

# 1st Urban 20 Mayors Summit

On behalf of the Mexico City Government, the Coordinator General of International Affairs, Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas Solórzano, participated in the 1st Urban 20 (U20) Mayors Summit, held on October 29 and 30 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

As part of the main activities of the Urban 20 Summit, various thematic panels were developed on climate action, the future of employment, social integration, women's empowerment, and access to finance; a working meeting for the U20 Communiqué, a document with a statement and recommendations regarding the G20 agenda; as well as a Strategic Meeting in which the priority topics for the 2019-2020 period were outlined and the steps to be taken to consolidate this important initiative.

During his speech at the Strategic Meeting, Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas Solórzano, stressed out that local governments, as they assume themselves more than ever as actors with global leadership and responsibility, and for being the closest to the citizens, must represent and defend their interests at the international cooperation tables along with national governments.



Furthermore, that it is now essential to guarantee the right to voice and vote of cities and prioritize the urban perspective in decision making processes around the global agenda, through the opening of greater spaces for participation in discussions, negotiations and agreements such as those that take place every year in the G20.

The Coordinator General of International Affairs, on behalf of the Mayor of Mexico City, José Ramón Amieva Gálvez, confirmed the willingness and commitment of our capital to

continue promoting the main global agendas of local governments, in close collaboration with the Urban 20 initiative and other international actors.

To conclude the Summit, the Mayors and high-level representatives met with the President of the Republic of Argentina, Mauricio Macri, who formally received from the Mayor of Buenos Aires, Horacio Rodríguez Larreta, the final document of the U20 Communiqué, in order that its recommendations be considered by heads of State at the G20 Leaders' Summit 2018.

## 3rd International Award UCLG-Mexico City-Culture 21



Within the framework of a ceremony held at the 1968 Movement Forum of the XVIII International Book Fair in the Zócalo of Mexico City 2018 (FIL Zócalo), on October 18, the Minister of Culture, Eduardo Vázquez Martín, on behalf of the Mexico City Government, together with the Coordinator General of International Affairs, Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas Solórzano, presented the 3rd International Award UCLG-Mexico City-Culture 21.

Out of the 99 nominations of cities and local and regional governments from all continents, this recognition was given to Loïc Graber, Minister of Culture of Lyon, France, city winner of the '4th Charter of Cultural Cooperation Lyon, Sustainable City', in the

category of 'City, Local or Regional Government'. Also, Kim Ji-Hee, Co-president of the Seongbuk Joint Artists Roundtable (Seoul, Republic of Korea), and Kwon Kyung-woo, Director of Cultural Affairs at the Seongbuk Cultural Foundation, were honored as they were representing the city recognized by the program 'Local Governance of Culture: the Common Round Table of Artists'.

In the category 'Personality', the Egyptian activist Basma El Hussein, who runs the organization Action for Hope (based in Beirut, Lebanon), aimed at providing support and cultural development programs to communities in crisis was distinguished, as well as the Swiss philosopher Patrice Meyer-Bisch, main promoter of the Freiburg Declaration on Cultural Rights (2007).

During his speech, the Minister of Culture of the capital recalled the recent effort to include in the Political Constitution of Mexico City a catalog of cultural rights for the first time in a country's legislation, and asserted that it is necessary to recognize the central role of culture in the construction of contemporary society and work for peace in the world and in Mexico.



### THE WEGO REGIONAL OFFICE OPENS AT MEXICO CITY

The Mayor of Mexico City, José Ramón Amieva Gálvez, accompanied by the Senior Official, Jorge Silva Morales and the Coordinator General of International Affairs, Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas Solórzano, formalized the presentation of the WeGO (World Smart Sustainable Cities Organization) CDMX, which was created in 2017, with the aim of promoting efficiency and transparency in public administration, and in this way, improve digital capacity and promote electronic public services.

This presentation was attended by the Secretary General of WeGO, Kyong-yul Lee, who highlighted the vision, leadership and support of the Mexico City Government of for the creation of this network's regional office, where our capital holds one of the seven Vice Presidencies.

### CHICAGO-MEXICO CITY-LOS ANGELES STRATEGIC DIALOGUE 2018

From October 10 to 17, the Chicago-Mexico City-Los Angeles Strategic Dialogue 2018 was held in both American cities, with the objective of strengthening the ties of brotherhood and trilateral strategic cooperation.

The Coordinator General of International Affairs, Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas Solórzano, was part of the various activities of this event, representing the Mexico City Government. Among these were the meetings with the President of the Chamber of Commerce of Los Angeles, the Consuls General of Mexico in Los Angeles and Chicago, and the Mayor of Chicago, Rahm Emanuel.

With its sixth edition since 2013, the Strategic Dialogue was positioned as an important economic, tourist and cultural promotion event for Mexico City in the United States, within the framework of the "Casas México, Ciudad de México" program, managed by the Coordination General of International Affairs.

### MEXICO CITY PROMOTES NEW BILATERAL COOPERATION TIES

In October, the Mexico City Government received the visit of delegations from foreign cities, who seek to establish bilateral cooperation ties with our capital. In this context, the Mayor, José Ramón Amieva Gálvez; accompanied by the Coordinator General of International Affairs, Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas Solórzano, and the Minister of Culture, Eduardo Vázquez Martín, met with a delegation headed by the Mayor of Viudreuil-Dorion, Québec, Guy Pilon, with the objective of strengthening the exchange in cultural matters, considering that this city was awarded the 2nd International Award UCLG-Mexico City-Culture 21 in 2016. Moreover, the Coordinator General of International Affairs held a meeting the Deputy Director General of the Foreign and Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the Province of Shanxi, China, Hao Wenji, in order to explore areas of collaboration between both cities.