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CULTURE IN SUSTAINABLE CITIES
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The experiences and perspectives highlighted here **reaffirm the belief that sustainable development depends upon cities and upon an active focus on culture.**

This involves a **long-term effort**. Cities such as Buenos Aires have been collaborating with others around the world for over a decade, proposing Agenda 21 for culture as a guide for integrating cultural policies into the sustainable development of our cities.

Recently we have seen how local governments, artists, cultural professionals, development agencies, and citizens' organisations have grown more each year. They understand that creativity, social innovation, recognising collective memory, diversity, and cultural rights are all essential to any sustainable development efforts that focus on people.

We say it is a long-term commitment because **there is still a long way to go**. However, **we will take concrete steps** towards our goals as demonstrated by the cities implementing Culture 21 Actions. We will set up platforms for collaboration among local government and cultural and citizens' organisations, with innovative cultural policy models.

We will also do so through international partnerships. The Second Culture Summit here in Jeju has helped again to highlight the challenges facing similar cities. These can be better met by creating spaces that enable the exchange of experiences, and the transfer of knowledge. The UCLG Committee on Culture is a **privileged space for cooperation between cities committed to culture and sustainable development**. Holding the Second Culture Summit in Jeju has allowed us to expand collaboration to include new cities, particularly in Asia and the Pacific.

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In sum:

- We want to make sure more cities commit to the values and guidelines of Agenda 21 for culture and Culture 21 Actions.
- We want to work more closely with all global networks that explicitly or indirectly carry out initiatives in the cultural sphere.
- We want to ensure that future international agendas specifically recognise the fact that sustainable development cannot occur without culture.

The Committee on Culture will meet this afternoon here in Jeju to take stock of this second summit. We will plan out our work for the next few years, remaining focused as much on our day-to-day projects as on preparing the third summit to be held in 2019, and on other future challenges.

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Some of those challenges will be met with the following initiatives:

- The UCLG Committee on Culture is working on **a new document that will outline the ways that cultural life in cities contributes to the achievement of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals**. We have set 2030 as a milestone, and will continue to work so that by that time, culture will have become an indispensable part of sustainable development. A draft of, "Culture in Sustainable Development Goals: A Guide to Local Action" is already being circulated. We invite you to contribute to this document.
- Alongside UCLG, Mexico city will open the call for proposals for the third "UCLG Mexico City – Culture 21 International Award". This unique, unparalleled award is granted to leading cities and individuals who have stood out in their contribution to making culture a key aspect of sustainable development. The prize reaffirms the commitment by UCLG to positioning culture as a fundamental element of sustainable cities, and also highlights Mexico City's leadership in bringing together culture and sustainable development. Submissions for the third annual presentations of the award will open in October of this year and end in February of 2018. So, get your applications ready! The awards will be presented in Mexico City in September of 2018, and will be accompanied by an international seminar on "cultural rights in the city".

Finally, a word of thanks to some of the people that made this summit possible.



First

- To the governor of the Jeju Special Self-Governing Province, Mr. WON Hee-ryong.
- Thank you very much for your hospitality and your excellent organization, which allowed us to hold this summit. We have learned a lot from the culture in Jeju. We will undoubtedly continue to work together over the coming years.

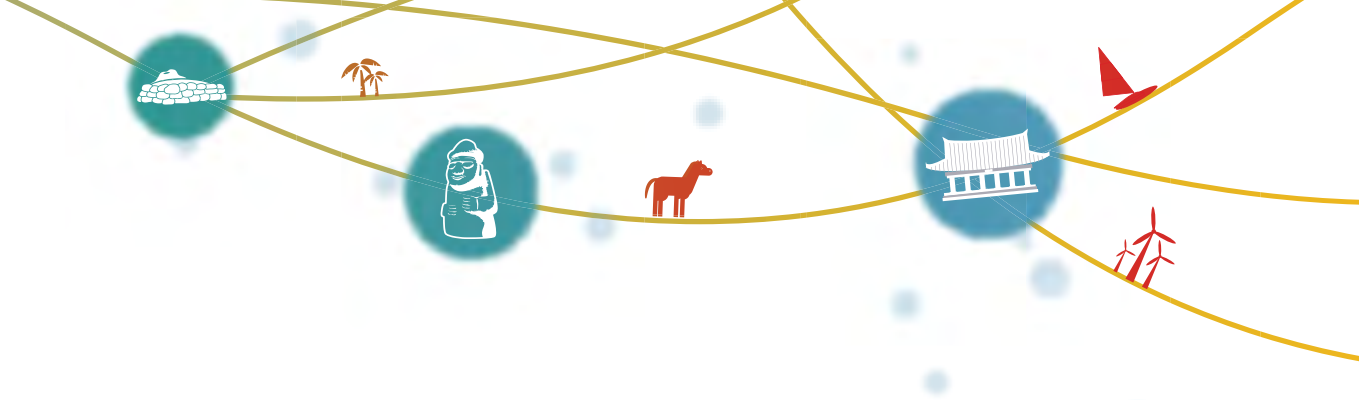
Second

- To the Jeju team.
- You are a team that has shown, I must emphasise, world-class professionalism in organising this summit.

