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Rio proposes the creation of a permanent forum among BRICS cities



Marcelo Crivella, Mayor of Rio, hosted a reception on the 23rd of July, at Palácio da Cidade, receiving representatives of Foreign Ministries of South Africa, India, China, Russia and Brazil, which participated in the city of an official meeting of BRICS Group of emerging Nations composed by these countries. During the event, Mayor Crivella proposed the creation of a permanent forum among the main cities and metropolises of these nations and suggested the following name: BRIC5 5 per 5.

“Forum Brics 5 per 5 would have the purpose to promote the cooperation among cities and metropolises in different sectors, encourage the exchange of experience in good practices, foster joint projects to solve shared problems and attract investment flows, positive economic relations. Rio de Janeiro is once more with open arms to welcome this most significant event for the city,” declared the Mayor in his speech, next to the Governor of the State of Rio de Janeiro, Wilson Witzel.

The group of representatives of metropolises, according to Mayor Crivella, should meet in parallel to the sector meetings which are held annually. One of the themes to be debated is public security.

“Just as Rio, great metropolises face challenges regarding public security. We think that such an event is relevant for the cities of BRICS, aiming to the exchange of good practices of working the matter in the context of our group, where sharing experiences of Brazilian, Russian, Chinese, Indian and South African will be of great utility for all of them”, declared Crivella.

He also reminded that the City of Rio has already offered a property to become the headquarters of the New Development Bank, the Bank of BRICS, which has the role of enabling resources and technical knowledge for the further development of the partnership among the countries of BRICS.

The current meeting among representatives of Ministries of Foreign Relations of the countries which integrate BRICS, is the moment to debate business opportunities for the City of Rio de Janeiro in the areas of Health, Education, public administration, tourism, environment, innovation, culture, as well as promoting public private partnerships.

The event also strengthens the dialogue and the insertion of the Municipality next to metropolises of the countries of BRICS, such as Moscow (Russia), New Delhi (India), Peking (China) and Johannesburg (South Africa), among others.

The meeting organized by the federal government which took place on the period of 22th until 26th of July in Rio, imprints the formal activities of the Brazilian chairmanship turn of BRICS. On the first days of the summit, delegations and high level representatives of chancelleries of these countries – so called “Sherpas” (Vice-Ministers in charge of BRICS) – debated the priorities of the group and the

‘Rio de Janeiro to Janeiro’

Check out the schedule for the next months:

September

Mondial de la Biere 2019
Rock in Rio
International
Gynecological Cancer
Societt Meeting

October

Brazilian Congresso of
Orthontics
Rock in Rio
Offshore Technology
Conference (OTC)

November

Brazilian Congresso f
Hematology and
Hemotherapy
130° Proclamation of the
Republic Anniversary

Meeting of UCLGwas attended by Rio de Janeiro, in Montevideo

The meeting of Executive Bureau of international network United Cities and Governments (UCLG) debated themes such as gender equality, human rights, democratization of access to food, production and sustainable consumption and the role of local governments in managing crisis. It has also been presented the 2019 edition of UCLG Peace Prize and the strategy for local funding.

Rio de Janeiro greeted UCLG for its initiative of making a consolidated report on local implementation of SDG and has shown the interest of the city in delivering a Voluntary Local Review at the meeting of High Level Political Forum da ONU. Also mentioned the indicators of sustainability already measured by the

progress of the initiatives of cooperation under way.

On days 25th and 26th of July, the ministers of Foreign Relations of the nations which compose the block, visited the city in order to ratify the established agreements. In November, in Brasília, the block's summit will be held, with the participation of presidents of BRICS, closing the circle of the temporary presidency of Brazil in the block.

Rio: World Capital of Architecture

Rio de Janeiro was chosen to host the 27^o World Congress of Architecture (UIA 2020 RIO) in July of 2020. The World Congress will be held in downtown Rio, where are located the icons of our urban architecture. "All worlds, just in a single world. Architecture 21" is the theme which organizes the programming 2020, in line with the targets of ONU and UNESCO.

Rio de Janeiro will be recognized as the first World Capital of Architecture. This designation is not just a recognition for its architectural, cultural and historical heritage but also and especially, an opportunity for reflexion and future proposition of the architectural culture, landscaping and urbanism, and consequently, the cities, based on the evaluation and debates which will occur at host city of the 27^o World Congress of Architects UIA 2020 RIO.

Architects from all continents, urban thinkers, researchers, university students, builders, society and youth movements, companies of technology and systems, academic and multilateral institutions, political and national representations, under the unique setting of Rio, are invited to compare experiences related to social space building. Architecture and Urbanism as catalysing, will be debated and we will make proposals for the future of our cities.

The schedule of capitals is being developed, including the participation of more than one hundred speakers, as well as workshops, round tables, material and systems fairs. International graduation competition, international awards for architecture projects, urbanism and landscaping. Besides the Congress, the City will also host debates, exhibitions and other cultural activities aligned with the thematic axis of the main event.

