



United Cities and Local Governments  
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# culture 21

Agenda 21 for culture  
Agenda 21 de la culture  
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COMMITTEE ON CULTURE OF  
UNITED CITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS - UCLG

## REPORT 2013

10 February 2014



## 1.1. CONTEXT

The Committee on culture of the world association of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) is the global platform of cities, organizations and networks to learn, to cooperate and to launch policies and programmes on the role of culture in sustainable development.

We have the Agenda 21 for culture as our founding document, the first worldwide document promoting policies and actions by cities and local governments for cultural development. It was approved in 2004 by cities and local governments from all over the world to enshrine their commitment to human rights, cultural diversity, sustainability, participatory democracy and creating conditions for peace.

United Cities and Local Governments – UCLG adopted Agenda 21 for culture as its reference document in October 2004 (Executive Bureau of Sao Paulo), constituted its Working Group on Culture in June 2005 (World Council of Beijing) which was succeeded by the Committee on culture in October 2007 (World Congress of Jeju) and ratified in November 2010 (World Congress of Mexico), upgrading the consideration of culture within the World organisation.

The mission of the Committee on culture of UCLG is “to promote culture as the fourth pillar of sustainable development through the international dissemination and the local implementation of Agenda 21 for culture”.

- We promote the exchange of experiences and improve mutual learning. Networking and project development.
- We analyze global cultural issues and convey the key messages of cities and local governments. Advocacy, lobbying and policy development.

The Committee on culture of UCLG is chaired by Lille Metropole, co-chaired by Buenos Aires, Montréal and México and vice-chaired by Angers, Barcelona and Milano.

The Committee on culture of UCLG is open to the participation of cities from all continents on an equal basis.

Since June 2013, the coordination office of the Committee on culture is at the UCLG World Secretariat (carrer Avinyó 15, Barcelona).

## 1.2. ACTIVITIES

### 1.2.1. POLICY DEVELOPMENT - New Agenda 21 for culture

#### LILLE-MÉTROPOLE. ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON CULTURE



See [Circular-Info 75](#), with report of the Committee meeting in Lille-Métropole

#### BUENOS AIRES. SEMINAR “CITIES, CULTURES AND FUTURE”



See [Circular-Info 82](#), with report of the seminar in Buenos Aires

#### HANGZHOU, UNESCO CONGRESS: CULTURE KEY TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



See [Circular-Info 66](#) with our key messages to the congress of Hangzhou.  
See [Circular-Info 74](#) which summarizes outcomes of the Hangzhou Congress.

## RABAT: WORLD CONGRESS OF UCLG



See [Circular-Info 78](#) which summarizes “cultural” outcomes of the world Congress of UCLG.

## BALI: WORLD CULTURE FORUM



World Culture Forum  
The Power of Culture in Sustainable Development  
24-27 November 2013, Bali, Indonesia



See <http://wcfina.org>.

The Committee has been active in many regional and national events, such as "Culture et cooperation" (CUF, Toulouse, April 2013, we were represented by Aubagne); les Arts et la Ville (Gattineau, Québec, May 2013; our President Lille-Métropole and our co-president Montreal were key-note speakers), Forum Villes Durables (May 2013, Nantes, we were represented by Angers); Rio Cidade Creativa (June 2013, Rio de Janeiro, we were represented by Ferdinand Richard), Cultural Governance (Melbourne and Australian National Forum on Culture - skype connection coordinator - June+ 2013), Cultural Rights (Bogotá, skype connection coordinator - November 2013).

## EXECUTIVE BUREAU OF UCLG IN LYON



See [www.uclg.org](http://www.uclg.org)

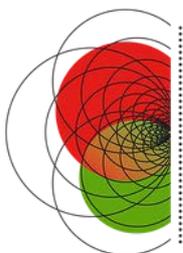
## OPEN WORKING GROUP ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

See the [document prepared by UCLG](#) with our key messages to 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Open Working Group in charge of the preparation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

## ECOSOC

See [Circular-Info 66](#) with our key messages to the High Level Segment of the ECOSOC 2013, devoted to “Science, technology and innovation, and the potential of culture, for promoting sustainable development and achieving the Millennium Development Goals”.

## GLOBAL TASKFORCE FOR POST-2015 TOWARDS HABITAT III (2016)



**GLOBAL TASKFORCE**  
OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS  
FOR **POST-2015** DEVELOPMENT AGENDA  
TOWARDS **HABITAT III**



We are founding members of the Global Taskforce, set up by UCLG ([www.gtf2016.org](http://www.gtf2016.org)). Culture is a key message. As a Committee we have been in all meetings of the GTF (Catherine Cullen in Istanbul - March 2013; Hernán Lombardi in NY - May 2013, and Catherine Cullen, Marianne Prodhomme and Eugene Zapata in Rabat – October 2013).

**Catherine Cullen (Lille-Métropole) in United Nations on 13 December 2013**



**Hernán Lombardi (Buenos Aires) in United Nations on 28 May 2013**



See [Circular-Info 83](#) which summarizes outcomes of the special event on Sustainable Cities in United Nations (13 December 2013).

See [www.gtf2016.org](http://www.gtf2016.org) for complete information on the Global Taskforce.

## CULTURE IN UCLG LONG-TERM PLANNING



### Other activities:

- Preparation of 25 pages in the website with good practices related to Agenda 21 for culture
- Commission evaluation of A21c
- Digital activism
- Monitoring
- Partnership with Brasil
- Liaison with UCLG members and partners
- Elaborate new Committee Plan for 2014-2016



### 1.2.3. ALLIANCES AND PARTNERSHIPS

#### UNESCO

Elaine Ayotte (Ville de Montreal) in United Nations on 12 June 2013



See the [special page of Montréal at UN](#) as well as our See [Circular-Info 72](#).

#### Network of Creative Cities of UNESCO



Seminar of Bologna.

#### CULTURE AS A GOAL in POST-2015 DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

CULTURE AS A GOAL  
IN THE POST-2015  
DEVELOPMENT AGENDA



See [Circular-Info 79](#) which explains the stance of several global cultural networks on the place of culture in the Post-2015 Development Agenda.



#### Other activities:

- European Union
- Civil society actors: Culture Action Europe, FICDC, U40, ENCATC
- World Capitals of Culture
- Networks of cities for culture: Eurocities, Mercociudades, Interlocal, UCCI, les Arts et la Ville
- Culture Summit 2014 of Edinburgh Festival

### 1.2.4. FUNDING AND RESOURCES

#### Activities:

- Funding 2013: euro 150.000
- Explore new funding stream based on cities that adopt new a21c after 2014
- Explore EU bidding
- Explore private funding

### 1.2.5. GOVERNANCE

#### Activities:

- New Board
- Cooperation with cities in Africa, Asia-Pacific and MEWA



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