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IOPD 2021 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

December 2, 2021: 15:00 - 17:00 CET

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I AGENDA

1) Welcome and opening (15 minutes)

- Jean Marc Yace: IOPD president and mayor of Cocody 3 minutes
- Clara Brugada: IOPD co-president and mayor of Iztapalapa 3 minutes
- Marc Serra: IOPD Secretary General and Councillor of Barcelona 3 minutes
- Emilia Saiz: UCLG Secretary General 3 minutes

Reading of the agenda 3 minutes

2) 2021 Management Report (10 minutes)

Brief presentation of the management reports. Full documentation will be available in advance.

2.1 Management report of the presidency 5 minutes

2.2 Management report of the technical secretariat 5 minutes

3) 2022 Work Plan 35 minutes

Discussion and approval of the 2022 work plan: Priority themes / working groups / Activities during 2022 (Africities, WUF, UCLG World Congress, seminars...) / Award 2022 / Conference preparation 2022

4) Presentation of the 2022 conference proposal (10/15 minutes)

The City of Grenoble presents the proposal for the conference (dates, thematics, formats of the event, how it intends to involve the membership in the event...) and we open the floor for reactions from the members (comments, proposals...).

5) IOPD Governance 20 minutes

5.1 Election of the 2023 and 2024 presidency: presentation of the candidates to host the conference in 2023 and 2024. Discussion and vote.

- Presentation of Bogota's bid for 2023 10 minutes
- Presentation of Cordoba's bid for 2023 10 minutes
- Presentation of Rio de Janeiro's bid for 2023 10 minutes
- Presentation of Valongo's bid for 2024 10 minutes

5.2 Status of the coordinating committee: new promoting members or regional offices.

6) Other issues: questions, comments, suggestions from partners.

II 2021 MANAGEMENT REPORT

From the Iztapalapa Conference and Assembly in December 2019 to the Cocody Conference in October 2021 and the Assembly in December 2021.

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, neither the conference nor the assembly could be held in 2020. Therefore, the last major IOPD meeting was the 19 Conference organised in Iztapalapa from 8 to 10 December 2019, with more than 1,200 participants from 45 countries.



[Minutes](#) of the sessions of the 19 IOPD Conference in Iztapalapa
[Minutes](#) of the 2019 General Assembly

During 2020, the IOPD, with UCLG, activated a series of strategies and mechanisms to continue working virtually. The IOPD coordination committee also met regularly to continue making decisions on the progress of the network.

[2020 management report](#)

2021 Management report

In 2021, despite the continuation of COVID-19 prevention measures, the 20th IOPD Conference was held in Cocody, Côte d'Ivoire. In addition, the IOPD has organised a number of other activities, which are summarised below.

Webinars on the role of participatory budgets in climate change mitigation

IOPD organised a [series of webinars](#) with Yves Cabannes, Professor Emeritus of the University of London, following the publication of the study [Contributions of participatory budgets to climate change](#)

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[adaptation and mitigation](#). In each of these seminars, different cities and regions presented their experiences, experts analysed the main challenges and the author of the study presented the main conclusions of the study. These seminars were organised in collaboration with different partners such as UCLG, IOPD Africa, FMDV, DPU.

[Webinar in French](#) on February 23



[Webinar in Spanish](#) on March 23

[Webinar en English](#) on April 20

[Webinar en Portuguese](#) on June 9

[The role of citizens in ecological transition](#)

15th IOPD Award in Best Practice in Citizen Participation

The 15th edition of the “Best Practice in Citizen Participation” Award counted with 51 nominations. There has been a large participation in the open evaluation phase and the results were announced during the UCLG World Council on November 17. The different stages of the award were:

