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Background

Since 2023, the UCLG Committee on culture coordinates the "Capitals of Culture Working Together" programme, funded by the European Commission, and connects regional and continental "Capital of Culture" initiatives, offering spaces for dialogue, cooperation and innovation. Among these initiatives: the European Capital of Culture (organized by the European Union), the Iberoamerican Capital of Cultures (organized by the Union of Iberoamerican Capital Cities), the Mediterranean Capital of Cultures and Dialogue (organized by the Anna Lindh Foundation and the Union for the Mediterranean) and the emerging African Capital of Culture (organized by UCLG-Africa).

The programme: (a) supports the organisation of a meeting of Mayors of cities in the African Capital of Culture, bringing specific expertise and experiences from the rest of the world, (b) supports the drafting of a structured methodology for the "African Capital of Culture", including selection process and impact measurements tools, (c) engages with a selected number of strategic cities to localise the SDGs with cultural policies, through Seven Keys workshops, online webinars and a Culture Capital – Culture Goal report, and (d) supports the presence of Culture Capitals leaders in major international "City and Regions" Fora and events.

This final webinar

The final webinar will explain the main outcomes of the programme developed between 2023 and 2026, and explore a second phase.

Objectives

The objectives of this webinar are:

- a) Explain the programme in the frame of the global conversation on culture and development
- b) Explain the results of the programme related to Capacity-building, Structure and Advocacy
- c) Boost the specific connections among cities that hold the titles in 2026, 2027 and 2028.
- d) Explore the second phase of the programme

Agenda

14.00. We begin

14.01. Presentation of the webinar.

14.10. The frame of the programme. Where is the global conversation on culture and development?

14.30. Advocacy. The report "Culture Capitals for the Culture Goal"

14.50. Capacity-building. The Seven Keys, the Youth Lab and the Culture 21 Plus.

15.10. Structure. The first steps of UCLG-Africa Culture Committee and the Terms of Reference for the African Capital of Culture.

15.20. A provisional balance.

15.25. Short break.

15.30. What the cities want

16.00. What the cities will do

16.20. Exploring a second phase? The critical elements.

16.50. Conclusions, and gratitude.

17.00 End of the webinar.

CONTACT

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