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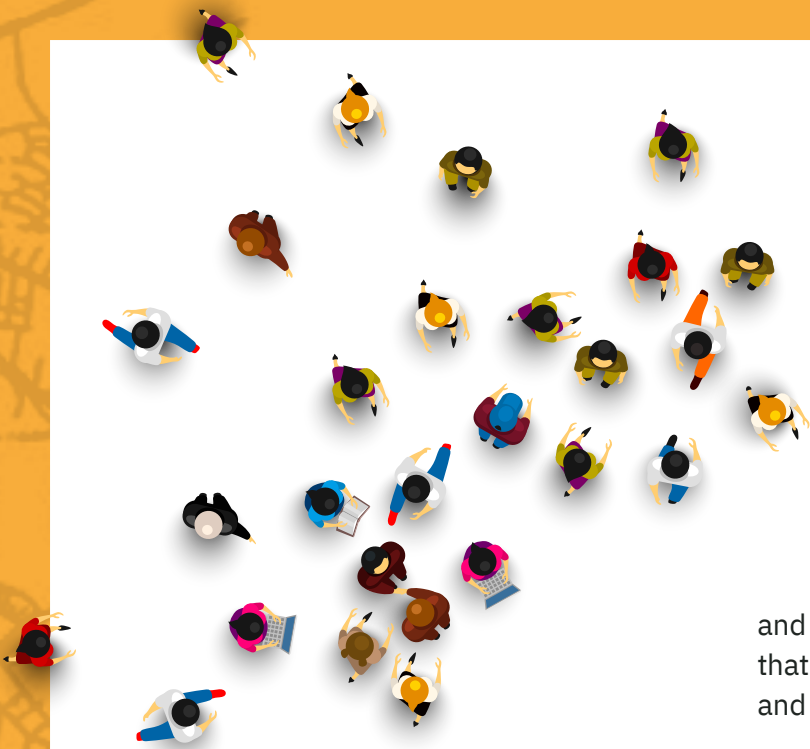
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Our purpose



For the first time hybrid, the World Summit of Local and Regional Leaders and World Congress is the largest gathering of mayors, presidents of associations, local elected officers, and practitioners from around the world. Convened by United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), it also gathers critical partners and the international system driving forward the decision making of city and community life.

In 2022, we will embrace new possibilities to open up to audiences beyond the city of Daejeon, to be all together in every way we can while bringing in the Korean perspective on key issues of the international agenda.



Since our last World Summit in 2019, our reality has changed in unprecedented ways. In a world facing interconnected crisis, local and regional governments have worked to mitigate the worst effects of the pandemic and the climate emergency and engage in a sustainable recovery by adding the dimension of care to their service provision. The global context shed new light about the importance of local and regional governments in the construction of a culture of peace, opening pathways of dialogue and fostering local democracy and solidarity.

