

**REPORT OF THE SESSION “Connecting Cities and Building Community
in the Global South”**

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<p>Summary of the session</p> <p><i>Please share in a maximum of 500 words a summary of the session: what was the discussion, the experiences presented and the most important messages that were shared during the session.</i></p>	<p>During the presentation, CILA detailed the work of the Consortium of Latin American Organizations (CILA) in promoting knowledge management, community development and advocacy to strengthen innovative forms of governance and collective action in cities of the Global South.</p> <p>The most important message that was worked on was the common challenges of the cities of the South and how to face them together through a multi-stakeholder community.</p> <p>It addressed the current challenges in the cities of the South. To this end, the audience was asked what challenges they thought their city was facing. In presenting the answers, the consortium showed that these same issues were previously identified through the "CILA Connection" Methodology. This is proposed as a space to identify common challenges of the cities of the South in a multi-stakeholder community and propose solutions.</p> <p>During the time that CILA used the methodology, it highlighted that there are 3 challenges that always arise in cities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop a strong institutional structure to ensure proper implementation of environmental policies.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Develop strategies to strengthen citizens' trust in local governments. 3. Implementing strategies to eliminate barriers to access to decision-making spaces. <p>Similar challenges were presented by the audience in the presentation.</p> <p>One of the most important conclusions was the importance of addressing these challenges through networking. CILA proposes that collaborative networks in and by cities are key strategies to address these problems. They are based on a platform that brings together and coordinates organizations and individual members with common intervention goals in a specific geographic region.</p> <p>The relevance of the Democratic Innovation Mapping conducted by CILA was highlighted, which revealed that 54.2% of the participating organizations in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Mexico are part of collaborative networks. This highlights opportunities such as articulation with other organizations, the strengthening of advocacy and the exchange of collective intelligence.</p> <p>Networking is not limited to exchanges, but seeks to build a South-South cooperation of knowledge. CILA emphasizes the existence of valuable knowledge from, by and for the South that must be made visible. To this end, a Repository of Useful Resources is proposed, aimed at disseminating methodologies and tools developed in the South.</p> <p>The closing of the presentation emphasized the importance of being part of the CILA Community. This multi-stakeholder community seeks to value the knowledge of, by and for the Global South. It highlights the need to operate from a multilevel, multilateral and multi-stakeholder collaborative governance logic to devise solutions to complex problems. The presentation highlights the unique ability of Collaborative Governance to address "super tangled" problems and achieve more open, democratic and inclusive cities.</p> <p>The highlight of the session was that cities in the South have similar challenges in relation to Innovation, Governance, Environment and Diversity. Therefore, it is essential to have spaces to face them together through a multi-stakeholder community.</p>
<p>Conclusions <i>In a single sentence, state the element that stands out in your session.</i></p>	<p>During the session, we emphasized that the cities of the South have common challenges and through collaborative networks such as CILA or IOPD it is possible to address joint actions.</p>
<p>Recommendations for IOPD <i>Share with IOPD your priorities and recommendations in order to advance in the topic of your session</i></p>	<p>CILA recommends including interactive spaces in order to work on the problems of the cities of the South with a diversity of multi-stakeholders.</p>