

UCLG COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

COMMITTEE ON URBAN STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE ON DIGITAL AND KNOWLEDGE-BASED CITIES

Meeting report

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Dear colleagues, members and partners,

As you already know, on **October 1st, 2013** in Rabat we held the joint meeting between the Committees on Digital and Knowledge-Based Cities and Urban Strategic Planning with the main objective of reinforcing the "Cities learning program" among both Committees, but also to define the **role and actions that the Committees and UCLG must pursue to go forward in the development of the learning agenda.**

The meeting was **attended by more than 60 representatives** from cities, associations of local authorities and organizations from all over the world.

During the meeting, the attendants, not only had the opportunity to learn about some learning experiences already in place, but also to discuss and help to define the cities' learning needs and demands.

You may access the meeting report in the following link: **Joint meeting report in Rabat**

The following actions were agreed and will take place in the coming months:

Intermediary cities: Support communication between stakeholders, finalize the Frame Document and enrich it with some case studies, support peer learning and lobby in European instances and platforms.

UN guidelines on Urban and territorial planning: Support UN process with expertise based on the recommendation of the UCLG policy paper on strategic planning, emphasize the local leadership in all planning process.

City to city learning: Follow up and support partnerships to surge and monitor existing groups and document results, strengthen coherence with Committees and UCLG initiatives in order to position the demand driven agenda of local governments.

Presidency: promoting Durban, Porto Alegre and Bilbao chairs to lead, represent, propose on behalf of UCLG lobbying in events and international meetings.

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Kind regards,

The UCLG World Secretariat,

on behalf of the Committee of Urban Strategic Planning and the Committee of Digital and Knowledge-Based Cities