



# Mexico City in COP21

On December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, Mexico City Mayor, Miguel Angel Mancera, participated in various events on climate change, organized by local governments and major world city networks within the framework of the Twenty-First Conference of the Parties (COP 21), held in Paris, France.

These meetings were historic because, traditionally, the fight against climate change had been undertaken solely by national governments. However, due to the growing importance and relevance of local governments in the formulation of sustainable public policies, hundreds of mayors from around the world held parallel meetings to the COP21, in order to make their voices heard, as well as to make a call to action on the climate negotiations.

For his part, the Mayor of Mexico City participated in the “Cities for Climate” Summit organized by the

Mayor of Paris, Anne Hidalgo, and Michael Bloomberg, UN Special Envoy on Cities and Climate Change, during which new dynamics to meet the challenge posed by global warming were established. During his speech, Mayor Mancera proposed granting flexible international funding to cities for the environment, while providing them with greater access to clean technologies. It is worth noting that in this meeting, Mexico City signed the Declaration of Paris, adopted by more than 400 mayors from around the world, with the purpose of addressing climate change through common actions.

Mayor Mancera also participated in the “Green Growth and Sustainable Urban Development” session organized by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), and in the “Buildings Day” Plenary Session organized by the Global Environment Facility

(GEF). During said events, important environmental measures were announced such as the allocation of 10% of the Mexico City budget to environmental issues, as well as the replacement of between 60 to 80% of the buses that circulate in the city for sustainable models. Also, the Mayor shared the Sustainable Energy Initiative aimed at improving energy efficiency of buildings in Mexico City.

Finally, on December 5<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas Solórzano, Coordinator General of International Affairs, officially launched, during the Executive Bureau meeting of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), the second edition of the International Prize UCLG - Mexico City - Agenda 21, which will recognize cities and leading personalities who have excelled in their contribution to instilling culture as a key dimension of sustainable cities.

## MEXICO CITY MAYOR MAKES AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO KUWAIT AND DUBAI

From December 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Miguel Angel Mancera, Mayor of Mexico City, made an official visit to Kuwait city and the Arab Emirate of Dubai, in order to re-launch the ties of friendship and cooperation with their respective governments, and develop a common agenda on healthcare issues. During said visits, Mayor Mancera presented the “El Médico en Tu Casa” program and established the foundation for the eventual signing of specific cooperation agreements.