Throughout the year, the city will host debates, lectures, exhibitions and other activities with the purpose of enhancing architecture and the city's architecture and culture, according to the United Nations sustainable development goals.

World Forum of Cities will also took place on days 17th and 18th July of 2020, assembling as guests, the mayors of the host-city of world congresses and political, architectural, business and social leaderships, reflecting on the future of our cities.

Rio de Janeiro is called the Marvellous City due to its rich architectural insertion in such a splendid geography, which was the perfect condition to develop a people so amicable, so warming and gifted with a great talent who welcomes its guests and make them friends. The relation among beaches, forests and the environment is unforgettable.

However, Rio is also a place to face important challenges to the architecture of XXI Century. A city with so relevant contrasts has in its informal settlements, one of the most representative urban elements of the difficulties of the cities with exponential growth, characteristic of an emerging world. It is a challenge for the Congress to reflect upon.

The programming of RIO2020 World Capital of Architecture UNESCO UIA has as co-responsible the Municipality and the Institute of Architects of Brazil, and will be largely connected with the programming of the 27^o World Congress of Architects UIA 2020 RIO.



Latin-American cities sign a pact on behalf of food security in Rio

city and the efforts of the Brazilian Government to support the local implementation of SDG.

UCLG also emphasized the tools and training events offered by the network and the World Congress of UCLG this year, which will be centered in topics of gender, local implementation of Sendai Framework and local democracy.

Rio signs agreement or urban cooperation with Beirut

The Municipality of Rio de Janeiro, in partnership with the General Consulate of Lebanon, promotes an event at Palácio da Cidade in April this year in order to sign Rio Beirut agreement. Its purpose is the urban cooperation between the two cities, in the areas of urban planning, sustainable development, historic and cultural heritage and mobility.

Rio City Hall launches Refugee Assistance Protocol

The City of Rio de Janeiro has launched the Refugee Care Protocol, which will be implemented in the agency, under the Unified Social Assistance System (SUAS).

"Unfortunately we conclude that the refugees arriving are people who had no choice but to leave in their countries of origin. But the planet is one, the population is one. We need to advance the discussion on public policy aimed at migrants and take actions to welcome and integrate these people," said the Secretary of SMASDH, João Mendes de Jesus, during the ceremony of launching the Protocol at Memorial Getúlio Vargas.

On May last, it took place the First Regional Forum of Latin American Cities signatories of the Pact of Milan on Politics of Urban Food in the City of Rio de Janeiro.

Experiences and regional food systems were debated, based in the principle of social justice and sustainability. The Pact of Milan acknowledges the effort of cities in order to contribute with the topic of food and nutrition security, integrating the balance between urban production on behalf of more sustainable systems, which attend the needs of both consumers and producers. Altogether 16 cities have already signed "The Rio Declaration", which was accepted by international entities such as: FAO, ICLEI, ONU- Habitat and C40, consisting of a joint action aiming to promote actions of food security in the continent.

The Mayor of Rio, Marcelo Crivella, declared that the Municipality has been working to offer safe food and based on diversity, which provide economically and healthy food, in a perspective based on human rights, thus reducing wastes and conserving biodiversity, allowing adjustment and convenience of comfort of effects of climate changes.



And, furthermore, according to Mayor Crivella, Municipal schools serve around 1,5 million meals each day. "Recently, in areas of low rate of human development, schools have also opened on Saturdays, so that children may have perform pedagogical activities and also have lunch. He said that the programs of the Municipality are aligned with United Nations Agenda 2030 which is based on sustainable agriculture, health and well-being, reduction of inequalities, sustainable cities. The New Urban Agenda of ONU also constitutes an important framework for the Municipality to achieve new goals of public policies of food safety.

Rio is also embodied in the Milan Pact through Popular Restaurants Program, which since the municipalization of the current administration, offered 2,7 million meals with a healthy meal plan with symbolic prices in the Units of Bangu, Campo Grande and Bonsucesso, an experience debated during the forum, as well as other projects developed by the Municipality, such as Carioca Vegetable gardens, created in 38 schools, the circuit of organic fairs, which generates work and revenue through the consumption of healthy and sustainable products, assembling points of sale and certified consumption products and the Breastfeeding Program.

The Pact of Milan on strategies of Urban Food, signed in 2015, was supported by 184 cities in the whole world and this was the first time a Latin American city was chosen to host this event.

Rio hosts the largest meeting of chambers of commerce in the world



The Protocol contains a number of definitions on the profile of immigrants and refugees and how to meet this contingent according to their needs. For example, registration with CadÚnico, enrollment in social programs, among other services is offered.

