

# Circular 35

## UCLG Committees and Working Groups

Barcelona, 29 July 2015

### Committee of Digital and Knowledge-based Cities

### Committee activities

Dear committee members,

We are glad to inform you on the latest activities developed by the Committee as well as the upcoming UCLG-Mewa Smart Cities Committee meeting.

#### Uraía Platform

As follow-up to the relation of collaboration initiated in 2014 with the **Local government and decentralization Unit of UN-HABITAT** in diverse issues related to the use of new technologies, the Committee supported and took part in the first capacity building activity of the [Uraía Platform](#) – from which the Committee is Partner – on “**Public-Private Partnerships Negotiation for SMART City Management**” held on June 29th and 30th 2015, in Oslo, Norway.

During the two-day Workshop – including a field visit to Oslo’s SMART City initiatives, panel discussions, round tables and informal discussions -, the participants shared their **experiences and knowledge** on negotiating and implementing Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) in the field of **SMART technologies for improving public services**. The Workshop highlighted **common concerns and shared difficulties**, the **need for fostering experience exchange and dialogue between the private and public sector** as well as among cities that often face similar problems and challenges in the negotiation of PPPs and in the provision of public services. The informal, participatory and inclusive format of the Workshop allowed for engaging discussions and an in-depth analysis of the needs of local governments in the process of establishing and implementing PPPs involving SMART technologies.

The discussions of the Workshop will inform a **set of Guidelines** aiming at supporting local governments in their **negotiation of contracts with the private sector for the implementation of SMART technologies** applied to municipal management. It should establish a roadmap with main steps to prepare and negotiate a PPP contract, keys elements of success, main risks and difficulties encountered and mistakes to avoid.

#### Upcoming meeting

We inform you that the International Brand Cities Summit and UCLG-MEWA Smart Cities Committee Meeting, co-organized by United Cities and Local Governments Middle East and West Asia Section (UCLG-MEWA), World Academy for Local Government and Democracy (WALD) and Konya Metropolitan Municipality will take place on:

## **8-9 September 2015 in the City of Konya, Turkey.**

UCLG-MEWA Smart Cities Committee Meeting will provide a great opportunity for approval of the Committee program of activities by participants and exchange ideas about activities and works in the field of Smart City Practices which is the main theme of the meeting.

The deadline for sending the presentation request form is: **August 15.**

Please click on the links below to access the following documents:

- [Draft programme](#)
- [Participation form](#)
- [Presentation request form](#)

### **Renewal of the Committee website**

The Committee has been working during the months of June and July to renew the Committee website and we are glad to inform you that the website [www.uclg-digitalcities.org](http://www.uclg-digitalcities.org) is online.

We wanted to create a more attractive website that can facilitate the dissemination of the activities in which the Committee is involved in. The Presidency of the Committee would like to extend an invitation to all the Committee members to use the website as a communication channel to inform on their activities related to the Committee by sending news, experiences and events.

If you would like a news or event to be published on the website, please contact: [info@uclg-digitalcities.org](mailto:info@uclg-digitalcities.org)

Sincerely,

**The UCLG World Secretariat**

on behalf of the Committee of Digital and Knowledge-based Cities

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