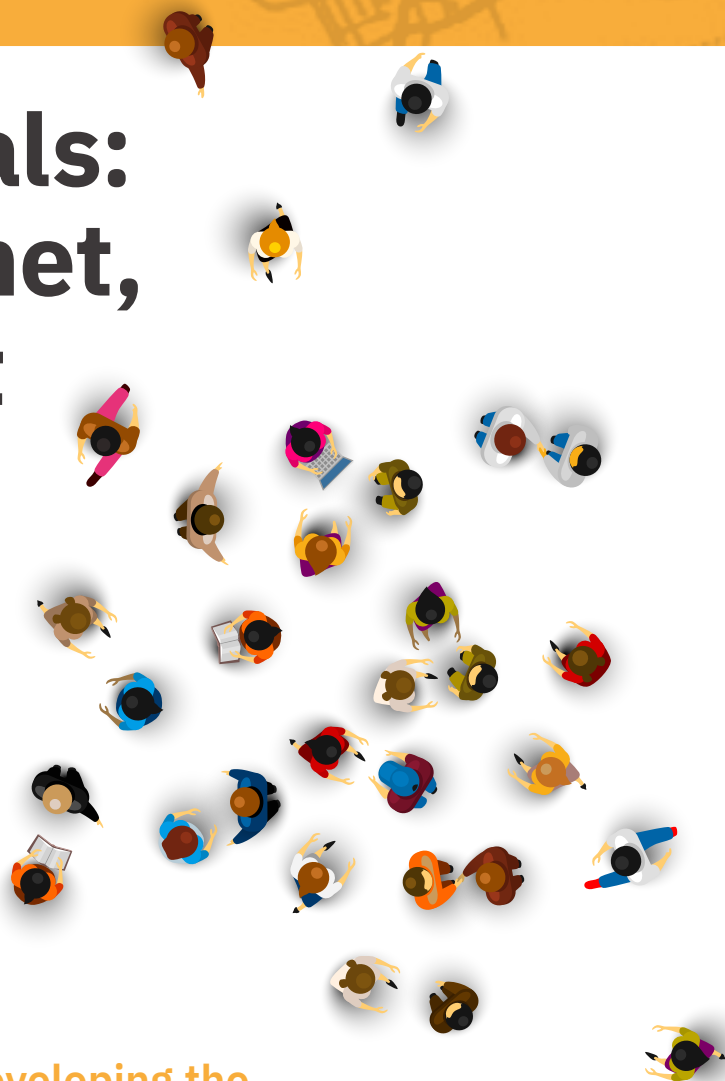
The triennial **UCLG World Summit and Congress** builds on the century-old origins of our organization as a movement driven by peace, solidarity and city diplomacy, and the pledge of the local and regional governments' constituency around the world. A pledge to safeguard the dreams and aspirations of our communities. A pledge to understand equality and care as the indispensable building blocks of any just, sustainable and thriving society. And a pledge to transform the relationship with nature through renewed forms of local governance, based on strong accountability

and the provision of new essential services that regenerates trust between government and people.

Aware that failing future generations is not an option, the municipal movement will gather under the motto **“Local and Regional Governments Breaking Through as One”**, the World Summit will bring the local leadership and international actors together to meet a scenario of breakthrough. To ensure we are fit for purpose to deliver **“Our Common Agenda”**, to set the implementation decade into full motion, we are ready to break through as one by developing the Pact for the Future of humanity, developed around three axes: People, Planet, and Government.

The process of developing a **Pact for the Future** will have in Daejeon a moment of deliberation and consultation towards setting the path of the contributions of the municipal movement to the **UN Summit for the Future**. The commitments and visions emanating from the Pact will constitute our contributions towards a networked and inclusive multilateralism – and set the roadmap for the next era of the World Organization.

The essentials: People, Planet, Government



The World Organization is developing the **Pact for the Future** of humanity based on three principles: people, planet, and government. The Pact will be the key outcome document of the 2022 World Congress in Daejeon and will define the Strategic Priorities for the Organization 2022 to 2028.

The axes will be the guiding force on the key themes that UCLG debates, advocates, researches and learns. The Organization will push for the transformation of the social contract within the framework of the SDGs and through strengthened partnership with the international community, organized civil society through the Town Hall track and the inputs of local leaders and members through the Policy Councils and the Assembly Track.

A Feminist Era for Transformative Caring Policies

Local and regional governments (LRGs) are one of the main foundations of any peaceful and democratic society as they represent the level of government closest to the people. As the ultimate conveyors of the rights and opportunities of our communities, local and regional governments need to be at the forefront of a new way to do politics – one that contributes to fostering social justice and gender equality through the development of institutional frameworks, female leadership and innovative agendas founded on values of empathy and dialogue and peace.

Feminist leadership of men and women alike embody these principles by putting the provision of care at the center of their action, prioritizing public goods responding to the needs of people, particularly of the most vulnerable among us, including by promoting an ecosystem of services that can protect communities during the worst times. **Caring towards communities and caregivers**, as the COVID-19 pandemic exposed the disproportionate impact of the crisis on women and girls. And caring as a

conviction that health in our territories goes beyond healthcare, through the promotion of equal access to health services and universal vaccination, the involvement of LRGs, and an ecosystem of basic services that allow equal benefit and accessibility to safe, green public spaces that can sustain health services.

