



## **Transforming our relationship with nature and our ecosystems: The Future of the Planet**

### **Consultation towards the UN Summit of the Future and SDG Summit**

**Date and time:** Thursday, 13 October, 17:30 KST

**Duration:** 90 minutes

**Lead Organizer:** UCLG World Organization

#### **Session summary**

Our world is at a moment that we could define as foundational. The number of overlapping crises, their universal nature, and their degree of interconnection represents a wake-up call to transform, all together, our systems and ways of life.

The pandemic put us in front of an unprecedented scenario, but also gave us a renewed sense of purpose to deliver truly transformative action, to overcome the current levels of inequality, address the environmental crisis, and challenge the widening cultural divide. We understood that failing was not an option.

Confronted with a closing window of opportunity, it is now time for the local multilateral system to demonstrate it is ready to join national and international partners in bringing about the changes that we need by reinvigorating the multilateral system so it is fit for the challenges of today and tomorrow. This is the clear and historic commitment that underlies UCLG's Pact for the Future.

Against this backdrop, we are firmly committed to contribute to a sustained and profound change in our societies and systems. A change to break through as one, stronger, caring for each other and for our planet.

Through this Pact for the Future, UCLG members and the organized constituency of local and regional governments acknowledge this foundational moment and reinstate their commitment to the power of collective action, shared ownership and co-creation – the cornerstones of harmonious and sustainable societies.

The Pact will serve as a point for deliberation towards the Summit of the Future and the SDG Summit, set to take place next year, and frame the territorial contribution to the United Nations' Pact for the Future. It will also be a crucial lever to ensure that the constituency of local and regional governments, hand in hand with its partners, jointly deliver on the 2030 Agenda, the Paris Agreement and the New Urban Agenda and meet the expectation of current and future generations.



### *Local and regional priorities speaking to the Summit of the Future*

The session on October 13 will be a landmark moment of consultation to ensure that our Pact for the Future of Humanity resonates with the Summit of the Future and the upcoming UN Pact for the future. To make sure that, with our Pact, we inspire truly transformational change at scale in all parts of the world.

**We are in a once-in-a-generation opportunity to review and improve our tools to respond to the challenges we face, to ensure we drive a profound transformation of our societies and our systems.**

### *Fostering a new relationship with our environment*

Even as the world exceeds its planetary boundaries, billions of people still do not have access to even the most basic services. The pandemic has further highlighted the vulnerability we are facing today and that, to truly leave no one and no place behind, we must invest in the sustainability and resilience of our cities and territories in the face of social and environmental shocks.

As we transform our collective relationship with nature, local and regional governments must be at the forefront of a new vision for our common future and develop pathways that are nature-positive towards achieving the fundamental changes in the production and consumption models that drive the relationship between people and the planet.

### **Objectives**

The session will foster a panel discussion dialogue between representatives of local and regional governments, national and international actors, grassroots organizations and key stakeholders on the actions that need to be collectively taken to transform our relationship with nature. Resilience, production and consumption models, sustainability, local public services such as public transport and waste management and food systems will be at the core of the conversations, delivering specific recommendations for the movement to be adopted in the Pact for the Future.

#### *Specific objectives:*

- Develop a consultation to ensure that the Pact speaks to the SDG Summit and Summit of the Future, and ahead of the UN Pact for the Future
- Illustrate the interconnection between local service provision and protecting our planet.
- Identify common goals between local, regional and national governments to achieve resilience to natural and social shocks.

### **Main deliverables/impact of the session**



Contributions made during the session will be included in the outcome of the 2022 Daejeon Summit: The planet axis of the Pact for the Future to ensure that all perspectives strengthen the UCLG work plan and political priorities.

The session will result in a municipal pledge for the Future of Planet led by UCLG Presidency that will set the ground of the future advocacy of the constituency of Local and Regional governments and its partners for inclusive, just and equal societies.

### **Deroulé of the session**

#### **POLITICAL VISION**

- **Fatimetou Fatimetou Abdel Malick**, President of Nouakchott region and President of UCLG Africa

#### **PARTNERS ASPIRATIONS**

- **Mami Mizutori**, SRSG for Disaster Risk Reduction
- **Hisham Amna**, Minister for Local Development of Egypt, host country of COP27
- **Pefi Kingi**, Queen's Service Medal (QSM), Pacific Regional Focal Point Migration
- **Daniel Akinjise**, UCLG Youth Caucus
- **Andrew Potts**, Climate Heritage Network

#### **CONSULTATION**

**Facilitated by: Gino Van Begin**, Secretary General of ICLEI

- **Souad Ben Abderrahime**, Mayor of Tunis
- **Irací Hassler**, Mayor of Santiago de Chile
- **Sami Kanaan**, Executive Councillor of Geneva
- **Noraini Roslan**, Mayor of Klang
- **Fernando Gray**, Mayor of Esteban Echevarría
- **Anne Hidalgo**, Mayor of Paris

#### **Open Floor**

**Rapporteur: Jorge Perez Jaramillo**, UCLG Ubuntu

#### **PLEDGE FOR THE FUTURE OF GOVERNMENT**

**Jonhny Araya**, Mayor of San José, UCLG Co-President