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# Fifth International Conference on Learning Cities

From emergency to resilience: Building healthy and resilient cities through learning

## Preliminary Agenda\*

14 October 2021

\*Sessions marked with the symbol  will be available for live online viewing and participation through chatrooms.

Timing of sessions is in local time, GMT+9.

## Aim and Objectives

The overall aim of the conference is to facilitate knowledge exchange on global health education in cities, including responses to the COVID-19 pandemic and actions to improve resilience in the face of future crises.

## Objectives

The conference has the following objectives:

- To provide learning cities with opportunities to share their responses to the COVID-19 pandemic and their initiatives in promoting health education.
- To enhance awareness of how a lifelong learning culture plays a key role in building resilience among individuals, communities and cities.
- To create momentum for the advocacy and creation of healthy, resilient learning cities and spaces.
- To foster discussions around ICT, learning innovations and distance-learning opportunities in the context of current and future crises.
- To promote inclusion across all its key themes and sessions, recognizing the many ways in which the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated inequalities.
- To reinforce the linkages between SDG 3 (Health), SDG 4 (Education and Lifelong Learning), SDG 5 (Gender Equality) and SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities) in policy implementation at the local level by fostering the cross-sectoral involvement of major stakeholders.
- To expand and reinforce partnerships and offer networking opportunities for GNLC members and beyond.



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### Wednesday, 27 October

<b>All day</b>	<b>Arrival and registration</b>
<b>15:00–17:00</b> 	<b>Mayors' Forum (cluster presentations and round table)</b> <b>Moderator:</b> UIL Director, Mr David Atchoarena
<b>17:00–18:00</b>	<b>Break (moving to the Learning City Award 2021 ceremony)</b>
<b>18:00–20:00</b> 	<b>Learning City Award 2021 ceremony</b> UNESCO Assistant Director- General, Ms Stefania Giannini UIL Director, Mr David Atchoarena Mr Daniel Baril, Director General, Institute for Cooperation for Adult Education, Canada, and Chair of the UIL Governing Board Ms Sarah Anyang Agbor, Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology, African Union; Vice Chair UIL Governing Board member
<b>20:00–21:30</b>	<b>Dinner</b>

### Thursday, 28 October


<b>12:00–14:00</b>	<b>Lunch/Side events (Gallery walk, online video show of GNLC cities)</b>
<b>14:00–15:30</b> 	<b>Opening ceremony</b> Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Ms Yoo Eun-hae Mayor of Incheon Metropolitan City, Mr Park Namchoon Governor of Gyeonggi, Mr Lee Jaemyung UNESCO Assistant Director- General, Ms Stefania Giannini UIL Director, Mr David Atchoarena  <b>Ceremonial handover of title of Host Learning City</b> Mayor of Medellin, Mr Daniel Quintero Mayor of Yeonsu, Mr Nam-Seok Ko  <b>Welcome Speech</b> Mayor of Yeonsu, Mr Nam-Seok Ko  <b>Adoption of the conference agenda and election of the conference board</b> UIL Director, Mr David Atchoarena UIL Team Leader, Raúl Valdés-Cotera
<b>15:30–16:00</b> 	<b>Keynote speakers:</b> Mr Ban Ki-Moon, Former Secretary-General of the United Nations  Mr David Nabarro, Strategic Director of 4SD (Skills, Systems and Synergies for Sustainable Development), former Special Advisor to the United Nations Secretary-General on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Climate Change, co-chair of the forum on Climate Change and Health, WHO special Envoy for Covid-19