The guidelines of the Protocol will be passed to the servers through the "MigraRio Practical Guide", which is being distributed to all the Secretariats' equipment since its launch, and has been produced through the experiences of professionals who have served this public in the day by day.

The MigraRio also proposes to broaden the debate with civil society, with the institutions that already work with the theme, as well as dialogue with society from the perspective of social participation and control, enhancing the development of public actions policies in the fight against xenophobia and guarantee of rights to the immigrant and refugee population.

The Practical Guide is in line with the Municipal Human Rights Plan, designed to raise awareness among Rio de Janeiro citizens, whose theme this year is the Equality Principle, which will discuss economic, social and cultural rights that identify positive, freedoms, real or concrete. The protocol launched in the city is the first in the Country.

"My happiness becomes greater, not only for participating in this launch, but for being responsible for leaving in Rio de Janeiro's memory this important legacy, this protocol that will help reduce the city's unpreparedness to welcome this population"- says the Social Welfare and Human Rights Secretary, João Mendes.

Also present at the launch of the Protocol were the

On the second half of June, Rio de Janeiro hosted the 11^o World Chambers Congress of Chambers of Commerce in the world assembling more than 1000 business leaderships and authorities from several countries in the greatest global forum of the sector, being held for the first time in South America.

The event was carried out by International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and the Confederation of Commercial and Business Associations of Brazil (CACB), with the institutional support of the Municipality of Rio de Janeiro. Several businessmen and representatives of Chambers of Commerce from 87 countries attended the event.

Mayor Marcelo Crivella mentioned in his opening speech that the World Chambers Congress represents the opportunity of promoting a common space for dialogue between the Chambers and its members and businessmen, besides offering insights about the most current topics on several themes such as: foreign and digital trade, innovation, transparency, skills for a technological future, support for small and medium size enterprises, among others. Even the City Government capitalizes on such a rich exchange through a program prepared to debate issues smart cities, inclusive infrastructure, and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Furthermore, according to Mayor Crivella, the possibility of a generation of new businesses through the exhibition of Brazilian and foreign products during the event, open windows of opportunities that important to the development of international trade. Finally, the Competition of Chambers of Commerce allows that the various activities and projects carried out by these entities to be properly awarded and internationally recognized in the four available categories for this year.

The mission of the meeting is to inspire activity and develop a sense of shared values inside and among the business communities and the global network of cameras. For this purpose, one of the focal points promotes the role of the business world in response to UN Sustainable Development Goals the challenges of the private sector for the implementation of Agenda 2030.

Rio participates in Urban 20, in Japan

The city of Rio de Janeiro was represented last May in the city of Tokyo, during the "Urban 20" Conference, a group of cities that seeks to coordinate a joint position among the Mayors of the main urban centers of the G20 countries.

In order to structure common public police for the SDGs set by the UN's 2030 Agenda, the cities endorsed a statement to the leaders of the G20 nations. Soon after the meeting was over, this document was presented by the Governor of Tokyo, Mrs. Yuriko Koike, to the Prime Minister of Japan, Mr. Shinzo Abe, host of the 2019 G20 meeting.

Among its main claims, the U20 calls on G20 leaders to freeze the peak of greenhouse gas emissions by 2020, reduce substantially by 2030 and reach net zero by 2050.



Mayor Marcelo Crivella receives the Chinese Delegation from Shanghai

Secretary of Basic and Special Protection, Danielle Murtha, of the UN Refugee Agency of Assistant, Silvia Sander, the representative of the State Refugee Policy Committee, Rebeca Almeida, and Professor Ariane Paiva, from PUC-RJ.

Visits received in the International Relations Department

01/01/2019, visit of the Prime Minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu

-01/23/2019, Meeting with the Consul General of South Korea in Sao Paulo, Mr Hak You Kim

-01/28/2019, Visit of the Ambassador of Russia to Brazil, Mr Sergey Akopov, and the Russian Consul General in Rio de Janeiro, Mr Vladimir Tokmakov

-02/14/2019, Visit of the Deputy Ministry of Economic Development of Italy, Mr Davide Crippa, and the Consul General of Italy in Rio de Janeiro, Mr Paolo Miraglia Del Giudice

-03/11/2019, Visit of the Deputy Director of Trade and Industry of South Africa, Mr Siphosiso Zikode, and the Commercial Consul of South Africa in Sao Paulo, Ms Shanaaz Ebrahim

-03/14/2019, Visit of the Ambassador of Angola to Brazil, Mr. Nelson Manuel Cosme

-04/03/2019, Visit of the Sri Lanka Ambassador to Brazil, Mr. Musthafa Mohamed Jaffeer

-04/29/2019, Meeting with Minister on Foreign Relations of Lebanon, Mr. Hassan Abd al-Rahim Mourad

Mayor Marcelo Crivella received, in August second, at the City Palace, the delegation headed by the President of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, Mr. Dong Yunhu. During the City Palace meeting, which was motivated by Mayor Crivella's visit to Shanghai City in 2017, a new Cooperation Agreement was signed between the International Relations departments of both cities with a focus on tourism promotion.

