Open-Ended Informal Consultative Meetings

Montréal Thematic Meeting on Metropolitan Areas

New York, 28 April 2016
Global Metropolization

By their concentration of people and activities, METROPOLITAN AREAS play a role more and more central to the social, cultural, environmental and economic development of nations.

Urban population by size of urban area, 1975-2030

Montréal Thematic Meeting

at a glance

PROCESS

Discussion paper → Zero Draft Declaration → E-Discussion (August 17 to September 20, 2015) → Draft Declaration → MTL Thematic Meeting – Panels and Exchange sessions → Adoption of the Montréal Declaration

IN NUMBERS

278 participants  39 countries  76 cities  129 organizations

Input for the New Urban Agenda
Fostering metropolitan cooperation for sustainable urban development

Challenges that transcend city boundaries:

- spatial planning
- transportation
- security
- urban-rural balance
- urban regeneration
- inclusion and social cohesion
- environmental protection
- water and air
- energy
- sanitation
- climate change

Therefore, metropolitan areas are a key partner in achieving the SDGs and taking on the challenges of 21st century urbanization.
Fostering metropolitan cooperation for sustainable urban development

Increasing the number of accountable, capable, inclusive and socially just metropolitan areas that implement policies for sustainable urban planning and development.

To achieve the full potential of the planning process, metropolitan financing mechanisms must also be implemented.

Sustainable urban planning must engage multiple stakeholders.

Metropolitan governance requires a clear legal and institutional framework, based on principles of democracy, respect for local autonomy and subsidiarity.
Montréal Declaration on Metropolitan Areas

MULTILEVEL METROPOLITAN COOPERATION PARTNERSHIPS

Based on principles of good governance and democracy that ensure:

- Citizen participation
- Access to information
- Transparency
- Accountability

either in formal and informal arrangements.

Commitment to international cooperation:

- Sharing of expertise
- Promote social innovation
- Access to new technology
- Strengthened management capacity
- Increased solidarity

between metropolitan areas.
Multilevel Metropolitan Cooperation Partnerships

The Greater Montréal Area Model

- Metro Plan
  - Policy directions
  - Objectives

- Consultation, collaboration

- Compliance of Cities and RM/Projects

- CMM
  - Policy coordination
  - Agreements

- Québec-CMM Policy Committee
  - Partnership Agreements
  - (TOD and Blue and Green Network)

- Citizens-Elected officials Agora

- Civil Society

- Government of Québec