The World Summit needs to be the stage where the members of our constituency **seek guidance, share knowledge, and learn from each other** to ensure that the dreams and aspirations of our communities around the world are listened to and conveyed. To promote cities and territories that are just, sustainable and equitable, for **a world of peace, justice and solidarity.**



In the spirit of our origins and building on the legacy of our movement, the role of our constituency across all areas of local governance in fostering peace and human rights protection and in the context of humanitarian emergencies will be central throughout our World Summit. The challenges of the coming years put to the test our shared values and principles, and call on us to rise to the task of being instrumental in the construction of sustainable peace founded on dialogue, the respect of international agreements, and the invigoration of a renewed form of networked multilateralism.

The commitment of local and regional governments to ensure the protection of **human rights, memory, dignity, diversity, and equal opportunities** must also aspire to develop a notion of citizenship that acknowledges all communities as neighbors and, as such, as right holders and community contributors. A notion that transforms the role and management of migration and displacement with a view to overcome border-centered approaches.

The construction of peaceful, inclusive and sustainable environments where all the members of our communities can thrive further commands us to continue galvanizing the role of culture as the fourth pillar of sustainable development and a core component of local and regional identity.

A strand of global solidarity, a vector for the main challenges of our time that protects communitary memory, heritage, creativity, diversity and knowledge. The need to bridge the digital divide is, in that sense, more crucial than ever.

Building on the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights**, the **Universal Declaration of the Rights of Humankind**, and our work on the right to the city, the World Summit must allow our constituency to find ways to continue protecting the fundamental rights at the origins of our movement while assessing new rights and new essentials. In the process of renewal of the **Global Charter-Agenda for Human Rights in the City** in its 10th anniversary, we must strive to promote in our cities and territories a form of development that is peaceful, sustainable, equitable, inclusive, and respectful of human rights for all, without discrimination.



Local and Regional Action at the Heart of the Ecological Transformation

As the world transforms its relationship with nature in unprecedented ways, local and regional governments (LRGs) must be at the forefront to promote a new view for our common future – **one that goes beyond the ecological transition and towards an ecological transformation.**

Local and regional governments must embody a vision that goes beyond obtaining the resources that we need from nature and **protects its biodiversity, its oceans, its air, and its land and subsoil.**

A vision committed to action, to define and deliver on ever-ambitious commitments that address the climate emergency while **connecting the planetarian and social dimensions of the ecological crisis.** A vision that transcends the business as usual in the transition towards zero carbon and

local resilience and advocates for a radical change. And a vision that conceives these measures both from an emergency and a long-term perspective. To reinvigorate the economy through sustainable, inclusive, and environmentally-aware models of production and consumption once we enter the recovery phase, and foster a fair and equal distribution of the benefits of climate action and resilience building.

The World Summit will inspire local and regional leaders to advance towards the achievement of a **full ecological transformation that addresses the major challenges across the globe.** It will do so through presenting concrete cases and sharing experiences, but most importantly through allowing the local and regional government constituency to strategize on what our sphere of government can deliver to bring about change at the global level. **To transform our relationship with the ecosystem** by becoming a movement of mayors not only of our communities, but also of our territories and of nature.



Renewing Local Democracy as the backbone of “Our Common Agenda”

Local and regional governments, through local democracy and strong local governance, need to be the building block of sustainable peace and prosperous societies. In an increasingly urbanized world, facing unequal and unsustainable patterns of development, our constituency needs to champion **a way of governance that promotes decent livelihoods where we can meet the expectations of people and protect their rights.**

Our democracies live in a time of political polarization and worsening cultural division, notably in the digital sphere, and such a state of mind extends to mainstream institutions and the official truth that they represent. As misinformation expands, so does mistrust towards elected officers and governments.

And yet, to address many of these issues, local and regional governments are in a unique position – that of **governance of proximity**. The World Summit needs to be the stage where local and regional governments, together, learn from each other to ensure that communities around the world regain trust in their institutions, build cohesion and ownership at the community level, and spur on local engagement in public life. By redoubling efforts around transparency, open government and accountability, promoting the provision of care through strengthened public services, and putting our communities at the core of decision-making mechanisms.