- **Call and dissemination:** at the end of February the [call for applications](#) was launched. The secretariat carried out an intense task of dissemination and communication of the call.
- **Open evaluation:** the [open evaluation](#) phase, in which it was possible to comment and vote on all the practices submitted through the [PARTICIPATE ODP platform](#), was held during May. At the end of this phase, 26 experiences were voted to move on to the next phase.
- **Evaluation by the jury:** the finalist applications were studied and evaluated by the jury of experts in July and August. In September, a virtual meeting was held with the jury members to deliberate within the finalists’ nominations.
- **Announcement of the results:** the winners were [announced](#) on November 17, during the UCLG World Council, organised in the Smart City Expo World Congress in Barcelona. The Jury decided to award the prize to the experience "**Lima Joven Acciona**" presented by the Metropolitan **Municipality of Lima**. It also decided to give special mention to five other experiences: those of the cities of **Ankara, Gothenburg, Mexico City, Milan and Rio de Janeiro**.
- **Publication.** The technical secretariat prepared the award website with information on the winning experiences, as well as a publication with summaries of all the entries and organised interviews with the cities' officials.

[Announcement](#) / [Award website](#) / [Publication](#) / [Interviews with the winners](#)



The 20th International Conference of the IOPD in Cocody: 20, 21 and 22 October

The Commune of Cocody, in coordination with the IOPD secretariat, organised a [new edition](#) of the **International Observatory of Participatory Democracy** Conference. The conference "Sustainable Cities/Territories and Participatory Democracy" was organised around four themes: Local Economic Development, Environment and Citizen Participation, the Right to the City, and Governance and Participatory Democracy.

The virtual sessions and the General Assembly were organised between 29 November and 2 December.



Other activities

Conversations with the winners of the 2020 IOPD Award



In January 2021, the Technical Secretariat continued to organise and share conversations with representatives of the winning cities of the [2020 IOPD Award](#): with [Pilar Díaz](#), Mayor of Esplugues de Llobregat (Spain) and with [Marco Lozano](#), Director General of Citizen Participation of Cuenca, Ecuador.

UCLG Retreat and Campus 2021: 15-22 February 2021



[UCLG annual retreat](#) was held in a virtual format. During this occasion all UCLG sections and teams, including IOPD, had the opportunity to share their priorities and visions. The seminar is an opportunity for partners to define synergies and develop actions in line with the work plans.

[More information](#)

Partnership of the People Powered online course "How to start a climate assembly": February 18

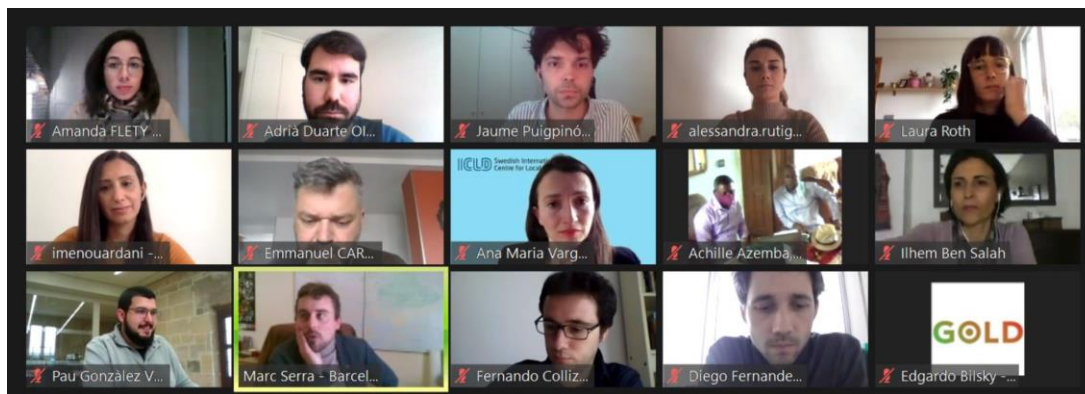
IOPD was a partner organisation on the People Powered University online course, "[How to Start a Climate Assembly](#)". Participants learned key lessons from climate assemblies in the UK, Poland and France.

