

WORK OF CONSULTATION MECHANISMS IN 2024 COMMITTEE ON CULTURE

Mission

The mission of the Committee on Culture, approved in Mexico (2010) and extended in Rabat (2013), Bogotá (2016), Durban (2019) and Daejeon (2022) is “to promote culture as the fourth pillar of sustainable development through the international dissemination and the local implementation of Agenda 21 for Culture”.

1. Main activities planned for 2024

A. Implementation	
International Award UCLG - Mexico City – Culture 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To organise the 6th edition of the Award, including the Award ceremonies (July 2024, Mexico City). - To promote the “best” initiatives on the local promotion of cultural rights that can be replicated or transferred to other cities, contexts or territories.
UCLG Culture Summit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To disseminate the results of the 5th UCLG Culture Summit that took place in Dublin (28 November – 1 December 2023). - To identify the host city of the 6th UCLG Culture Summit (to take place in 2025).
The “OBS” database of good practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To consolidate the dedicated website “OBS” presenting our more than 300 good practices, searchable per 17 SDGs, the 9 Commitments of Culture 21 Actions and 104 keywords, including new good practices coming from the 6th edition of the Award (2024-2025) - To align the OBS with the #Local4ActionHub. - To consolidate partnerships (examples: British Council, Metropolis’ USE platform and CHN), to explore a connection with UNESCO Creative Cities Network – UCCN and to analyse possible specific “sponsorship” for the database.
The Rome Charter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To promote the Rome Charter and use it as reference for the new frame document, that is, Culture 21 PLUS (working title).

B. Advocacy	
UN 2030 Agenda, SDGs and New Urban Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To ensure a strong presence in the UN Summit of the Future (September 2024). - To participate in the HLPF (July 2024) in several formats, including the dissemination of the “Culture in the VLRs and VNRs” reports published in 2019, 2021, 2022 and 2023 and the “Culture Goal” document launched in 2022 both by the #Culture2030Goal campaign.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To capitalise on the UNESCO Mondiacult+40 Conference, which took place in Mexico City on 28-30 September 2022, and to promote a strong place for cities and culture in the post-2030 frameworks and development agendas. - To be visible and active in global initiatives that relate culture and sustainable development.
G-20 and U-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To reinforce and promote the presence of culture as a key dimension of sustainable development in the debates generated by these networks.
Global civil society networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To continue our committed membership in the #Culture2030Goal global campaign. - To work with the Climate Heritage Network and its "Race to Resilience" process, reinforcing the presence at the COPs. - To consolidate an operational connection with the most relevant global civil society networks in the field of culture, such as ICOMOS, IFLA, IMC, IFCCD and Culture Action Europe. - To contribute to the Mayor Paweł Adamowicz Award. - To explore new partnerships.
Partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To consolidate long-term partnerships with the UN Special Rapporteur on Cultural Rights, 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", including WCCF, Eurocities, ICLEI, GPM, World Heritage Cities – OWHC, or European Network of Cultural Centres ENCC and Ibercultura Viva, as well as INTACH, CDN and LAV.
Towards a Culture Goal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To continue the work to achieve a Culture Goal in the post-2030 Development Agenda, with the #Culture2030Goal campaign; possibly with a v2 of the Culture Goal proposal. - To circulate and consolidate the "Culture Goal" proposal among partners, members, experts and all relevant possible contributors; possibly with national seminars in key cities.

C. Monitoring and follow-up	
Key narrative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To test the "Culture 21 PLUS" (working title) in at least 8 cities. This new document would be Cultural Rights-based and toolkit, based on the acquis of the UCLG Committee on Culture, including the Rome Charter and the concept of circular culture. To guarantee a dialogue and co-construction process among the cities of the Committee, and to disseminate outcomes. - To prepare the adoption of the Culture 21 PLUS in 2025. - To disseminate and contribute to unfold the UCLG Pact for the Future, published in October 2022. - To elaborate key briefings / new research on issues related to culture and sustainable cities, for example (a) the relation culture – migration - anti-racism, (b) the cultural dimension of metropolitan policies, (c)

	<p>culture, emergencies and eco-transition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To explore the elaboration of the 2nd part of the Report on Culture, cities and the COVID-19 pandemic.
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To consolidate the website as a true portal to knowledge on "culture in sustainable cities". - To consolidate existing work on social media (TW, FB, Flickr, Instagram, Youtube) and explore presence in new social media (LinkedIn). - To continue publishing the Info twice a month, and the biennial Culture 21 Review (5th edition 2022-2023 to be published in late 2024). - To align the communication programmes with the #Local4ActionHub. - To continue supporting UCLG major initiatives and activities towards our networks and audiences.
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To ensure the full involvement of all members of the Governance Team in the leadership of the Committee. - To invite new cities to become active in the Committee.
Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To consolidate a balanced budget.

