

* Name of the event

Urban Innovation and the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda

* Organizer

*Guangzhou Municipality
Guangzhou Institute for Urban Innovation*

* Partners

*United Cities and Local Government
World Association of the Major Metropolises
Lincoln Institute for Land Policy
Others tbd*

* Registration link

<https://forms.office.com/r/VoCVak4jMJ>

* Location and/ or Webcast link

Guangzhou, China
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83235780432?pwd=R1FqM1N4eGk2WXZwdEx6MSt4allpUT09>

* Short Concept Note

Cities and local governments are a source of ideas and approaches to help the world reach the Goals of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2030 Agenda). Cities also demonstrate how the tenets of the New Urban Agenda (NUA) can be implemented with creativity, efficient use of resources, and broad community support. This side event showcases how local governments are demonstrating just how impactful urban innovation can be and how important it is to engage cities as partners in efforts to implement the NUA and to accelerate the implementation of the SDGs. Up to three living case studies of urban innovation from Africa, Asia and Latin America and/or Europe will present their efforts in addressing the the three transformative commitments of the New Urban Agenda, namely : Social inclusion and ending poverty; Inclusive urban prosperity and opportunities; and Environmental sustainability and resilience.

The side event will also involve a panel of experts to discuss lessons learned.

Tentative Programme:

1. Remarks

- Mr. Zhan Decun, Director-General of Guangzhou Foreign Affairs Office*
- Ms. Emilia Saiz, Secretary General of UCLG*

- *Mr. Octavi de la Varga, Secretary General of Metropolis*

2. *Living cases*

- *St. Louis, Senegal: Inter-municipal approach for the safeguard and enhancement of the Mangrove by the Local Authorities*
- *Odisha, India: The Urban Wage Employment Initiative – reducing vulnerabilities and enhancing resilience of the urban*
- *Santa Ana, Costa Rica: Santa Ana en Cleta*

3. *Panel discussion*

- *Enrique R. Silva, Director of International Initiatives, Lincoln Institute for Land Policy*
- *others tbd*

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* Select one or several themes the side-event contributes to (fighting inequalities, sustainable urban economic development, climate action, peace and security, localizing global agendas)

- *Fighting inequalities*
- *Sustainable urban economic development*
- *Climate action*
- *Localizing global agenda*