

SIDE-EVENT | SCALE MATTERS: CITIES UPFRONT FOR CULTURAL RIGHTS

Date | 28 September 2022
Time | 14.00-15.00 GMT-5
Venue | Los Pinos, Mexico City
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Organised by: **Committee on Culture of United Cities and Local Governments** (UCLG)
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BACKGROUND

Culture is an unequivocal part of the solution to humanity's present-day challenges. UNESCO and the member states have committed to provide a new framework in Mondiacult 2022... but unless policies are implemented and can reach scale, these policies may fail. Scale matters.

Cities are the spaces where the majority of the world's inhabitants live. Local governments need to be better equipped, with legitimacy, governance and resources to promote arts, culture, and equitable development. In other words: explicit and operational cultural policies of cities are fundamental for a development that is both human and sustainable

This side-event will provide examples of urban cultural policies of cities that:

- introduce and discuss heritage, memories and history, because they are fundamental to achieve peace
- promote human creativity as an aspect of human experience and a source of progress and innovation
- support and respect cultural diversity, as a source of knowledge, as a vital element of global citizenship, that leaves no one behind
- promote a sense of place, identity and belonging that leaves no place behind
- offer places and institutions for the active participation of people and communities in cultural life, because this participation creates the human capacities for dialogue and coexistence
- contribute to the adaptation and mitigation to climate change



AGENDA OUTLINE

INTRODUCTION TO THE EVENT

- **Jordi Pascual**, Coordinator, Culture Committee, United Cities and Local Governments - UCLG
- **Kristin Sakoda**, Director, Los Angeles County Arts & Culture, representing World Cities Culture Forum

SPEAKERS

- **Claudia Curiel**, Secretary for Culture, Mexico City
- **Enrique Avogadro**, Minister for Culture, Buenos Aires
- **Jordi Martí**, Deputy Mayor for Culture, Barcelona
- **Catalina Valencia**, Deputy Mayor, Bogotá
- **Cllr David Jackson**, Dublin, former Lord Mayor and Chairperson of the City Council's Culture Special Purpose Committee
- **Iñaki Lopez de Aguilera**, Director for Culture, Bilbao
- **Dr. Maria Rosario Jackson**, Chair, National Endowment for the Arts, USA
- **Alexandra Xanthaki**, UN Special Rapporteur on Cultural Rights

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