



Citizen Participation in Ecological Transformation

November 29, 15h00-17h00 CET

Registration

Local governments must play a key and pioneering role in the ecological transformation of our societies, and citizens cannot be only spectators in this process. In this session we want to share experiences and the steps to follow in order to foster government-citizen dialogue and the co-creation of solutions for the ecological transition. This theme will be central to the IOPD 2022 Conference, so it can be seen as a pre-session to the next global meeting.

In this session, speakers will be invited to share strategies, experiences and challenges on how to effectively engage citizens in ecological transformation.

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Guiding questions

Is collective intelligence and horizontal networking more useful than the top/down view on the ecological challenges?

How should cities and territories deal with ecological transformation?

How to plan climate/ecological action by involving citizens?

Is it possible (and necessary?) to involve a broad part of the population in ecological transformation/resilience actions?

Agenda

Opening of the IOPD 2021 Conference Virtual sessions

- Jean-Marc YACE, Mayor of Cocody and IOPD President
- Marc Serra, Councilor of Barcelona and IOPD Secretary General
- Emilia Saiz, UCLG Secretary General

Debate on the role of citizen participation in ecological transformation

- José Manuel Ribeiro, Mayor of Valongo
- Peter Jansson, Mayor of Are municipality
- José Fajardo, Councilor of Cuenca
- Gilles Namur, Councilor of Grenoble
- Maria Price, chancellor at the Swedish Council for the Promotion of Municipal Analyzes.
- Florence N'Da Konan, CEO d'Autres Possible
- Manuela Maunier, Undersecretary for Citizen Participation of the Government of the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires
- Rio de Janeiro (TBC)
- Diego Leone, Secretary of Environment and Public Space of the Municipality of Rosario Rosario
- Daniela Amann, Network and Delivery Manager at Democratic Society
- Kota Kita (Indonesia)

Revisiting local democracy

November 30, 15h00-17h00 CET

Registration

The impact of the pandemic on democratic institutions and procedures has added to the problems and crises already being felt by democracies. In various sessions throughout these months we have been sharing and thinking about how to strengthen democracy in the risks it faces: [live learning session](#), [Cities Are Listening](#), [preparatory session for the contribution to the Gold report](#) or [preparatory session for the UCLG Forum of Intermediary Cities](#). In this new session we want to think about ways to revitalise local democracy such as **citizens' assemblies** or other forms of **deliberation by lottery**, **online participation tools** and the

debate around digital rights or the importance of generating an inclusive concept of citizenship.

Guiding questions

What is the role of local governments in promoting and defending democracy?

What are the opportunities and challenges for democracy at the local level?

Which initiatives can be deployed at local and territorial level to promote dialogue, deliberation and co-creation?

How can local governments promote inclusive citizenship, peaceful democratic debate and the defense of human rights?

Agenda

Panel 1

- Marc Serra, Councillor for Citizens' Rights and Participation of Barcelona
- José Manuel Ribeiro, Mayor of Valongo
- Med Wajdi Aydi, Councillor of Sfax
- Camille Choplin, Councillor of the City of Bordeaux
- Céline Papin, Bordeaux Métropole
- Claudia Andrea García Loboguerrero, Director of Planning Gobierno de Antioquia
- New Taipei (TBC)

Panel 2

- Linda Voortman, Councillor of Utrecht, Co-President UCLG CISDP Committee
- Jonathan Moskovic, advisor on democratic innovation to the French-speaking Parliament in Brussels
- Alexander Reina, director of citizen participation of Bogotá
- Juan Speroni Hernández, Director General of Citizen Participation and Proximity of the Government of the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires
- Rosario (TBC)
- Joseph Tchinda-Kenfo, responsible for mobilisation OCPM Montreal
- Ieva Cesnulaityte, OCDE
- Hanne Bastiaensen, Country Manager Benelux the Democratic Society
- Katey Tabner, Policy Manager - Participatory Budgeting at COSLA

Feminist municipalism and participatory democracy

December 1, 15h00-17h00 CET

Registration

The global feminist municipalist movement is a key building block of a better normality towards a renewed local democracy. We want to open this space for dialogue where strategies for deploying feminism and participatory democracy in local politics converge. Elected representatives will be invited to share about the relationship between feminism and participatory democracy and their experiences in incorporating a gender perspective in the practices of citizen participation.

[UCLG and the Municipal Feminist Movement commit to Generational Equality](#)

Guiding questions

What is the relationship between the feminist movement and the transformation towards more horizontal governance?

What is the relationship between women's leadership and participatory democracy?

How do we bring the gender approach into democratic and participatory processes?

Agenda

- Janet Ågren, councillor of Umeå
- Odette N'Zy, councillor of Cocody
- Chloé Lebret, Grenoble City Councillor for Equal Rights
- Elisa Naud, Analysts Coordinator OCPM Montreal
- Brigitte Tandonnet, President of the Sustainable Development Council of Bordeaux Metropole and medical gynaecologist

IOPD General Assembly

December 2, 15h00-17h00 CET

Registration

The IOPD General Assembly is the meeting of the network membership where management reports are presented, the new work plan is adopted, and the new leadership and strategies of the network are approved. The baton will be passed from Cocody to Grenoble which will host the conference in 2022.