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SUB FORUM 5 – METROPOLIS' ROLE IN FIGHTING POVERTY AND SUPPORTING LESS DEVELOPED REGIONS

Friday 12th November, 15:30 - 17:30 (Beijing time)

Context: The eradication of poverty in all forms and dimensions is the greatest challenge facing humanity. **The United Nations has listed poverty eradication as one of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) included in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**, calling for an end to extreme poverty across the world by 2023. On July 1, 2021, on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of China, General Secretary Xi Jinping solemnly declared that China has built a moderately prosperous society in all respects, solved the historical problem of absolute poverty, and made significant contributions to global poverty reduction. **Cities in China have played an important role in poverty alleviation**, especially through collaboration across regions. This sub-forum, **with focus on the role of cities in poverty alleviation**, will share the practices, experiences, and perspectives of Chinese and foreign cities in poverty eradication.

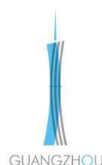
Agenda and speakers

Keynote Speeches (8-10 minutes each)

- (1) Ms. Carolina Cosse, Mayor of Montevideo, Uruguay; Metropolis Co-president (online)
- (2) Mr. Ashok Kumar Byanju Shrestha, President of UCLG ASPAC, Mayor of Dhulikhel, Nepal (online)
- (3) Mr. Robert Beugre Mambe, Governor of the Autonomous District of Abidjan, Metropolis Vice President (online)
- (4) Mayor of Lvliang, Shanxi Province
- (5) Mayor of Qiannan Prefecture, Guizhou Province

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Panel discussion

- (1) Dr. Liu Junwen, Director General of International Poverty Reduction Center in China
- (2) Dr. Sheila Ochugboju, Regional Coordination Specialist (Consultant), UNDP; Head Researcher, UN-Habitat Global State of Urban Youth Report (GSUYR 2015/2016)
- (3) Dr. Jeffrey Sachs, President of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network; Director of Centre for Sustainable Development, Columbia University
- (4) Others to be confirmed

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