

9th METROPOLIS CONGRESS, SYDNEY

Satellite event for Wednesday 22 October, 2008, 1.00pm - 4.30pm

Summary

This forum will unite the United Cities Local Governments' Global Observatory on Local Democracy and the UN Global Compact Cities Programme.

The International Secretariat of the UN Global Compact Cities Programme will be presenting their work on urban governance and showcasing the methodology underpinning the Melbourne Model. The UN Global Compact Cities Programme works on the premise that the world's population is continuing to urbanize and its issues are increasingly complex, as a result of previously failed governance attempts. The UN Global Compact Cities Programme responds to this challenge and offer city leaders a neutral ground to adopt an alternative governance approach, which focuses on local technical capacity to find solutions to seemingly intractable urban issues.

The Melbourne Model is used by member cities around the world, as part of their engagement of the UN Global Compact Cities Programme. It is used from the outset of the pilot project and used to frame the project design, which seeks to improve a specific urban issue identified by the member city. Issues currently being explored include slum rehabilitation, water and sanitation, climate change and corruption. Based on self-assessment method of governance, the approach promotes inter-sectoral dialogue and engagement between city leaders within the government, business and civil sector, to be able to understand and govern urban issues in an inclusive and meaningful way.

The International Secretariat encourages the participation of city mayors and high-level decision makers. Delegates will learn how global cities are implementing the governance framework and how it could be applied in their city context. A current pilot project focussed on governance measurement within the City of Melbourne and the City of Vancouver will also be discussed. The Satellite session will also be of interest to those involved with Commission 5 Metropolitan Performance Measurement, scheduled for Friday 24 October.

Provisional Program Afternoon Session

Indicative Time of Day	Topic	Speaker	Indicative Timeframe (minutes)
United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) session			
09.00	UCLG event	Global Observatory on Local Democracy (GOLD) Report	180'
12.00	Lunch		60'
UN Global Compact Cities Programme session			
13.00	Welcome	Gordon Feller Director, Urban Age Institute	15'
13.15	UN Global Compact Cities Programme Overview	International Secretariat UN Global Compact Cities Programme	15'
13.30	The Melbourne Model	International Secretariat UN Global Compact Cities Programme	30'
14.00	Case Study: Utility Debt Spiral Scheme 2002 - 2004	Mr Gavin Dufty Manager Policy and Research, St Vincent de Paul Society	30'
14.30	Key note	Mr Duane Kissick Vice Chairman, AECOM	30'
15.00	Facilitated panel Facilitator	'How do cities confront intractable urban issues?' Mr Gordon Feller, Director, Urban Age Institute	45'
15.45	Open discussion Facilitator	Panel members and audience. Ms Caroline Bayliss, UN Global Compact Cities Programme	45'
16.30	Close		

Facilitator: Mr Gordon Feller, Director, Urban Age Institute.