

**UCLG
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*Dear members, partners, colleagues and friends,
It is a great pleasure to express my best wishes for the coming new year, as **President of our World Organization of United Cities and Local Governments.***

It is with great excitement and commitment that I undertake this task of governing president of UCLG for the coming period. The exceptional situation we have been experiencing for almost two years now has changed the way we work, but it has also demonstrated the resilience of our network, and our added value in promoting policies that safeguard our communities, providing essential services for all.

***This 2021, dear friends, it has been the year of seeing ourselves again.** In the last months we have been able to bring a new light to how we see ourselves and meet together in Izmir and Kütahya as well as in Barcelona. We have been able to reaffirm our feeling of community and consolidate our commitments to transformation.*

***In 2022 our Congress calls on us to break through as one.** We need to be able to face the challenges and to be partners for the transformation of humanity. This coming year, our movement beats as one.*

***The power of UCLG lies in how we work day-to-day, in how we care, share, and learn to ensure a better world.** Let us make sure that the municipal heart that UCLG represents beats as strong as ever before.*

*We have great challenges ahead but also strong instruments and processes for innovation. **On behalf of Presidency, allow me to wish the whole family of LRG and our partners around the globe a Happy and Inspiring New Year.***

Ilсур Метшин, Mayor of Kazan, President of UCLG and President of UNACLA