In a global context of growingly interconnected crises and emergencies, local and regional governments need to focus on **social justice and empathy in the recovery**, promoting models of decentralized and city-to-city cooperation for development, and on **mobilizing adequate resources and access to finance** as a precondition to accelerate the achievement of the global agendas, towards the realization of a multilateral system where our constituency is fully present at the decision-making tables.

Through enhanced local democracy and local governance as the foundations from which propping up the next generation of multilateralism based on **multilevel governance and effective decentralization**.



Tracks to enhance the power of our movement

Statutory Track

We Meet



This is our beating heart, where decisions are called and where the policies that will shape the future of the World Organization take shape. The Statutory track is where magic happens.

The track comprises the meetings of the governing bodies of the **World Organization of United Cities and Local Governments**. They gather to determine our policies and workplan and lead the charge for the renewal of the UCLG Leadership.

This includes the **Financial Management Committee**, which advises the Treasury and Executive Bureau on financial matters, including on the preparation and execution of the budget. It also comprises the **Committee on Statutory Affairs** is in charge of reviewing any issues concerning the institutional work of the Organization. It also oversees the electoral process every three years.

The Executive Bureau is one of UCLG's Governing Bodies. Composed of 116 members, it is responsible for initiating proposals and carrying out the decisions of the World Council. In particular, it is in charge of the World Organization's administrative and financial management. It also prepares the ground for the content of the meetings of the World Council and the General Assembly.

The General Assembly (not to be confused with the World Assembly of LRGs) gathers all members of UCLG. It has the responsibility for the overall policy, direction and oversight of the World Organization. It receives the report of activities submitted to the World Council and adopts any revisions to the Constitution. Every three years, during the Congress, it appoints the World Council resulting from an electoral process led by the Sections of UCLG throughout the year of the Congress.

The World Council is the main policy and decision-making body of the World Organization. Composed of 342 members, it decides the Organization's policies and adopts the work plan. On the occasion of the Congress, the World Council is the body that elects the UCLG Presidency. ●

#UCLGMeets

Assembly Track

We Advocate



UCLG Sections as well as sister organizations will hold consultations with their own membership to develop position papers to be presented during the Assembly sittings in the framework of the World Summit of Local and Regional Leaders. Local and regional government representatives are the key drivers.

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The UCLG Sections, which are driven by local and regional governments with specific policy focuses, contribute with their thematic priorities throughout the process, developing links with the regional priorities. Through the Assembly Track, **UCLG Sections as well as sister organizations will hold consultations** with their own membership to develop position papers to be presented during the Assembly sittings in the framework of the World Summit of Local and Regional Leaders.

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The political priorities included in the **Assembly Position Papers**, as well as the Assembly sittings in Daejeon, will form a compendium of policy inputs that the newly elected **UCLG Presidency** will receive to build the **Pact for the Future**. The compendium of policy recommendations will be used as inputs to the World Organization 2023 work programme and renewal of the strategic priorities from 2022 onwards. The outcomes of the Daejeon World Summit and Congress are set to inspire an entire decade of local action. ●

#Listen2Cities

Town Hall Track

We Listen



The Town Hall embodies the #CitiesAreListening experience of UCLG. The internationally organized civil society and the local and regional governments' constituency meet, dialogue, and co-create for a better shared future.

The Town Hall Track takes shape in the form of a process of continued **structured dialogue between the local and regional government constituency and civil society** with the ultimate goal of informing the policy of the World Organization of UCLG and the overall global policy processes.

The 2022 Town Hall strengthens this structured dialogue with the presence of international partners and three cross-cutting caucuses – **Youth, Feminism and Accessibility** –, ensuring that, throughout all Town Hall deliberations, these cross-cutting issues are present to ensure no one and no place is left behind.

