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UCLG COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

UCLG COMMITTEE ON CULTURE

RELEVANT KEY DOCUMENTS APPROVED DURING UCLG II WORLD CONGRESS

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Dear members of the Committee,

The 2nd World Congress of *United Cities and Local Governments - UCLG* approved the guiding documents of the organisation for the next three years.

1. **Creation of the Committee on Culture.** Programme 2008-2010

This Committee builds on the activities of the former Working Group on Culture (2005-2007), being the results evaluated by the Executive Bureau as "positive".

The Committee on culture will carry on with the international dissemination and local implementation of Agenda 21 for culture during 2008-2010.

Please communicate with the new Committee. Let us know your comments, suggestions and proposals for the next years.

Download the full programme of the Committee, in the following link:
http://www.agenda21culture.net/docs/2008_2010_programme_en.doc

2. **Strategic priorities of UCLG for 2008-2010**

The document is the "master plan" of UCLG for the next three years.

The paragraph 24 refers to Promoting cultural diversity and intercultural dialogue: "Culture is one of the crucial aspects of globalization, especially with regard to cultural diversity, intercultural dialogue and urban creativity. The Agenda 21 for culture, reference document of UCLG for activities related to cultural issues since 2004, has become the main contribution of cities to global cultural governance both because of its innovative character and its relevance in multilateral cooperation mechanisms. With its renewed commitment to the Agenda 21 for culture, UCLG will enhance in 2007-2010 its leadership in this area and develop its capacity as a forum for exchange, action and excellence on local cultural development"

3. UCLG Declaration of Jeju

The Declaration brings together the main conclusions of the three plenary sessions and 21 parallel sessions and announces the next steps.

The Declaration refers to culture in paragraph 17: "Local governments recognise that cultural policies form part of the different dimensions of good local governance in the same way as economic and social development or environmental protection. We therefore invite local governments, nations and international institutions to adopt and disseminate the Agenda 21 for culture, present it as a reference document for their cultural programmes as well as respect international agreements on cultural diversity".

Download the full Declaration: http://www.cities-localgovernments.org/uclg/upload/news/newsdocs/UCLG_Jeju_Declaration_ENG.doc

4. Report of the parallel session "Culture within multicultural cities – Agenda 21 for culture"

The session took place on 30th October 2007. It was one of the parallel sessions of the Congress of Jeju. The speakers were: Mr Jordi Martí (Barcelona), Mr Habib Aoude (Zouk Mikael, Lebanon), Ms Asma Chaabi (Essaouira, Morocco), Ms Chen Feng (Dongcheng, Beijing, China) and Ms Madeleine Sjöstedt (Stockholm, Sweden), with messages from Ms Catherine Cullen (Lille, France) and Ms Françoise Rivière (UNESCO).

Download the report of this session:
http://www.agenda21culture.net/docs/report_culture_jeju.doc

For further information: <http://www.agenda21culture.net>

Wishing a wonderful 2008, we remain faithfully yours,
UCLG World Secretariat and UCLG Committee on Culture