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<p><b>16:00–16:15</b></p>	<p><b>Wellness break</b></p>
<p><b>16:15–17:45</b></p> 	<p><b>Plenary session I: Learning for health: A new paradigm for the post-COVID-19 era</b></p> <p><i>Learning for health is a personal and societal resource that enables people to protect and promote their individual health and that of their family (i.e. health literacy) as well as providing the knowledge, skills and capabilities necessary for actively participating in decisions about health and contributing to building healthy environments locally and globally (i.e. citizenship for health). At the city level, various learning opportunities take place within a ‘health learning pathway’ integrating the two dimensions of health literacy and citizenship for health throughout the life cycle. Learning for health includes mental health and well-being and specifically considers the needs of vulnerable groups</i></p> <p><b>List of speakers (tentative)</b></p> <p>Mayor of Cork (Ireland): Mr Colm Kelleher</p> <p>Mayor of Bogotá (Colombia): Ms Claudia López Hernández</p> <p>Mayor of Guédiawaye (Senegal): Mr Aliou Sall</p> <p>Mayor of Osan (Republic of Korea): Mr Sang-Wook Kwak</p> <p>Mr Didier Jourdan, UNESCO Chair Global Health Education</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms Billie Giles Corti, Distinguished Professor, Vice-Chancellor's Professorial Research Fellow and Director of the Healthy Liveable Cities Lab</p>
<p><b>17:45–18:00</b></p>	<p><b>Wellness break</b></p>
<p><b>18:00–19:30</b></p> 	<p><b>Plenary Session II: Resilient cities: Strengthening communities and local learning systems</b></p> <p><i>This session investigates what the pandemic has revealed about the resilience of cities’ communities and learning systems. It addresses the actions of a wide range of stakeholders in a time of great need and profound challenges. In terms of community resilience, it explores examples of adaptable local populations, multi-sectoral planning for emergencies and crises, as well as bottom-up and top-down policies and practices to foster long-term resilience in a rapidly changing world. Regarding local learning systems, it pays attention to the roles of local governments, institutions and networks of stakeholders in ensuring the continuation of learning in cities during the pandemic, as well as ways of protecting learning systems in the face of future disruption, with a specific focus on the importance of innovation and technology.</i></p> <p><b>List of speakers (tentative)</b></p> <p>Mayor of Mexico City (Mexico): Ms Claudia Sheinbaum</p> <p>Mayor of Goyang (Republic of Korea): Mr Jaejoon Lee</p>

	<p>Mayor of Wolverhampton (United Kingdom): Mr Greg Brackenridge</p> <p>Deputy Mayor of Shanghai (China): Mr Qun Chen</p> <p>Mr Mike Osborne, Chair of Adult &amp; Lifelong Education, Director of Research within the School of Education, University of Glasgow; Co-director of the PASCAL Observatory on Place Management, Social Capital and Lifelong Learning</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr Daniel Baril, Director General, Institute for Cooperation for Adult Education, Canada, and Chair of the UIL Governing Board</p>
<b>19:30–20:30</b>	<b>Conference dinner</b>
<b>20:30–22:00</b> 	<b>Climate Change Performance (Art Centre Incheon)</b>
<b>Friday, 29 October</b>	
<b>12:00–15:00</b>	<b>Lunch break/Side events (Edu-Fair, Citizenship Education Expo, Book Festival)</b>
<b>15:00–16:15</b> 	<p><b>Parallel Thematic Forum I</b></p> <p><b>1. Transforming cities into spaces for health and well-being</b></p> <p><i>This forum will address the determinants of population health and the ways in which cities can positively influence them. It will explore the role of local governments in creating environments and opportunities for the improvement of local people’s health and well-being, including through shared spaces in cities.</i></p> <p><b>List of speakers (tentative)</b></p> <p>Lord Provost of Glasgow (United Kingdom): Mr Philip Braat</p> <p>President of the Council Tecamachalco City of Learning (Mexico): Ms. Marisol Cruz García</p> <p>Mayor of Damietta (Egypt): Ms Manal Awad</p> <p>Mr Edgar Pieterse, Founding Director of the African Centre for Cities (ACC)</p> <p>Ms Lina Liakou, Global Director of City Engagement and Knowledge and Head for Europe and the Middle East, Resilient Cities Network</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr Louis Rice, Head of the World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Healthy Urban Environments</p> <p><b>2. Promoting inter-sectoral approaches to learning for health</b></p>