Led by partner organizations such as the Global Platform for the Right to the City, the General Assembly of Partners, Cities Alliance and the Climate Heritage Network, the topics of the Town Hall cover ways to rethink the **Global Commons, Trust and Government, Caring Systems and Climate and Culture.**

The Town Hall culminates in a corpus of integrated policy recommendations, in the form of policy papers, resulting from each of the Town Halls. These recommendations are a sign of the transformation of our movement to include all stakeholders in the decision-making process and to showcase how cities are listening to deliver a pact for the future. ●



#CitiesAreListening

Local4Action Track

We Act



The Local4Action Track will be the space where everybody feels at home so innovation and creativity can flourish out of shared inspiration!

It will provide the diverse formats to engage with the diverse elements that compose the ecosystem of the local and regional governments constituency. Organized around the axes of people, planet and government, the following formats are proposed – make your choice!

- **Local inspiration to the world**
Come and see what's happening at the local level

Unfolding the processes and experiences of creation and co-creation of policy making in the city, implicating all levels of governance and actors of the urban sustainable development will compose this format (Open to UCLG members, national government, partners of UCLG, constituency members, UCLG mechanisms of consultation and partners).

- **Global Conversations**
A seat at the Global table!

Ongoing Global Conversations that integrates the current trends and global challenges will be at the heart of this format, implicating the Global Task Force, Stakeholders, Global Partnerships and High-Level exchanges, opening the Dialogue between life at local level and the global Conversation that impacts citizens' life (Open to Global Task Force constituency, Global Institutional Partners, Stakeholders).

- **Labs**
Interact and learn

This format will be dedicated to interactive sessions for training and specific workshops, with a larger duration (Open to UCLG members, national government partners of UCLG, constituency members).



#Local4Action

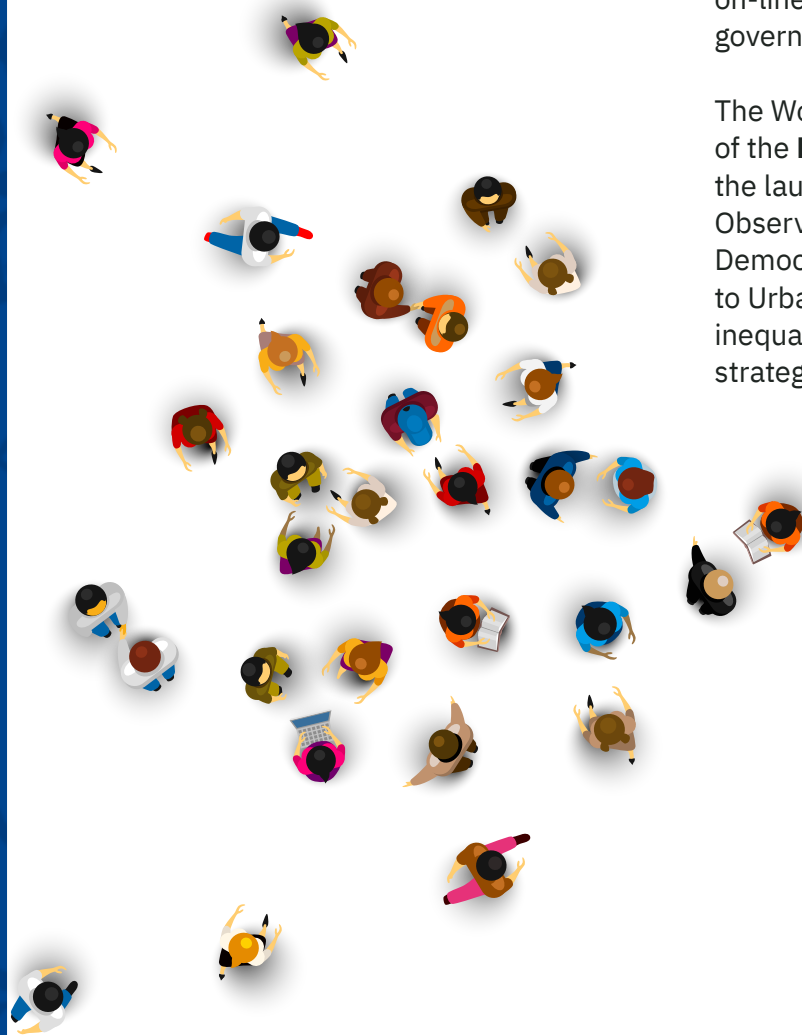
As part of the Local4Action Track, the **Networking Sessions HUB** sessions will be a window into the processes that move the World Organization. The sessions will offer participants an opportunity to come around the work of the World Secretariat from the inside, to bring the members of our constituency, the regional sections of UCLG, and its partners closer to what inspires us on a daily basis. To see what UCLG is, what UCLG dreams of, and what UCLG does in order to get there.