International Women's Day: March 8

On **International Women's Day**, IOPD called for the [promotion of substantive equality](#), specifically in the field of political representation and in the definition of participation practices. Different women mayors and elected officials shared their testimonies through videos.

Participatory democracy in the promotion of urban equality: A conversation between members of CISDPDH and IOPD: March 18

We organised with the Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights of UCLG (CISDPDH) a session on the [role of local participatory democracy practices in promoting urban equality](#). The workshop allowed an interesting exchange of experiences between different regions of the world. The report of these exchanges is part of our contribution to the [GOLD VI](#) report on urban equality.



Meeting of IOPD members in the Grenoble Biennial of Cities in Transition: 1-4 April

The 3rd edition of the *Biennale des Villes en transition* (Biennial Meeting of Cities in Transition) organised by the city of Grenoble took place in April. In this framework, a meeting of the French members of the IOPD was held, for the preparation of the 2022 conference coordinated by the city of Grenoble that will host the conference. It was also stressed on the strengthening of links but also on the idea of coordinating the french members of the IOPD.

Intermediary Cities & Reinventing local democracy: April 30

A specific [consultation session for the 2nd Intermediary Cities](#) forum was organised to contribute to UCLG's Pact for the Future through a Code of Conduct for Intermediary Cities to rethink local democracy, as a critical line to design the post-COVID world.

Webinar on citizen participation for UCLG MEWA members: May 5



In the framework of the Executive Bureau of UCLG MEWA, the IOPD organised a [session](#) with the mayors of Chefchaouen: Mohamed Sefiani, Cuenca: Pedro Palacios and Esplugues de Llobregat: Pilar Diaz. This meeting was organised to promote citizen participation among cities in Turkey and the Middle East.

<https://twitter.com/oidpoidp/status/1389952526636683265>

Preparatory meeting for the 5th Iberian Conference on Participatory Democracy and Budget: May 6

The [first preparatory meeting](#) for the 5th Iberian Conference on Participatory Budgeting and Participatory Democracy, which will be held in 2022 in the city of Cascais, focused on the participation of children and young people.

IOPD Coordination Committee: May 20

The Steering Committee met to review the activities of the first half of 2021 and to plan the actions for the second half of the year, including the conference.

Experiences of participatory budgets shared by local government leaders: May 27



The Swedish International Centre for Local Democracy (ICLD) and IOPD organised a [talk debate](#) with local leaders to share their experiences with participatory budgeting in their cities.

Workshop with the team of the Governorate of Antioquia: 1st of June

The team of the Governorate of Antioquia and teams from the UCLG secretariat, including the IOPD, exchanged views on the [Antioquia2040 Agenda](#) and its participatory process.

Workshop with UNICEF and UCLG on public service finance in local and regional governments: 2 June

The IOPD participated on the issue of transparency and participation in budgets and public spending.

Metropolis Pilot Project session: June 8

A new session of the Metropolis pilot project on citizen participation, in which on this occasion it was discussed the case of the city of Montreal and its Office of Public Consultation.

IOPD Coordination Committee for the 20th Conference: June 30

A new meeting of the coordination committee took place in order to determine and define the details of the 2021 conference: dates, formats, concept notes and thematic contents.

Workshop on Children in Local Development: 8 and 9 September

The IOPD was a partner in this event organised by Coglobal and the city of San José (Uruguay)

The International Day of Democracy: September 15

On the occasion of the [International Day of Democracy](#), with UCLG's Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights, we proposed a [piece](#) on the priorities of local governments to reinvent the agendas of participatory democracy.

Participatory climate action - Local government innovations: September 15

With ICLD we organised a panel on democratic innovations that promote citizen involvement and participation in response to climate change.

European Meetings on Participation - Workshop on Participatory Budgets: September 16

IOPD participated in the [Rencontres Européennes de la Participation](#) by intervening in the workshop on participatory budgets as a lever for the ecological transition.

