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WORK OF THE UCLG COMMITTEE ON CULTURE IN 2018

1. Main activities of the Committee in 2018, structured on the basis of the UCLG work programme

NOTA BENE. The following paragraphs are a draft based in the main activities of the Committee in 2013-2017.

A. Implementation

International Award UCLG - Mexico City – Culture 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To prepare and launch the third edition (2017-2018) of the Award. This is a unique Award. No other similar initiative exists. - To give as much visibility as possible to the Award. Improve use of social media and promote good practices. - To take advantage of the Award Ceremony (September 2018) to organize an international high-level seminar on 'Cultural Rights in the City' and a meeting of the UCLG Committee on Culture.
Culture Summit of UCLG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To prepare the third edition of the Summit (to be held in early 2019), working closely with the UCLG World Secretariat and the selected city (to be determined at the Hangzhou World Council, December 2018). - To work with all stakeholders to respond to expectations around the Summit, which should be seen as "the most relevant biennial meeting on cities' cultural policies".
Database of good practices – www.OBS.agenda21culture.net	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To launch a dedicated website presenting good practices and searchable per themes, SDGs and Culture 21 Actions Commitments. To connect with GOLD. - To increase the number of good practices (Award 2017-2018, Pilot Cities). - To analyze possible specific "sponsorship" for the database.

B. Representation

Global civil-society networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To build-on the success of the campaign #culture2015goal that connected key global cultural networks in the SDG process. - To analyze feasibility of a global #culture2030goal campaign with key culture and "non-culture" stakeholders and networks.
Partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To establish long-term partnerships with UNESCO and the EU
City networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To consolidate an operational connection with all global / regional networks concerned by "culture in sustainable cities", connecting this to the Summit
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To improve the website, as a true portal to knowledge on 'culture in sustainable cities'

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To assess existing work on social media (TW, FB) and consider broadening it to other networks (Instagram, LinkedIn) - To consolidate existing newsletters (<i>Info</i>, published twice a month; <i>Pilot Cities Newsletter</i>, every 2 months; and <i>Culture at Work</i>, published on an occasional basis) - To design 2-3 new tools to disseminate our work
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C. Development and monitoring

Governance	- To ensure full involvement of all members of the Governance Team in the leadership of the Committee.
Budget	- To consolidate a balanced budget
Key narrative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To be self-critical and analyse weak / strong points of the narrative and methodologies. - To elaborate key briefings / new research on issues related to culture and sustainable cities.

D. Learning

Peer-learning and capacity-building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To widely promote "Agenda 21 for culture" and its practical toolkit "Culture 21 Actions" - To consolidate the Leading Cities and Pilot Cities programmes, adapting their contents to each participating city. - To facilitate peer-learning exchanges among participating cities. - To consolidate a group of experts that work with Pilot Cities. - To design transition mechanisms between the Culture 21 Lab, Pilot Cities and Leading Cities programmes. - To design and implement specific learning activities with local government associations, in partnership with UCLG Sections. - To implement specific partnerships with UCLG Sections (with programmes adapted to Sections' needs). - To connect more explicitly with the Learning agenda of UCLG.
Seminars	- To actively take part in seminars organised by our members, such as Jeju's Global Youth Forum or the Creative Mobilities seminar.

E. Strengthening the UCLG network

Within UCLG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To support all UCLG World Secretariat initiatives. - To more actively participate in the Global Taskforce, particularly in the preparation of the report for the HLPF (July 2018). - To advocate for our narrative ("culture as an operational dimension of sustainable cities") to be more explicit.
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UCLG sections	- To guarantee new areas of cooperation, with joint (advocacy and “on-the-ground”) specific projects with all UCLG Sections.
UN Agenda 2030 and New Urban Agenda	- To publish the ‘Guide to Local Action on Culture and the SDGs’ and present it in as many forums as possible. - To participate in the High Level Political Forum (July 2018), in several formats.

2. Description of long term objective of the Committee and other relevant information

The mission of the Committee on Culture, approved in Mexico (2010) and extended in Rabat (2013) and Bogotá (2016) is “To promote culture as the fourth pillar of sustainable development through the international dissemination and the local implementation of Agenda 21 for culture”.

The UCLG Committee on Culture is jointly chaired by Buenos Aires and the City of Mexico and is vice-chaired by Angers, Barcelona, Belo Horizonte, Bilbao, Bogotá, Jeju, Paris and Porto Alegre.

We have a big responsibility: the UCLG Committee on Culture is the global leader of “Culture in Sustainable Cities”. Our narrative is based on human rights, good governance, people-centered development and the co-creation of the city.

The Committee on Culture is a unique meeting point. There is no other structure in the world that gathers together cities, organisations and networks that foster the relation between local cultural policies and sustainable development.

The Committee on Culture has a Secretariat located at the premises of the UCLG World Secretariat in Barcelona.

3. Two paragraphs describing results of 2017

- Extraordinary success of the 2nd UCLG Culture Summit, held in Jeju in May 2017
- Consolidation of the learning, capacity-building and networking programmes (Leading Cities, Pilot Cities and Culture 21 Lab), relying on the “Culture 21 Actions” toolkit.
- Significant increase in information requests on (a) the implementation of cultural rights in cities; and (b) the role of cultural actors in the implementation of SDGs in cities
- Increasing interest in the forthcoming third edition of the International Award “UCLG - Mexico City – Culture 21” (launch of the call: 2 November 2017 – end of the call: 16 March 2018).

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