

## **WORLD ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS**

### Summary

The organized constituency of local and regional governments, gathered within the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments (GTF) and facilitated by United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), will be convening the World Assembly of Local and Regional Governments at the Eleventh Edition of World Urban Forum on the 26<sup>th</sup> of July from 10:00 to 18:00.

The World Assembly has been officially recognized by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in acknowledgment of the role local and regional governments play in sustainable urban development and in the implementation of the New Urban Agenda (NUA). It constitutes the representative mechanism through which the local and regional governments constituency provides inputs to the global agendas, building on the expertise of communities.

Prior to this meeting, the World Assembly met on the occasion of the High-Level Meeting on the review of the NUA implementation in April 2022 in New York. The meeting stressed the importance of deepening the debate on the recognition of local and regional governments as political partners for the achievement of the universal development agendas, addressing issues such as local public service provision and the right to the city, including housing, health, digitalization, and multilevel governance.

This occasion will follow up with the commitments set forward on the High-Level Meeting and will address the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, and the importance of local public service provision to face complex emergencies and contribute to build peace from the bottom-up. It will also discuss the possibilities for a renewed multilateral system in which cooperation across spheres of government and sectors of society is strengthened.

Building on the premise that entrenching resilience for sustainable urban futures entails a multi-sectoral, multi-dimensional and multi-stakeholder effort - which requires effective collaboration across all spheres of government - the Assembly will bring the voice and commitments of local and regional governments as well as from representatives of national governments and the international sphere.