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Third meeting of the Committee on culture
Istanbul, 28 November 2008

Report

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The Committee on culture held the third meeting on 28 November 2008, in Istanbul (Turkey). The meeting analysed the most recent activities of the Committee and approved the priorities for 2009.

Context

UCLG's Committee on culture is the meeting point of cities, local governments and networks that place culture at the heart of their development processes. Chaired by Barcelona and vice-chaired by Lille, Stockholm and Buenos Aires, it consists of fifty cities, local governments and organisations from all over the world. The main objective of the Programme for 2008-2010 (see annex 1) is:

“To promote the role of culture as a central dimension of local policies, fostering the relation between culture and sustainable development and the processes of intercultural dialogue, through the international dissemination and local implementation of Agenda 21 for culture”

The **Agenda 21 for culture** is the first document with worldwide mission establishing an undertaking by cities and local governments for cultural development. Today, 300 cities, local governments and organisations from all over the world are linked to Agenda 21 for culture.

United Cities and Local Governments – UCLG is the largest association of local governments in the world. Founded in May 2004, UCLG acts as the united voice and world advocate of democratic local self-government. It adopted Agenda 21 for culture as a reference document for its cultural programmes in October 2004, constituted its Working Group on Culture in June 2005, which was succeeded by the current Committee in October 2007.

The Committee on Culture held its **third meeting** on 28 November 2008, in Istanbul, in the framework of the statutory meetings (World Council and Executive Bureau) of UCLG.

Main agreements

- The **programme 2008-2010** of the Committee was endorsed at the World Council of UCLG in Jeju on 31 October 2007. This programme (annex 1) is the guiding document for the Committee.
- Cooperation with other **UCLG committees** (Social inclusion, City diplomacy) and **sections** (Metropolitan, ASPAC, FLACMA), is on-going, but needs to be reinforced.
- **Communication**. The **new website** of Agenda 21 for culture (due to be ready in February 2009) will be based on an open-source software and include several templates so that members of the Committee, as well as other interested parties, may upload information on local cultural policies. A **newsletter** will periodically be produced with the inputs provided by members and partners.
- Three new **translations** of Agenda 21 for culture are ready to be uploaded (Serbian, Bulgarian and Ukrainian), and two other are being elaborated (Swedish and Russian).
- **Research and development** (R+D) on local cultural policies is an important engine of the Committee.

- The report on “**Agenda 21 for culture in France**”, written by Christelle Blouët, will be uploaded in February 2009, once the new website is ready.
- Three reports are foreseen in 2009: on **Millennium Development Goals**, local governments and culture, (b) on **UNESCO’s Convention on Cultural diversity** and local governments, and (c) on the fifth anniversary of **Agenda 21 for culture**. All members will be called to contribute.
- Another report is planned for 2010: “**gender and local cultural development**” (working title), suggested by the Local Councils Association of Punjab (Pakistan) and by Aubagne (France).
- Another document was suggested by Bilgi University: a “**detailed guide**” for cities wishing to **elaborate a local cultural policy**. This document would complement the policy paper “Advice on local implementation of Agenda 21 for culture”.
- The cities of **Lille, Barcelona, Montréal and Aubagne** explained the local policies and programmes that are designed to implement locally the Agenda 21 for culture.
- The realisation of **regional seminars** has been proved to be a good tool to share good practice on local cultural policy-making, to reinforce the regional networks and to generate bilateral exchanges. The Committee organised two seminars in 2008:
 - Seminar “Urban policies and cultural development: planning as a strategy”, in Quito (Ecuador), 31 March – 3 April 2008. (In partnership with Quito Metropolitan Council, Interlocal Network of Iberoamerican Cities for culture and AECID)
 - Seminar “Culture and strategies for local development” in Dakar (Senegal), 7-8-9 July 2008. (In partnership with the Commission of the Economic and Monetary Union of West Africa – UEMOA, the City of Dakar, the Ministry for Culture of Senegal and AECID).
- The Committee explores the feasibility of a joint celebration of **21 May**, World Day for Cultural Diversity. Several members of the Committee expressed the idea is not very useful: “there are cities with many events on this topic every week... a World Day would not bring more added-value and become artificial”.
- The partnerships with **Unesco** are extremely important. The Committee is assessing the programme “Network of Creative Cities” (Eva Schöld, City of Stockholm). Several members of the Committee expressed their wish for a more strategic alliance with Unesco, mainly in terms of cultural policy making.
- **Resources**. A proposal for funding was approved by the **Spanish Agency for Development (AECID)** in March 2008, and it has allowed the organisation of two seminars, the translation of documents and the support to three cities in implementing locally Agenda 21 for culture.
- The Spanish Agency for Development – AECID, UCLG and Barcelona have agreed to develop a more consistent partnership for 2009 and 2010. This initiative would create a **Fund for cultural cooperation development projects based on Agenda 21 for culture**. [This initiative was officially presented by Mr. Antoni Nicolau, director for culture of AECID, at the World Council of UCLG two days later, on Sunday 30th November]. The Committee expressed full support to this initiative and several members asked for details of the Fund.

