

## PROGRAMME OF SESSIONS OVERVIEW

### Monday 22 January

[Hotel Catalonia Ramblas]

English, French and Spanish

**WHO -> UCLG Secretariats: Committees and Sections**

Day 1 of the Retreat will aim to develop an all-UCLG internal exercise seeking collaboration to implement the global work plan, aiming to put territorial development at the heart of the international agenda, promote solidarity and learning among members, and provide a local perspective to global challenges. Partners are welcome to attend.

14:00 14:30	<u>Welcome and Introduction to the UCLG Strategy and Work Plan for 2018</u> Through its new strategy, UCLG is reinventing itself to be fit for purpose and support members to influence, implement and monitor the global development goals, building on local and territorial priorities. The UCLG World Secretariat will present key aspects of the Work Plan.
14:30 16:30	<u>Bringing the UCLG Local4Action Hub to Life</u> The UCLG and Metropolis World Secretariats will present specific work areas where support from the different parts of the network will be requested and that will constitute the patrimony of the UCLG Local4Action Hub.
17:00 18:30	<b><u>Special Session on an All-UCLG Gender Strategy</u></b> This session aims to launch the development of an institutional gender strategy. It will aim to present the current state of affairs and propose a draft methodology to be implemented in the different parts of the network. This institutional gender equality will build on and support the overall policy objectives of the Standing Committee on Gender Equality.

### Tuesday 23 January

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**WHO -> UCLG Secretariats: Committees and Sections**

The UCLG network builds on the experience and know-how of its members to achieve the global agendas at local and territorial level. Day 2 will focus on thematic and regional priorities. It should help identify the necessary collaborations among the different parts of the network. Partners are welcome to attend.

10:00 13:00	<u>Committees, Working Groups, Fora and Communities of Practice: Work Programme Synergies</u> Committees, Working Groups, Fora and Communities of Practice will present their key focuses and challenges in a round table format.
14:30 16:30	<u>Sections' Priorities</u> UCLG Sections will present their work plans and objectives for 2018, and discuss concrete ways to enhance collaboration with each other and with the broader network.
17:00 18:30	<b><u>Special Session on the UCLG Awards</u></b> The UCLG Awards were created as collaborative initiatives for our members with the aim of drawing public attention to the achievements of local and regional governments in clearly identified areas: urban innovation, culture and peace. The aim of this session is to identify how to better capitalize on the knowledge and contacts generated by the awards.

## Wednesday 24 January

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### WHO -> UCLG Network and Partners

The work of a deconcentrated global network builds on strong partnerships. During the past decades, those partnerships have grown and developed mainly focusing on developing joint positions and recommendations to influence the global agendas. In this new phase, partnerships will need to develop from exchange to joint strategy and implementation. Day 3 will focus on special existing partnerships towards the implementation of the SDGs.

10:00 13:00	<p><u>Special Partnership with Cities Alliance:</u> <u>An Enabling Environment for the Right to the City &amp; Know Your City</u></p> <p>Over the years, UCLG, Cities Alliance and its members have consolidated a strategic partnership to promote sustainable urban development and fight against poverty. The session will present the successful initiative Know Your City – which counted on the close collaboration of Slum Dwellers International and UCLG Africa – and the possibility to move our strategic partnership forward towards promoting the Right to the City.</p>
14:30 16:30	<p><b><u>Enhancing the GTF Alliance for Localization: Local 2030 Hub for Sustainability Solutions</u></b></p> <p>This session will take stock of the work done by members of the Global Taskforce and its partners on localizing the global agendas. It will also explore how the Local 2030 Hub for Sustainability Solutions provides a relevant platform to materialize the localization of the agendas.</p>
17:00 18:30	<p><i>Space for networking and bilateral sessions</i></p>
19:00	<p><b><i>Reception at Barcelona City Hall</i></b></p>

## Thursday 25 January

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### WHO -> UCLG Network, Partners and Political Leadership

A structural dialogue among all local government networks and international partners is critical to develop new thinking and policies. This day will be devoted to defining the work plan of the Global Taskforce over the coming year, and will also contemplate an open debate between political representatives and representatives of international organizations on key areas of the global agenda.

09:30 13:00	<p><b><u>UCLG Presidency: Dialogue with Partners</u></b> <u>Local Partnerships for Global Development</u></p> <p>Discussions will be shaped in a high-level round table format starting with international partners and with responses from political representatives and local government networks. It should inspire future actions and trigger renewed strategies on key areas for the implementation of the global agenda.</p>
14:30 16:30	<p><u>Enhancing the GTF Alliance: Habitat III Legacy</u></p> <p>This session will be a more traditional Global Taskforce meeting, with LRG networks discussing the next steps towards the 9th World Urban Forum, as well as the strategy of the local and regional government constituency towards the High-Level Political Forum.</p>
17:00 18:30	<p><b><u>Special Session on LGA's Role in Monitoring</u></b></p> <p>National Local Governments Associations (LGAs) have a special role to play in the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of development strategies and programmes. The session will present some of the key achievements and challenges ahead regarding the role played by LGAs in the monitoring of the global development agendas.</p>

**Friday 26 January**  
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**WHO -> UCLG Network, Key Partners and Political Leadership**

Day 5 will address the organization's work and next steps on local finance. A full-day expert meeting will also take place towards the development of GOLD Report.

09:30 13:00	<p><u>Reshaping Local Finance: Key to Achieving the SDGs</u> (Meeting by invitation at UCLG World Secretariat)</p> <p>Reshaping local finance is an essential step towards assessing subnational governments' financial capacity to exercise the responsibilities assigned to them and to design effective and efficient development policies. This session will explore future paths for UCLG to further developing its work together with the Global Fund for Cities Development (FMDV).</p>	<p><u>GOLD Experts Meeting</u></p> <p>GOLD V will study the localization of the SDGs and the other global agendas, emphasizing the role played by local and regional governments in the achievement of the global objectives. The session will be the opportunity to agree on the scope of the Report, the definition of a shared set of policy recommendations, and the degree of engagement of local authorities, their associations and the UCLG network.</p>
14:30 18:00	<p><u>GOLD Experts Meeting (continued)</u> Continuation of the expert meeting on GOLD V</p>	

**Saturday 27 January**  
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**WHO -> GOLD Experts Meeting**

Day 6 will see the continuation of the GOLD Experts Meeting.

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