	<p><i>This forum will provide space for a discussion on the role of stakeholders in the promotion of learning for health and for cities to raise challenges faced in their strategies.</i></p> <p><b>List of speakers (tentative)</b></p> <p>Mantes-la-Jolie (France): Ms Aminata Goloko, Director of Transversal Projects</p> <p>Mayor of Huejotzingo (Mexico): Ms Angélica Patricia Alvarado Juárez</p> <p>Mayor of Jubail (Saudi Arabia): Mr Ahmed Al Hussain</p> <p>Ms Natalia Alekseeva, Team Leader for National Climate Change Action, FAO</p> <p>Representative for the city of Lucca (Italy): Ms Roberta Piazza, Professor, University of Catania</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms Sara Hoefflich, Learning Director, United Cities and Local Governments</p> <p><b>3. Strengthening learning for health in the context of learning cities</b></p> <p><i>This forum aims to provide an operational understanding of health literacy, the individual dimension of learning for health. It will discuss the type of data needed and available, and their use to guide educational interventions.</i></p> <p><b>List of speakers (tentative)</b></p> <p>Lord Mayor of Belfast (United Kingdom): Ms Kate Nicholl</p> <p>Secretary of Education, Tunja (Colombia): Mr. José Alberto Moreno Villamil</p> <p>Mr Gabriel-Antonio Ríos, Coordinator of the UNESCO Learning City Project, Villa María, Argentina</p> <p>Representative of the city of Clermont-Ferrand (France): Mr Philippe Bohelay</p> <p>Mr Si Hyung, Lee, Director of Serotonin Culture, Director of Comprehensive Research Institute for Natural Medicine Korea, Seoul, Republic of Korea</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms Nicola Gray, Senior Lecturer Pharmacy Practice/ Clinical Pharmacy, University of Huddersfield, United Kingdom; Affiliated Researcher within the UNESCO Chair and WHO Collaborating Centre for Global Health and Education</p>
<p><b>16:15–16:30</b></p>	<p><b>Wellness break</b></p>
<p><b>16:30–17:45</b> </p>	<p><b>Parallel Thematic Forum II</b></p> <p><b>1. Lifelong learning for climate change</b></p> <p><i>This forum highlights the need for local populations to become active learners in response to major crises with a focus on the role of learning in responding to the profound challenge of climate change.</i></p>

**List of speakers (tentative)**

Mayor of Hamburg (Germany): Mr Peter Tschentscher

Vice-president of Chefchaouen (Morocco): Mr Elmhajib Abdallah

Deputy Governor of Nairobi (Kenya): Ms Ann Kananu Mwenda

Ms Miki Konishi, Programme Coordinator of Innovation and Education Programme at United Nations University, Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability

Ms Shanti Jagannathan, Principal Education Specialist, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, Asian Development Bank

**Moderator:** Mr Roberto Guevara, President of ICAE, Associate Professor in International Development, RMIT 1 University, Director of PASCAL Observatory for Australasia

**2. Fostering healthy lifestyles and work in urban settings**

*This forum explores cities' roles in making healthier the everyday lives of their citizens. It considers the role of learning in exercise, diet, environmental protection, the use of green spaces and the promotion of healthy work environments.*

**List of speakers (tentative)**

Mayor of Shenzhen (China): Mr Weizhong Tan

Special Advisor to the Mayor of Fatick (Senegal): Mr Boubacar Khalil NDiaye

Mayor of Espoo (Finland): Mr Jukka Mäkelä

Deputy Mayor for Social and Cultural Affairs of Tehran (Iran): Mr Zoheir Sabaghpour

Ms Jeni Miller, Executive Director, The Global Climate and Health Alliance

**Moderator:** Ms Sarah Anyang Agbor, Commissioner for Human Resources, Science and Technology, African Union; Vice Chair UIL Governing Board member

**3. Promoting learning for health in the field of sexuality**

*This forum will discuss the importance of equipping young people with knowledge and skills to make responsible choices for their lives and the ways in which learning cities can provide comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) to support people's empowerment by improving their analytical, communication and other life skills for health and well-being.*

**List of speakers (tentative)**

Mayor of Dublin (Ireland): Ms Alison Gilliland

Mayor of Quezon City (Philippines): Ms Josefina Belmonte


Councillor, Deputy Mayor of Bristol for Children's Services, Education and Equalities (United Kingdom): Mr Asher Craig