Third

- To the other cities that lead along with Buenos Aires, and the UCLG Committee on Culture.
- Our best regards to Secretary of Culture of the City of Mexico, Eduardo Vázquez and his entire team. Eduardo, we'll see you in your city in September 2018, if not before.
- A special thanks to the vice presidents of the Committee in: Bogotá, Bilbao, Barcelona, Paris, Porto Alegre, Angers, and Belo Horizonte. Meeting you has been a great learning experience.





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- Another thank you to all of the cities that have joined us in this network, from Washington DC to Busan, from Concepción and Cuenca to Lyon and Lille, and from Malmo to Konya, and to Kazan. I've only mentioned a few but thank you all.

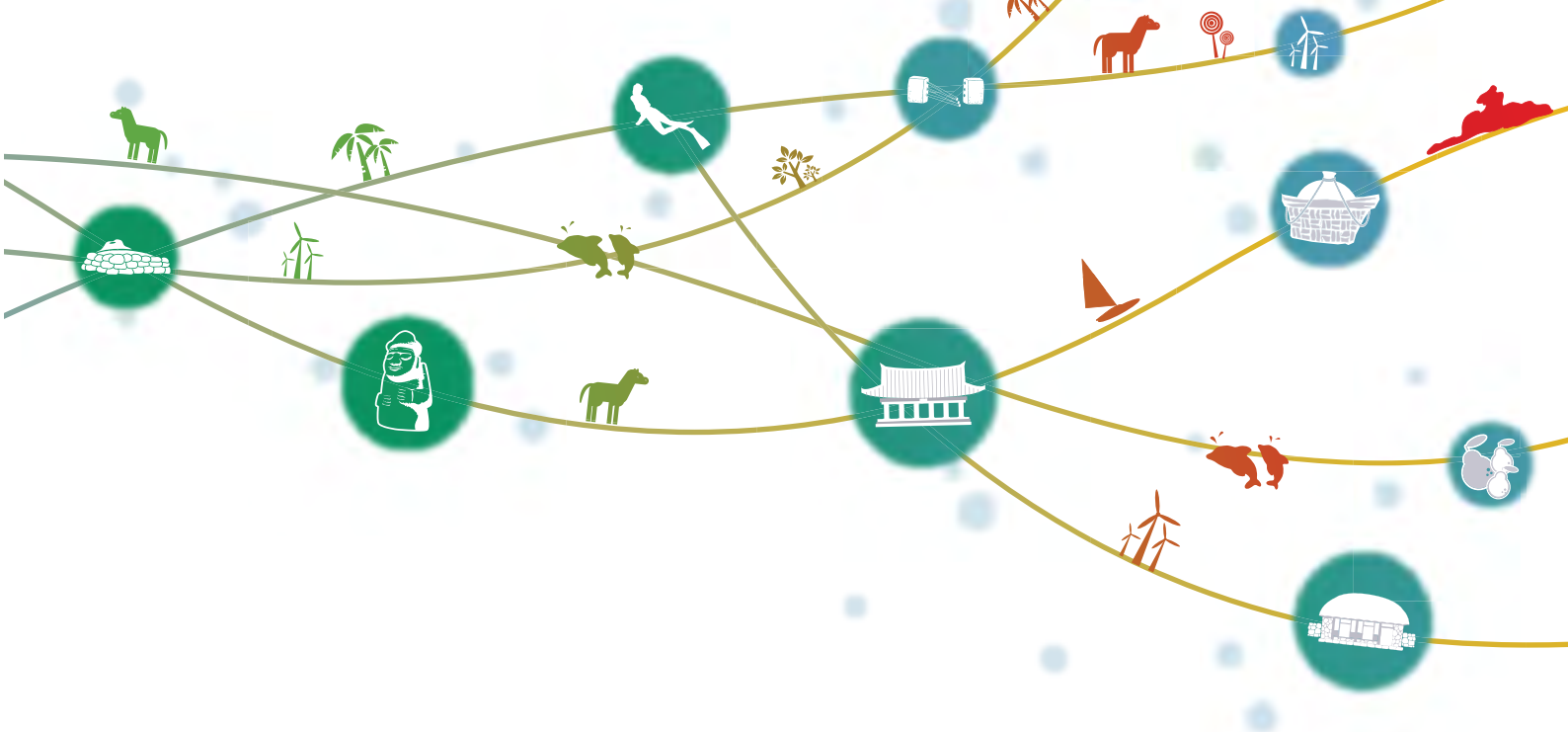
Fourth

- To UCLG.
- Thank you very much, President PARKS TAU for your support on cultural issues at UCLG.
- Thank you very much to Pep ROIG. Our Committee has taken on a new dimension because of you.
- To the members of the World Secretariat who have joined us here in Jeju: Carole MORILLON, Tara KATTI, Irene FUERTES, and Kate KIM.
- To the UCLG Committee on Culture team: Helena CALVO, Jordi BALTÀ, Sarah VIEUX, and Jordi PASCUAL.

Last, but not least, fifth

- To all of the participants.
- You've joined us from all around the world, and we are determined to continue working together.

Thank you very much, ladies and gentlemen.



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