2nd Intermediary Cities Forum: 5 to 8 October

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IOPD [participated](#) in the World Forum of Intermediary Cities organised by UCLG and the City of Kütahya as facilitator of a networking event and coordinator of a High Level Dialogue. The dialogue focused on participatory budgeting as a tool to innovate ecological transformation and strengthen democratic innovation in cities; the dialogue focused also on the importance of Intermediary Cities as a place to promote the human dimension of transformation.



Workshops for pilot city projects - Metropolis: 3 and 4 November

Study of the case of Cordoba, and the role of decentralised cooperation with representatives from Barcelona, Cordoba, Madrid and Montreal and the secretariats of Metropolis and IOPD.

Seminar on Human Rights and Local Democracy: November 8

Participation in a seminar on Human Rights and Local Democracy at the World Democracy Forum organised by the Council of Europe.

Online Interactive Workshop on Climate Commitment for Systems Change in the framework of COP 26

On November 9, the IOPD participated in the [interactive workshop](#) held live in Glasgow during the COP26 conference. During the session in which IOPD took part, the discussion focused on the role of cities in strengthening climate commitment.



UCLG World Council

From 16 to 18 November, the UCLG World Council took place, in this framework, the winners of the 15th edition of the Award have been [announced](#).



The full management report for the year 2021 will be completed and shared by the technical secretariat during the first months of 2022.

III 2022 WORKING PLAN

In relation to the work plan that we should adopt for 2022, we should mainly decide what the priority themes will be, whether we are going to open any working groups, the activities that we are going to carry out and the events that we are going to participate in. It is also relevant to review the format of the next edition of the prize and the preparation of the December 2022 conference in Grenoble.

Thematic priorities: in 2020 and 2021 we have been working on the role of citizen participation in the ecological transition as a priority. As it is a theme that will be important at the 2022 conference, it could be maintained, but it would be possible to choose one or two more themes for the secretariat's priority work. In any case, the secretariat follows the different themes and experiences in the field of local participatory democracy and also moves forward according to the priorities of the UCLG agenda.

Working groups: in relation to the work themes, there is the possibility of creating a working group. This means that a group of members propose to work on a topic, and a possible candidate(s) to lead this group of partners and collaborators appears.

For decision by the Assembly: define priority thematic and possible working groups.

Activities: As in recent years, we will organise some sessions in relation to our thematic priorities, such as the webinars on participatory budgeting and climate change. In addition, we will organise sessions at other key events, as well as preparatory activities for the 2022 conference.

Calendar of events

- UCLG Retreat: 21/25 February 2022
- Africities - 17/21 May 2022, Kisumu, Kenya
- WUF 11 —, 26-30 June 2022, Katowice, Poland
- UCLG Congress 10/14 October 2022, Daejeon, South Korea
- COP 27- 7/18 November, Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt
- IOPD Conference in Grenoble, 7/10 december 2022

Other activities:

- Iberian Meeting on Participatory Budgeting and Participatory Democracy, April 2022 (to be confirmed) Cascais, Portugal

- Rencontres Européennes de la Participation (France), autumn 2022
- Coordinate seminars and activities with People Powered
- Coordinate actions with the EU Horizon Project on deliberation and ecological transition led by CES Coimbra.

We are committed to continue working actively with the **UCLG World Secretariat** and its different teams. Among others, collaborating in the elaboration of the GOLD report, as well as other publications of the research team and organising a massive open online course (MOOC) with the learning team. Work will also continue with other teams such as the Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights, the team on migration, accessibility and local finance, among others.

2022 Award: for the 2022 edition, we have to decide whether to keep the double evaluation, with an open first phase and a second phase by an international jury. Modifications will be made to the application forms and the evaluation criteria according to the comments of the jury members. Another element that can be discussed is whether a remuneration for the jury members and a monetary prize for the Award winners should be included. In such cases, it should be discussed how to find the resources to cover such expenses.

