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<b>Submitted by Lead Organization</b>	
<b>Name of lead organization</b>	Metropolis, World association of the Major Metropolises
<b>City and country where lead organization is based</b>	Barcelona, Spain
<b>Title of the event</b>	City Managers and the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda
<b>Date of Networking Event</b>	10/17/2016
<b>Networking Event room number</b>	R9
<b>Name of partner organizations with city and country where these organizations are based</b>	Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments, Barcelona, Spain United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), Barcelona, Spain City of Montreal Barcelona Metropolitan Area City of Barcelona City of Johannesburg
<b>Number of participants</b>	100
<b>Percentage of women participants</b>	50%
<b>Background information on Networking Event (themes, issues, context).</b>	The thematic areas of the event were focused on: social cohesion and equity - livable cities and urban frameworks, Metropolitan governance We prepared some questions for the speakers, here are those asked in roundtable 1: The job of a city manager is a complex combination of fiscal, political, legal, and public-relations management (to name but a few aspects): - In your opinion, what challenges are cities facing today, particularly large ones? Identify 3 key topics your city is facing. - What tools do you use in daily management? What impact are new technologies having? - How important are accountability and transparency mechanisms in management processes? How are they being implemented in your city? Roundtable 2: - What impact do the commitments acquired under different international processes (New Urban Agenda, Agenda 2030, COP21/22, etc.) have on cities? - What are the challenges involved with implementing the New Urban Agenda? What tools and good practices do you plan to use to address these challenges?



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<p><b>Concise summary of the event proceedings, including key points discussed.</b></p>	<p>City managers are the employees of highest rank in the public administrations in charge of day to day administrative and operative management of the city. Major cities and metropolitan areas around the world are facing an increased complexity both at the governance and managing levels. But urban systems and cities are increasingly diverse with a greater number of inhabitants and major challenges related to social cohesion, economic development and sustainability. Furthermore, cities have to assume the delivery of more services which puts pressure on the technical, financial and human resources that needed in order to better manage the municipal structures, to provide citizens with the appropriate services in an efficient way and to manage the relationship with the different stakeholders. In addition, the international agenda is having a growing impact not only in local policies, but also in its operation. The management of cities cannot be carried out without taking into account the new approaches that demand the Agenda 2030 (with its sustainable development objectives) and the New Urban Agenda that must result from the Habitat III conference. Policies related to the main areas of the New Urban Agenda will have to be operationalized. They will also have an impact on the way cities need to be managed and how cities will have to mobilize capacities and resources such as: a) externalization vs internalization of human resources, b) funding instruments, c) public procurement, d) engendering of public management, e) other issues As a partner of the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional governments led by United Cities &amp; Local Governments, Metropolis advocates for the operational character of the New Urban Agenda to help our cities to face the unavoidable metropolization process and guide them towards a more sustainable and equal growth model.</p>
<p><b>Recommendations emerged from discussions at the Networking Event .</b></p>	<p>- We should bring together more often the experiences from these public employees who are in charge of day to day administrative and operative management of the world's largest cities. - Edgard Pieterse, Director of the African Centre for Cities at the University of Cape Town, said we should advocate for the operational character of the New Urban Agenda to help our cities to face the unavoidable metropolisation process, and guide them towards a more sustainable and equal growth model</p>
<p><b>Full name, title, and organization of the 1st speaker</b></p>	<p>Edgar Pieterse, Director for the African Center for Cities, University of Cape Town</p>
<p><b>Full name, title, and organization of the 2nd speaker</b></p>	<p>Yolanda Bichara - Salvador - Director COAMSS</p>



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<b>Full name, title, and organization of the 3rd speaker</b>	Jordi Martí, Spain, City Manager, Barcelona City Council
<b>Full name, title, and organization of the 4th speaker</b>	Rahmatouca Sow - Assistant Cabinet Director, Dakar
<b>Full name, title, and organization of the 5th speaker</b>	Ching-Yu YAO, Mayor's Advisory Officer, Taipei City Government
<b>Full name, title, and organization of the 6th speaker</b>	Ms. Zhou Dailin, Vice Chief Planner of Governmental Planning Division in Guangzhou Urban Planning & Design Survey Research Institute
<b>Full name, title, and organization of the 7th speaker</b>	Eduard Saurina, Assistant Manager, Barcelona Metropolitan Area
<b>Full name, title, and organization of the 7th speaker</b>	Sebastian Ordóñez, Advisor to the Mayor's office, Quito