Context: In October 2016, the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (UN Habitat III) included “resilient cities” as an innovative part in the New Urban Agenda. Global cities are facing similar problems and challenges in respect of immigrants, cultural diversity, and caring for vulnerable groups, including women, elders, children, among others. Cities in China and beyond, including Guangzhou, have been actively exploring innovation in metropolis governance. The sub-forum will invite global cities and experts in related fields to discuss and share experience and practices of building diverse, inclusive and resilient metropolises.

Agenda and speakers

Keynote Speeches (10 minutes each)
(1) Ms Zhang Yajie, Vice President of Guangzhou People's Political Consultative Conference; Co-President of UCLG ASPAC and Chair of Standing Committee of Women in Local Governments
(2) Mr. David Makhura, Premier of Gauteng Province, South Africa; Metropolis Co-president (online)
(3) Ms. Laura Pérez, City Councillor of Barcelona; President of Metropolis Women (online)
(4) Ms. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi, Secretary General of UCLG ASPAC (online)
Panel discussion
(1) Mr. Bao Yajun, Secretary General of Institute of Urban Governance, Peking University
(2) Ms. Sylvia Croese, Senior Researcher, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa; Research Associate with the African Centre for Cities at the University of Cape Town
(3) Director of The Guangzhou Urban Governance Rankings
(4) Mr. Wang Dong, Program Director for Sustainable Development Goals Localization with UNDP China
(5) Dr. Huang Dingxi, Secretary General of Guangzhou Urban Planning Association
(6) Mr. Zeng Lingfa, Dean of School of Politics and Administration of South China Normal University
(7) Others to be confirmed

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