 October 2013**

#### CIRCULAR 18

Dear colleagues, members and partners,

Before going into details about our agenda, as leaders of the Committee, the city of Rosario and the city of Durban would like to remind you that in Dakar, it was decided to integrate a Brazilian city as co-chair of the Committee. During the last years, the Brazilian – African cooperation has gained much strength and it is evident that the political leadership and agenda of a Brazilian city would be very valuable in order to present interests in the upcoming agenda and to assess ongoing activities.

We ask that you inform us of your interest and agenda proposals as soon as possible, in order to confirm the Co-presidency in the [Executive Bureau](#) taking place in Lyon from 5 to 7 June.

On the other hand, we are pleased to inform you that we are moving forward on our agenda.

City cooperation activities have sprung since the early months of the year. The [launch of the exchange project](#) in urban management and planning of cities of Mozambique and Brazil took place in Maputo in the month of February. Since then, activities have started for the first months of the project in coordination with ANAMM and FNP, with the support of the network of intermediary cities – (CIMES) and NGO Architects without borders (ASF).

Following the decision of the Committee in Dakar to emphasize strategic planning of intermediary cities, the [Intermediary Cities Learning Exchange](#) in the city of Kwadukuza in South Africa took place in March, an occasion for African cities, members of the Committee, to meet and exchange experiences. From this event, new partnerships have emerged, for example between the city of [Swakopmund](#) and Kwadukuza and the Municipal Institute of learning of Durban ([MILE](#)), willing to conduct technical exchanges on management services. Swakopmund is exploring the possibility of developing an initiative like MILE to share their experiences in Namibia and Southern Africa.

Thanks to the European Union-funded project, technicians from cities of Mozambique and Brazil, as well as political leaders and experts from many countries and representatives of networks, gathered to begin the debate on the challenges, initiatives and potentials of intermediary cities.

Another meeting point between networks and cities associated with the project was the [meeting of the municipalities with sustainable development \(EMDS\)](#) in Brasilia from 22 to 24 April, which hosted a round table on cooperation between Mozambique and Brazil as well as coordination meetings with representatives of the Brazilian cities to define the next steps and activities.

In May, the Ibero American General Secretariat ([SEGIB](#)) and the French Cooperation Agency for development ([AFD](#)) invited UCLG to give a presentation for the event on "strategies of economic development for intermediary cities" in Madrid. The event was also assisted by the Director of Rosario city Metropolitan, Mirta Levin.

**Coming soon:**

Through the Working Group of experts and professionals on intermediary cities, a draft of the framework document has been put together, on concepts and policy recommendations for these cities. This draft has been shared with a network of experts waiting to receive their contributions which will be discussed in the Forum to be held in the city of Lleida from 28 to 29 June. Also available in our virtual Exchange platform: [Yammer](#).

The Committee coordinates this initiative; to all the cities and regions, please communicate your interest as soon as possible to the World Secretariat: [s.hoeflich@uclg.org](mailto:s.hoeflich@uclg.org).

The document and the results of these seminars will serve as guidelines for the preparation and advance towards the resolutions of intermediary cities at the World Congress of UCLG, which will be held in the city of Rabat in October 2013.

We encourage you to keep abreast with these interesting initiatives through our communication channels.

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to get in contact with the Secretariat of the Committee: for the World Secretariat: [s.hoeflich@uclg.org](mailto:s.hoeflich@uclg.org) , or for the co-chair and the agenda of the Committee: [kerrc@durban.gov.za](mailto:kerrc@durban.gov.za).

Kind regards,

**The UCLG World Secretariat,**

on behalf of the Committee on Urban Strategic Planning

Click the links below to access the documents:

- [Document framework \(draft\) - intermediary cities \(English\)](#)
- [Agenda of the next event in Lerida, Spain \(English\)](#)
- [Invitation to the World Congress of UCLG, Rabat 2013](#)
- [Cooperation agreement signed in the EMDS - Brasilia DF, on April 23, 2013 \(Portuguese\)](#)