Dear members,

We are pleased to inform you that this year the Committee Annual Event will be held on 28th June 2016 in the City of Liverpool under the title "Connected City Summit".

The Committee of Digital and Knowledge-Based Cities, chaired by the City of Bilbao, and the Wireless Broadband Alliance have signed an agreement to work closely together on the development of Connected City initiatives.

The first initiative in the framework of this collaboration is the "CONNECTED CITY SUMMIT", which will take place on 28th June 2016 in Liverpool (UK) as part of the WBA Wifi Global Congress at the International Festival for Business 2016, with the support of the City of Liverpool and its Mayor.

The Connected City Summit expects to gather representatives from over 100 cities including founding members of the WBA Connected City Advisory Board New York, San Francisco, New Delhi and San Jose.

**Goals of the Connected City Summit**

The Summit will provide a perfect opportunity to discuss the challenges and opportunities of cities, as well as to hear the latest developments from global leaders in wireless and SMART technology. The main goals of the Summit are:

1. Promote the development of Connected City plans and blueprints, the creation of public-private ecosystems and collaboration mechanisms for the contribution of resources, and share risks and rewards.

2. Create an environment for City Managers and Chief Information Officers (CIOs) to exchange knowledge and best practices with their counterparts in other cities. Discuss ways to optimize technological development in the most practical manner possible to deliver the greatest societal benefit, to guarantee privacy and security, and to determine the best way to leverage public-private partnerships.

3. Find out and disseminate information about best practices, challenges and opportunities in the development and execution of Connected City plans.
Registration for the Connected City Summit is **free of charge for UCLG members**. There are a limited number of places available, so we recommend you to register as soon as possible. Cities registered for the Connected City Summit will also be able to attend the WBA Wifi Global Congress. Please note that each participant should take care of their own travel, visa and accommodation costs, however, financial support may be available to delegates from cities meeting qualifying criteria.

You can **register and find out more information about the Summit and the procedure for requesting financial support** via the following link: [http://www.uclg-digitalcities.org/evento-anual/liverpool-2016/](http://www.uclg-digitalcities.org/evento-anual/liverpool-2016/)

We inform you that the working language of the Connected City Summit will be **English**.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Committee Secretariat: [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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