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CITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS





Dear Members of UCLG, leaders of the different cities, local governments, metropolitan areas, regions and their associations from around the world.

In a world facing multiple challenges, local and regional governments are expected to build up solutions that states alone cannot provide anymore. This is especially true when we are already facing the consequences of climate change in our cities and regions or when a humane and sensible approach to migrations is absent in several regions.

Addressing global challenges demands bold local and regional action, and for that the ability of working together with all national and global players.

This is why we need a new architecture for the future world order which includes local and regional governments, and why we need to be more influential players on the world stage.

In Lisbon, the capital city of Portugal and founding member of UCLG, we have been quite active in supporting the localization of the Sustainable Development Goals and the local and regional agenda that UCLG has been promoting in cooperation with the United Nations. Together with my predecessors we are long-time promoters of these values,



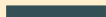


and through cooperation and dialogue with other cities we succeeded in building an open, tolerant and one of the best livable city. Our city, built by hundreds of centuries in history and by the interchange of multiple cultures, is internationally recognized for its openness, its capacity of integration and for the ability to be a platform for dialogue and cooperation between all.

With this in mind and considering the international recognition of the work we have been doing in the past years, I decided to put forward my application for the Presidency of UCLG.

My application seeks to build a platform where all cities and regions and their leaders can unite with the aim to convey our vision of commitment to promote the sustainable development that our cities and regions are striving to build.

Sustainability of the economy, fostering knowledge and innovation, promoting new activities and decent work for all. Sustainability of social cohesion, assuring human rights for all, fighting all types of discrimination (namely the ones based on gender, race or religion), and promoting inclusion of all social groups (namely the most disadvantaged, the minorities, the elderly and the youngest). Sustainability in the environmental evolution, fighting climate change towards carbon neutrality, promoting biodiversity and the life of ecosystems.





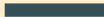
Democratic ideals are for me immovable and federating the whole family of local and regional governments and their national and continental associations is an essential objective of this project.

Therefore I believe that UCLG, with 15 years of legacy, is the international organization of local and regional governments working together to promote local democracy, peace, equality, solidarity, development and to give voice to cities and regions internationally in global stages, while protecting existing rights and promoting new ones.

As President of UCLG I will engage with all my strength for these values and goals and will, if elected, push them forward to make UCLG the organization that speaks to the world in name of all the cities and regions in the world.

I strongly believe that most of the challenges the world has to face today are challenges that we as mayors, local and regional leaders face in our daily action. Together we can go further, achieving new goals and propose a new model of development: sober, cleaner, more equal, and safer for all. By strengthening the collaboration inside our organisation and the cooperation with new partners we can do more. And considering the complexity of today's world, we must do more!

Therefore I put forward to you my key priorities for the Presidency of UCLG.





1. UCLG AS THE WORLD VOICE FOR ALL CITIES AND REGIONS

We must act together and in close cooperation to have a seat at the global table and enhance our voice in the international forums. We need to stand for a world where respect, care, openness, human dignity and tolerance are key values of our society. A future with an economy based on creativity and innovation, leaving no one and no place behind and focusing on environmentally sustainable activities and behaviours. Being local governments, we are close to the population needs and are well positioned to be in the front of their messages to the world.

2. UCLG AS A STRONG SUPPORTER AND ENABLER OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AGENDA OF THE UNITED NATIONS

The 2030 agenda of Sustainable Development Goals is a chance we cannot miss. Equal opportunities, gender balance, inclusive migration policies, housing rights, climate and environmental protection gives us the opportunity to



push further the territorial approach in public national and international policies, in a way to increase the quality of life of our populations, and strengthening the role played by local and regional governments in the international scenario, namely in the United Nations System.

3. UCLG WORKING TO SOLVE CLIMATE CHANGE

Climate change is the major challenge that we collectively have to address. Cities occupy only 2% of the world's landmass but they consume over 2/3 of the world's energy and produce more than 70% of global CO2 emissions. With the urban populations expected to reach 80% of the world population in 2050, fighting climate change is in the core agenda of mayors and local leaders all around the world. Being the Mayor of a global city, the largest European city on the Atlantic coast, I am aware of our responsibility towards our citizens and towards the next generations. Lisbon has been designated the 2020 European Green Capital, this recognises our engagement and ability to build local and innovative solutions to win the world's fight against climate change. There is no planet B, we must act now!



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4. UCLG AS A LEARNING AND SHARING HUB

UCLG is composed by multiple members, from different continents, regions and different contexts but we all can learn and exchange projects and ideas with each other. Together with our regional sections, with our national associations of local and regional governments, with our committees, councils working groups, I propose to intensify this effort and build this community of leaders that will help all of us address the challenges we are facing.

5. WE ARE FAMILY

UCLG is the only organisation which brings together the family of local and regional governments, from the smallest villages, from provinces, regions, intermediary cities to the biggest metropolitan areas. Local democracy is in our "DNA". Our strength is our unity and, as President of UCLG, I will support the proposal to create a global observatory of local democracy to support our colleagues facing unjustified situations in their capacity as mayor or local, regional representative.





Finally, let me express my recognition for those who contribute daily to make our engagement possible, the teams of civil servants in our cities and the secretariats of our organizations, I look forward to work in coordination with all UCLG's Structure, with the inestimable collaboration of its Secretary General and all her team in order to consolidate the legacy of 15 years of a renewed international municipal movement. I count on the involvement and support of all the members of CGLU, at a political and technical level, to make this happen and I commit myself to promote this spirit of collaboration and the participation and involvement of each and everyone.

Reaffirming my personal commitment to UCLG and ready to serve our movement, accepting the terms of reference for the presidency of the organization, with all my heart, I humbly call on your confidence and support and assure you of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fernando Medina".

Fernando Medina



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We want to achieve the SDGs and fight climate change, giving strength and mechanisms to those more vulnerable and less prepared for these challenges



FERNANDO MEDINA

Born in Porto in 1973, is married and father of two children.

Has a Degree in Economics by the Faculty of Economics of the University of Porto and a Master's Degree in Economic Sociology by the School of Economics and Management from de University of Lisboa.

As a student, he was President of Porto Academic Federation in 1995 and 1996.

He was adviser to the Prime-Minister Antonio Guterres from 2000 to 2002.

He was adviser to the CEO of the Portuguese Investment Agency from 2003.

He was Secretary of State for Employment and Vocational Training from 2005 to 2009 and Secretary of State for Industry and Development from 2009 to 2011.

From 2011 to 2013 he was a member of the Portuguese Parliament, serving namely in the Budget and Finance Commission and as Vice-

President of the Socialist Parliamentary Group.

In 2013 he was elected Deputy Mayor of Lisboa and assumes the Mayor position in 2015.

In 2017 he was elected Mayor of Lisboa and elected President of Lisbon Metropolitan Area.

He is also President of the Board of Lisboa Tourism Association, President of Latin America House since 2015 and, from 2017 to 2019, he was President of the Global Network of Magellan Cities. He is also Vice-President of UCCI- Union of Capital Cities of Ibero-America.

He is member of the Committee of Regions of the European Union since 2015.

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