Sharing the essence of what we do is the very spirit of the Networking Sessions HUB: an innovative exercise bringing everyone together around our processes so they can connect, be understood, showcased, and lived – and, by that, ensure that the work of UCLG reaches a new dimension, more forward-looking and inspiring.

The sessions will hence be a platform to showcase, listen to, and deepen into our initiatives and policy priorities, our vision and our values. It will take the perspective of the World Organization, but can also be the space to bring in close partners to share their angle on our story.

In turn, the **Learning Forum** will assess the state of learning within the network and formulate recommendations around key elements of the UCLG Learning Strategy to disseminate our work around localization with local and regional governments associations, bringing localization to life by developing new methodologies to train trainers, developing on-line tools and helping to enhance local governments policies and public services.

The World Council will further be the stage of the **Research Forum**, which will feature the launching of the VI Edition of the Global Observatory on Decentralization and Local Democracy (GOLD) report, named “Pathways to Urban and Territorial Equality: Addressing inequalities through local transformation strategies”. ●



Daejeon Track



The world is currently facing numerous major challenges ranging from poverty, diseases, and aging populations to global environment and socio-economic issues such as climate change, housing, and transportation. The joint response at the regional and local levels has never been more imperative and essential to respond to these challenges.

Furthermore, the rapid changes and complexity of these challenges make it difficult to tackle them without integrating an approach that includes science, technology, and its related fields and studies. As the science and research capital in Korea, Daejeon has addressed these global challenges by harnessing the science and technology developed by Innopolis Daedeok for nearly 50 years since its foundation in 1973.

As such and in the framework of the 2022 World Summit of Local and Regional Leaders - UCLG Congress, **Daejeon is offering a specific space under the name of Daejeon Track, to see and share the Korean and city perspective on key issues of the international agenda, such as sustainable development, innovation, science and technology, and peace.** This track will encourage the participation of all stakeholders to identify problems, explore solutions and ultimately see them reflected into viable policies.



The overarching theme of the Daejeon Track will be **Science and Cities, where, in coordination with international partners and academia, three sub-themes will be developed: People and Science, Environment and Science, and Public Administration and Science.**

The **People and Science** sub-theme will focus on leading discussions on policies that, through the use of science and technology, can improve the quality of “individual life” at all stages of the life cycle.

The **Environment and Science** sub-theme will observe how science and technology can be developed and used to overcome various environmental risk factors.

And finally, the **Public Administration and Science** sub-theme will delve into discussions on decentralization and administrative innovation. It will assess ways to expand the powers and strengthen the capacities of local governments needed to promote sustainable and people-centered cities.

We invite all interested people to participate in the Daejeon Track to view, share and contribute to discussions on global challenges, from a unique perspective that fosters local solutions from the point of view of Daejeon City and its partners. ●




Welcome to Daejeon

The 2022 World Summit and Congress takes place in Daejeon, the central city of Korea and a municipality where culture and arts flourish thanks to a combination of tradition and modernity that makes Daejeon a vibrant and all-encompassing experience.

As part of the official program of the Congress, Daejeon will also showcase different activities such as the smart city exhibition and other side events with programs that invite you to learn more about the local culture and community.



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Still have questions about the UCLG World Summit, or have an idea you'd like to share? Please feel free to reach out to our coordination team with any inputs, comments, questions or concerns: daejeon2022@uclg.org

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