



CITIES CONFERENCE

Implementing the New Urban Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean

2 - 6 October 2017

Location: Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Santiago, Chile



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Conference objectives

The Cities Conference will be held at ECLAC's headquarters in Santiago, Chile, from 2-6 of October 2017. One year on from Habitat III, the Cities Conference focuses on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda (NUA) in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), giving particular attention to the Regional Action Plan for the Implementation of the NUA and the proposal for a Regional Urban and Cities Observatory.

Among its principle objectives, the conference seeks to bring together the diverse actors involved in the planning and management of cities and urban development in order to dialogue about relevant aspects of the transition to sustainable urban development. The conference integrates sessions dedicated to urban resilience, public private cooperation, and urban mobility in order to contribute to the implementation and monitoring of the NUA in LAC. The Cities Conference seeks to be a strategic platform for dialogue towards implementing the NUA, and contributing to the fulfilment of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Objectives (SDGs), particularly SDG 11, in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Conference structure

- **Resilient Cities in Latin America and the Caribbean: Key Concepts, Experiences and Projections (2 October 2017)**

This segment of the conference forms part of the collaboration between ECLAC and the German Cooperation (GIZ), as part of the project "Global Initiative on Disaster Risk Management" commissioned by the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). The day's sessions seek to give impetus to the discussion about the regional implementation of the NUA with a focus on urban resilience and disaster risk management. This segment will conclude with a dialogue supported by the *International Development Research Centre* (IDRC Canada) about how to reduce barriers and gaps to access financing in order to build resilient cities in LAC in the context of climate change.

- **Implementing the New Urban Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean with the Regional Action Plan (3-4 October 2017)**

The sessions in this segment seek to discuss the different aspects associated with the governance, financing and monitoring of the Regional Action Plan. It will also consider the Subregional Action Plan for the implementation of the Caribbean and analyse the proposal for a Regional Urban and Cities Observatory. Additionally, as was agreed at MINURVI's XXVI General Assembly in June of this year, the conference will provide a space to share advances on urban policies and plans and monitoring frameworks for urban and habitat issues from the three subregions.

- **Public-Private Dialogue for Promoting Urban Sustainability in Latin America and the Caribbean (4-5 October 2017)**

With the support of the French Government, ECLAC will organize a dialogue to foster a renewed approach to the role of public private partnerships (PPPs) in urban sustainability. The dialogue will be an important opportunity to discuss how more efficient collaboration between public and private actors can be achieved to implement sustainable projects in urban areas in LAC. Additionally, the dialogue will seek to reflect about how emerging technologies can be leveraged to create more inclusive and sustainable cities.

- **Moving towards the Implementation of Safe, Affordable and Sustainable Urban Mobility in Latin America and the Caribbean (5-6 October 2017)**

This segment of the Cities Conference is co-organized by ECLAC and the Partnership on Sustainable Low Carbon Transport (SLoCaT), with the support of the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the Development Bank of Latin American (CAF) and GIZ-BMZ in the framework of the project "Transformative Urban Mobility Initiative". The sessions will analyze opportunities to support a more systematic, widespread and accelerated implementation of safe, affordable and sustainable urban mobility in LAC, as part of the implementation of the Regional Action Plan and global agreements (Paris Agreement, SDGs, NUA).

To confirm your participation, please download the registration form from the conference website at <http://www.cepal.org/en/eventos/cities-conference-2017> and send it completed to Conferencia.DeLasCiudades@cepal.org. Spaces are limited.