2022 Conference: the technical secretariat will support the organisation of the conference: in the elaboration of the programme, invitation of partners to participate in the event, communication and diffusion. It will propose to other cities to organise **preparatory meetings for the conference:** sessions where the themes of the conference will be discussed in order to send ideas, concepts and contents to feed the conference and the Grenoble assembly.

Other issues: the technical secretariat will continue with its own activities, such as maintenance of the website, communication, relations with partners, updating the membership database and others. In relation to the website, in addition to the maintenance itself, the aim is to feed the contents: news about the IOPD's activities, members' activities and news in the field of participatory democracy; sharing publications and contents of interest; and of course continuing to increase the repository of experiences from all over the world, so that the IOPD's website becomes an inspiring space for all local and regional governments. In terms of communication, the aim is to continue to improve tools such as the e-newsletter and social media profiles. The secretariat is also responsible for managing the membership database and welcoming new members.

There is also a commitment with several members to recover the history of the IOPD, especially its origins to help better build the narrative of our network as a catalyst for progress and advances in participatory democracy.

IV FUTURE IOPD CONFERENCE VENUES

On 13 October, the technical secretariat launched the [call for nominations to host the IOPD conference in 2023](#), and potentially in 2024. The deadline is 26 November. Several cities have contacted showing their interest and asking for information.

The nominations formally submitted are:

- **To host the conference in 2023:**
 - Presentation of [Bogota's bid](#) for 2023
 - Presentation of [Cordoba's bid](#) for 2023
 - Presentation of [Rio de Janeiro's bid](#) for 2023

- **To host the conference in 2024:**
 - Presentation of [Valongo's bid](#) for 2024

V IOPD Governance

Presidence: **Eric Piolle**, Mayor of Grenoble, joins the IOPD as new co-chair of the IOPD, as organiser of the 2022 conference. **Jean-Marc Yacé**, Mayor of Cocody, continues as co-chair. **Clara Brugada**, Mayor of Iztapalapa, is due to step down as co-chair according to the IOPD rules, but has expressed interest in continuing for another year as co-chair if there is consensus in the Assembly. If she continues, a female co-president is guaranteed alongside the mayors of Grenoble and Cocody, and a co-president for Africa, America and Europe is retained.

For the decision of the Assembly: to give continuity to Clara Brugada, Mayor of Cocody as co-chair of the IOPD for another year.

Promoting members: Promoting members are the local/regional governments that contribute financially to the IOPD and are part of the coordination committee, which steers the network between the Assemblies. Currently, the following are promoting members: Grenoble, Montréal and Valongo.

For the decision of the Assembly: the incorporation of new promoter members, if there are nominations.

The IOPD operates thanks to the generous contributions of cities such as Barcelona, Grenoble, Montreal, Valongo and Bordeaux, which contribute financially. We encourage you to contribute with the IOPD, in order to be a more fruitful organisation for knowledge, exchange and political advocacy. If you are interested in joining the coordination committee as a [promoter member](#), please contact the technical secretariat: info@oidp.net

The **IOPD steering committee** would now consist of:

- Co-chairs: Cocody, Grenoble (and Iztapalapa)
- The General Secretariat: Barcelona
- The promoter members: Montréal, Valongo

Regional offices: currently, only the regional IOPD antenna in Africa is active, pending its political articulation. The city of Cordoba wants to take the lead of the Argentinian IOPD office.

For the decision of the Assembly: the creation of new regional offices, if there are nominations.

VI MEMBERS REGISTERED FOR THE ASSEMBLY

Members with the right to vote for the election of the 2023 conference

Abobo
Amiens
Arta, Conseil Régional
Aserrí
Barcelona
Bignona
Bogota
Bourges
Boutilimit
Bruxelles: Parlement francophone bruxellois
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Iztapalapa
La Victoria
Maputo
Mersin
Milange
Montréal
Peligros
Rio de Janeiro
Sainte-Savine
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Maputo City
Maputo Municipality
Mersin Metropolitan Municipality
Municipalidad de Aserrí
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