D. Learning	
The "Seven Keys"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To launch a new series of workshops of our capacity-building programme "Seven Keys" on the localisation of SDGs with a cultural perspective, in close cooperation with UCLG Sections and UCLG partners.
Leading Cities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To consolidate the Leading Cities as a prestigious label that recognises the work of the most advanced cities in specific areas, with contents adapted to each city.
Pilot Cities and Culture 21 LAB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To evaluate and analyse the results of both programmes, and to prepare the next steps (considering the upcoming approval of Culture 21 PLUS in 2025).
Online seminars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To organise or participate in a wide number of online seminars, webinars and meetings on the role of culture in people-centred sustainable development.
Peer-learning and capacity-building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To deliver the programme "Capitals of Culture, together" that relates the European, African and other regional initiatives among them, and with the global conversation on development (with funding from DG-INTPA). - To facilitate more peer-learning exchanges among cities and local and regional governments. - To consolidate a group of experts that work with the learning and capacity-building programmes. - To promote and disseminate the MOOCs designed in 2022 on culture and climate resilient development and culture and gender equality. - To explore specific webinars / MOOCs on the Rome Charter and cultural rights with the UCLG Learning team. - To design and implement specific learning activities with local government associations and key regional or

	<p>national civil society networks on cultural policies, in close cooperation with UCLG Sections.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To set up self-developed networks of good practices based on thematic axes and proposals aimed at specific population groups (indigenous communities, lgbtiq+ communities, children, youth, etc.) in order to build up bonds and cooperation actions between cities to promote the exchange of experiences and knowledge that consolidate their innovation, effectiveness, transferability to other contexts, viability and sustainability. - Promote actions to link up with the private sector, in order to find common ground for designing work schemes on its contribution to human and economic development, as well as its role in achieving the 2030 Agenda goals, as its contributions to the economy, society and the environment are key to sustainable development.
Seminars and events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To actively take part in initiatives organised by our members and partners, such as the Global Young Creatives Residencies of Jeju, the IN SITU initiative or the Creative Mobilities seminar. - To promote meetings between cities that share similar objectives or commitments in order to create "portfolios" or "portfolios of evidence" to enhance action plans implemented in each city.

E. Strengthening the UCLG network	
Within UCLG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To actively disseminate, promote and contribute to unfold the UCLG Pact for the Future of Humanity: for the People, for the Planet, for the governments. - To actively participate in the annual Retreat, the Executive Bureau and the World Council, as well as to contribute to UCLG Policy Councils and institutional processes. - To support all UCLG World Secretariat initiatives, including the Policy Councils and initiatives coming from other parts of the network such as Committees or communities of practices. - To actively participate in the Global Taskforce, and to strengthen its role in the current global debates on culture and sustainable development, building among others on its contribution to Mondiacult+40. - To support the campaign 10, 100, 1000 on Human Rights in the Cities, coordinated by the UCLG Committee on Social Inclusion, Human Rights and Participatory Democracy. - To support the OIDP annual Award on Participatory Democracy
UCLG sections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To guarantee new areas of cooperation, with joint (advocacy and "on-the-ground") specific projects with all UCLG Sections. - To hold periodical meetings with UCLG Sections (especially important for those sections with an active Culture Committee).

2. Updates on the leadership of the consultation mechanism and any relevant information

The UCLG Committee on Culture is jointly chaired by Buenos Aires, Lisbon and Mexico City, and vice-chaired by Barcelona, Bilbao, Bogotá, Jeju, Porto Alegre and Rome. The list of members of the Committee is available on [this website](#).

Our narrative is based on human rights, good governance, people-centred development and the co-creation of the city. Our narrative is aligned with the UCLG Pact for the Future of Humanity: for the People, for the Planet, for the Governments.

We are a unique meeting point: the global platform that unites cities, organisations and networks that foster the relation between local cultural policies and sustainable development. We are seen as the global leader of "Culture in Sustainable Cities".

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

3. Key outcomes or policy documents in 2023

- Culture 21 PLUS, our global toolkit on Cultural Rights in Sustainable Development: draft and call of expressions to "test" the toolkit.
- UCLG Culture Summit: [Website, background document and programme](#).
- Launch of the 6th edition of the International Award UCLG – Mexico City – Culture 21.
- UCLG Decalogue "Towards cities, governments and a multilateral system that care for people, democracy, and our planet. High-impact coalitions, commitments, and calls to localise the 2030 Agenda.
- The [OBS of good practices](#): new good practices in 2023.
- Culture2030Goal campaign: [Statement on the need to implement Mondiacult and to advocate for a Culture Goal](#).
- Global advocacy on Culture Goal: clear mention to Culture Goal (or to culture and sustainable development) in key statements: the UN SDG Summit (September 2023), the BRICS Statement (August 2023) and the G20 Leaders Declaration (September 2023), among others.
- The report "[A Cultural Boost in the implementation of the SDGs](#)" which includes synergies (positive interactions) and trade-offs (negative interactions).
- The report "[Localising the SDGs with a Cultural Perspective. Initial results of the Seven Keys programme](#)" that summarises the workshops implemented in Bulawayo, Burgos, Concepción, Izmir, Lilongwe, Lisbon, el Puerto de la Cruz, Saint-Louis, Yoff and Xi'an.
- CHN and partners at the COP 28: [Venice Call to Action on Culture and Climate Change](#).
- The Urban 20 White Paper on "[Championing 'Local' Culture and Economy](#)" (CLCE).
- MOOC: [Culture and Gender Equality](#).
- MOOC: [Culture and Climate Resilient Development](#).

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