Participants

The following cities, local governments and organisations participated in the meeting: AECID

- Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo (Es), Asociación de Municipios del Ecuador (Ec), Associació Internacional de Ciutats Educadores - AICE (Int), Ancona, Provincia di (It), Aubagne (Fr), Barcelona (Es), Bobigny (Fr), Diyarbakir Metropolitan Municipality (Tr), Dolisie (Cg), Euro-India Centre (Int), FLACMA - CGLU (Int), Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality (Tr), Istanbul 2010 and Bilgi University (Tr), National League of Cities (Usa), Novi Sad, Museum of Contemporary Art (Sr), Lille (Fr), Metropolis - UCLG Metropolitan section (Int), Montréal (Ca), Paris (Fr), Punjab, Local Councils Association of (Pk), Roma, Provincia (It), Seine-Saint Denis, Conseil Général de (Fr), Stockholm (Se), Toronto (Ca), UCLG-MEWA (Int), UCLG - Committee on Social Inclusion (Int) y Vancouver Metropolitan (Ca).

Apologies were expressed by Aide aux Musiques Innovatrices - AMI (Fr), Barcelona, Diputació (Es), Berlin (De), Bologna (It), Buenos Aires (Ar), Centre of Expertise on Culture and Communities (Ca), Córdoba (Es), Council of Europe (Int), Cultural Development Network - Victoria (Au), Essaouira (Ma), Eurocities (Int), Federación Española de Municipios y Provincias - FEMP (Es), Genève (Ch), Lyon (Fr), Observatory of Cultural Policies in Africa - OCPA (Int), OCDE (Int), Porto Alegre (Br), Rencontres, les - Association des villes et des régions de la grande europe pour la culture (Int), Roubaix (Fr), Sevilla (Es), Zaragoza (Es) & Réseau Interlocal (Int), UEMOA, Commission de la (Int).

See full list of participants in annex 2.

The agenda of the meeting is reproduced in annex 3.

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Annex 1.

Programme 2008-2010 of the Committee on culture

Approved in Jeju on 31 October 2007 by the World Council of UCLG

Main aim

To promote the role of culture as a central dimension of local policies, fostering the relation between culture and sustainable development and the processes of intercultural dialogue, through the international dissemination and local implementation of Agenda 21 for culture

Main objectives

1. **Governance.** A committee with active members with shared responsibilities and very dynamic within UCLG.
1.1. To strengthen our governance (membership, vicechairs and chair), agreeing upon specific responsibilities on particular issues.

1.2. To continue the partnership with the networks of cities for culture, such as Interlocal, Eurocities – Culture Forum, les Rencontres and Mercociudades – Unidad Temática de Cultura

1.3. To promote the participation to the Committee of national associations of municipalities.

1.4. To foster the relation between our work and the main topics of the world agenda: Millenium Development Goals, Development Cooperation, City Diplomacy...

1.5. To establish a close cooperation with the UCLG Committees

1.6. To consolidate a close cooperation with the regional sections and the Metropolitan section of UCLG

1.7. To analyse the creation of an external advisory board of experts

2. **Development of projects.** UCLG and its Committee on culture are locally, nationally and internationally well-known, and develop specific projects in the field of exchanging experiences and good practices on the local implementation of Agenda 21 for culture.

2.1. To continue the communication through the website <http://www.agenda21culture.net> and its corporate image

2.2. To periodically update the database of all the cities and local governments implementing activities under the framework of the Agenda 21 for culture

2.3. To reinforce the external visibility of Agenda 21 for culture

2.4. To improve the internal circulation of information (newsletter or bulletin)

2.5. To increase the number of translations of Agenda 21 for culture

2.6. To support the local implementations of Agenda 21 for culture

2.7. To develop specific projects in the field of exchanging experiences and good practices on the local implementation of Agenda 21 for culture, by local governments or civil society agents, mainly through peer-review tools.