	<p>Head of International Affairs of the City of São Paulo (Brazil): Ms Marta Suplicy</p> <p>Ms Joëlle Mignot, Member of UNESCO Chair on Healthy Sexuality and Human Rights, University of Paris</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr Chris Castle, Global Coordinator for HIV and AIDS, Chief of the Section of Health and Education, UNESCO</p>
<p><b>17:45–18:00</b></p>	<p><b>Wellness break</b></p>
<p><b>18:00–19:15</b> </p>	<p><b>Mayors' Forum (GNLC Strategy)</b></p> <p><b>Parallel Thematic Forum III</b></p> <p><b>1. The contribution of global citizenship education to health</b></p> <p><i>This forum builds on previous GNLC discussions around community resilience to reveal the significance of global citizenship for learning for health. Local people with a keen sense of citizenship can mobilize quickly and instigate bottom-up learning approaches to support individuals and communities. Lessons from the COVID-19 experience can guide further action in the years to come.</i></p> <p><b>List of speakers (tentative)</b></p> <p>Mayor of Larissa (Greece): Mr Apostolos Kalogiannis</p> <p>Mayor of Cantarranas (Honduras): Mr Francisco Gaitán Agüero</p> <p>Mayor of Yeonsu (Republic of Korea): Mr Nam-Seok Ko</p> <p>Mayor of Gdynia (Poland): Mr Wojciech Szczurek</p> <p>Mayor of Bandar Khamir (Iran): Mr Javad Mahmoodi</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms Cecilia Barbieri, Chief of Section Global Citizenship and Peace Education, UNESCO</p> <p><b>2. Approaches for inclusive education in learning for health</b></p> <p><i>This forum reaffirms the centrality of inclusive education to equitable lifelong learning specifically in relation to learning for health. It looks at the ways in which vulnerable populations can be involved in the design and implementation of health-oriented learning initiatives.</i></p> <p><b>List of speakers (tentative)</b></p> <p>Mayor of Medellín (Colombia): Mr Daniel Quintero</p> <p>Representative of Fermo (Italy): Mr Carlo Nofri</p> <p>Mayor of Chengdu (China): Mr Luo Qiang</p> <p>Lord Mayor of Limerick (Ireland): Mr Daniel Butler</p> <p>Mayor of Seodaemooon (Republic of Korea): Mr Seok jin Moon</p>



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	<p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms Sara Valencia, Districts Research Centre for Health Education of the Health Secretariat, Bogotá, Colombia</p> <p><b>3. Technology-enhanced learning for healthy populations</b>  <i>This forum capitalizes on the wealth of evidence that has emerged during the pandemic on the advantages of technology for learning. This relates to the resilience of learning systems in the sense that digital spaces enable continuity of learning during a crisis. Digital literacy increasingly emerges as a core competency needed to acquire other capacities and knowledge, including health literacy in terms of information and guidance for better health.</i></p> <p><b>List of speakers (tentative)</b></p> <p>Wyndham (Australian): Ms Jasmine Hill, Wyndham’s Learning City Portfolio holder</p> <p>Director of the Wuhan Education Bureau (China): Mr Meng Hui</p> <p>Mayor of Bonn (Germany): Ms Katja Dörner</p> <p>Mayor of Al Wakra (Qatar): Mr Mansour Ajjan Al Boenain</p> <p>Representative of the city of Puebla (Mexico): Mr Luis González Arenal</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms Gog Soon Joo, Chief Skills Officer, SkillsFuture Singapore</p>
<p><b>19:15–19:30</b></p>	<p><b>Wellness Break (Moving to the plenary)</b></p>
<p><b>19:30–20:45</b></p> <p></p>	<p><b>Plenary session:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report from the Mayors’ Forum on the GNLC strategy</li> <li>• Report of the Rapporteur General of the Conference</li> <li>• Adoption of the Yeonsu Declaration</li> </ul> <p><b>Closing remarks</b></p>
<p>Saturday, 30 October</p>	
<p><b>09:00–17:30</b></p>	<p><b>Side visits</b></p>