2.8. To explore the realisation of specific actions in the fields of training and capacity building, in partnership with international and national funding agencies

2.9. To explore, and eventually agree, on a joint celebration by cities each 21 May, World Day for Cultural Diversity, from 2008 onwards, in partnership with UNESCO

2.10. To explore the creation of an emblematic action, label or award that recognises cities and/or projects related to Agenda 21 for culture

2.11. To explore the elaboration of a glossary of concepts related to Agenda 21 for culture

3. **Policy development.** Research and development as the engine of key documents on local cultural policies that are widely disseminated.

3.1. To continue the work of Research and Development, with new reports on issues related to Agenda 21 for culture; possible topics could be: culture and sustainable development, culture and local governance, culture and decentralised cooperation, and creative industries and local development.

3.2. To analyse the production of new policy papers, and to analyse suitable approval: UCLG Committee on culture, Executive Bureau or World Council.

3.3. To analyse the feasibility of elaborating a document on “Cultural indicators and Agenda 21 for culture” that further develops the document approved on this issue in October 2006.

4. **Development of alliances and partnerships.** Networking and advocacy that establish the basis of shared projects, allowing cities an active presence in the international debates on culture and sustainable development.

4.1. To deepen on the strategic relation with UNESCO, establishing specific partnerships on concrete issues, such as the Convention on Cultural Diversity, the Network of Creative Cities, and others.

4.2. To deepen on the strategic relation with the European Union, establishing specific partnerships on concrete issues

4.3. To deepen on the strategic relation with the Council of Europe, establishing specific partnerships on concrete issues, such as the Intercultural Cities programme.

- 4.4. To explore contacts and develop a relation with other UN agencies and programmes: UN-Habitat, UNDP, UN-Sustainable Development
- 4.5. To establish a close cooperation with the Alliance of Civilisations.
- 4.6. To continue the relation with civil society organisations and networks devoted to international cultural cooperation, and to explore the realisation of specific projects
- 4.7. To explore the establishment of contacts with OWHC – Organisation of World Heritage Cities and ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability
- 4.8. To explore the establishment of contacts with the international thematic cultural networks (IFLA, ICOM, ICOMOS...).

5. **Resources.** Funds to support the implementation of specific projects and allow the long-term sustainability of the Committee.

- 5.1. To obtain resources from national and international agencies and donors.
- 5.2. To establish sponsorship agreements with private corporations

Annex 2

Participants to the meeting

<i>City, local government or organisation</i> <i>Cité, gouvernement local ou organisation</i> <i>Ciudad, gobierno local u organización</i>	<i>Surname</i> <i>Nom</i> <i>Apellidos</i>	<i>Name</i> <i>Prénom</i> <i>Nombre</i>	<i>Title</i> <i>Fonction</i> <i>Cargo</i>
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AECID - Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo (Es)	Alaez	Irene	Cultura y desarrollo
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Associació Internacional de Ciutats Educadores - AICE (Int)	Canals	Marina	Deputy Director
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Barcelona (Es)	Martí	Jordi	Coordinator, UCLG's Working Group on Culture
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Montréal (Ca)	Choquet	Jean-Robert	Directeur du développement culturel
Paris (Fr)	Bertrand	Geneviève	Mairie de Paris
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Stockholm (Se)	Samuelsson	Ewa	Vice Mayor of Stockholm
Stockholm (Se)	Sundelius	Stina	International Officer
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UCLG-MEWA (Int)	Tikiz	Cenk	General Coordinator
UCLG - Committee on Social Inclusion (Int)	Garcia-Chueca	Eva	Executive Secretary
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Vancouver Metropolitan (Ca)	Fretz	Laurie	Metro Vancouver
Apologies (final)			
Aide aux Musiques Innovatrices - AMI (Fr)	Richard Miralles	Ferdinand	Directeur de l'AMI
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Annex 3

Agenda of the meeting

Languages

Simultaneous translation in English, French and Spanish

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Draft programme

- 14.05 – Official opening of the meeting.
- 14.10 – Report of the activities developed by the Presidency.
- 14.30 – Comments and questions.
- 14.45 – Support to the implementation of Agenda 21 for culture in developing cities
 - Partnership with AECID.
 - Other partnerships.
- 15.30 – Research agenda.
 - Preparation of documents related to Millennium Development Goals and UNESCO's Convention on Cultural Diversity.
- 16.00 – Communication tools of Agenda 21 for culture.
 - Website
 - Other tools
- 16.15 – Celebration of the World Day of Cultural Diversity
- 16.30 – Advocacy and lobby priorities of the Committee: within UCLG and outside UCLG
- 16.45 – Governance of the Committee
- 16.50 – Conclusions
- 16.55 – Pictures
- 17.00 – End of meeting