-05/29/2019, Deputy Mayor of Montpellier, Ms Marie-Helene Santarelli

On the occasion, the Municipal Secretary of Tourism Paulo Jobim mentioned the importance of the BRICS because it is a natural partnership of the group, as Rio has good business opportunities with China. In addition to its intention to broaden the partnership with Chinese people to increase the flow of tourists to the wonderful city.

Also present, the Chief Advisor of the International Relations Coordination, Diego Blanc, underscored Rio de Janeiro's interest in standing out as Latin America's gateway to the new "Silk Road", including the Rio de Janeiro metropolis within the project of the Chinese President Xi Jinping "One Belt One Road".

The head of the Chinese delegation, Mr. Dong Yunhu, stressed that Brazil and China are developing countries at both extremes: west and east. With Brazil as a pioneer in establishing a strategic partnership with China, it has strengthened the position of both countries with similar views and that both countries are in the process of changing.

The City of Rio attended the XIII meeting of directors and coordinators of UCCI, in Madrid



The Meeting was held in the period of 6th until 8th February 2019 and 21 other cities were represented at the meeting. The purpose was to present the various activities carried out by the international network in 2018, approve UCCI Strategy 2030, report the improvements of the sectorial committees' work of the network and debate the programming for 2020.

The Committee of Culture presented its strategic lines of action: protection, promotion and maintenance, sustainable culture and further protection and promotion of cultural liberty, the milestone of a culture of peace, and mentioned the document of CGLU about the location of SDG on topics of culture and cultural indicators of UNESCO and the third edition of Award "Grapich Novel".

The Strategy UCCI 2030 was presented and debated under four priority areas: on the topic Economy, mitigate the informal economy and enhance the circular economy and on theme Territory, processes of naturalization of the city and urbanism/sustainable development. Concerning governance it was mentioned the effort to connect all the activities of the network, actions of global advocacy with other networks, including the CORDIAL initiative, the committee of municipal police which meeting will occur in August and the online course that will be held in November.

On Equality and Social Development the following topics were addressed: gender violence, equal working environment, World Forum on Urban Violence, besides general social policies and a GT was created about habitability in the streets. Finally, it was presented a financial balance of the networks and it was mentioned the importance and value of annual membership fees of the city members.

Also attending the meeting, presenting their plans and planned actions for the year, the Ibero-American General Secretariat (IAGS), the Organization of Ibero-American States (OIE), the UN-Habitat, the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the International Association of Public Transport (IAPT), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Spain, the Fundación Municipalista por la Solidariedad (MUSAL) and the INCIDEM Organization.

The Rio de Janeiro City Hall International Relations Department attended the Smart City Forum in Casablanca

The Rio de Janeiro City Council's International Relations Department was present at the Smartcity Casablanca Forum, in April 17th and 18th which this year's theme was "Artificial Intelligence at the service of citizens".

The city of Rio was invited to participate is to share initiatives to become a smart and resilient city, as well as observe the initiatives of other cities present.

Some of the issues raised in various panels were about governance and control over privacy when Artificial Intelligence is applied. The speakers reminded that not only the technical side must be taken into consideration, but also the social issue.

It is important to mention the smart water management project implemented in Casablanca. More than 1,000 sensors were installed in the city's water distribution network to detect any leakage or changes in the network. In addition, several lake-style reservoirs have been created that are responsible for storing rainwater for periods of drought. This concern is due to a long period of drought faced by the city's population.



Cup of Refugees

In March, it was held the launching of the Cup of Refugees 2019, in partnership with the Secretariat of Social Assistance and Human Rights (SMASDH). The event, which will be contested in August, at the regional stage, and in September, at the national stage, will have as its main theme the solidarity and integration among people with the following slogan: "Take a minute to listen to someone who was forced to leave his country". The competition was organized by SMASDH in partnership with ONG Africa do Coração (Africa from the Heart), created and managed by refugees who have migrated to Brazil.

"Once more we are organizing this event, so full of significance which we have such a pleasure to plan. We are a welcoming country and I am sure we will organize a beautiful Cup for us all."- declared the Secretary of SMASDH João Mendes de Jesus, representing Mayor Marcelo Crivella, at the opening of the event.

The launching of the Cup of Refugees 2019 was held at Palácio da Cidade and was attended by the Secretary of Culture, Mariana Ribas, the representative of United Nations agency for Refugees, Miguel Pachione, and the president of Sesc-Rio, Paulo Damasceno.

The Cup of Refugees, since 2014 on its first edition, has already counted with several staffs formed by refugees, refuge applicants and migrants, who wear the the shirt of their home country, having assembled more than 940 athletes from 27 countries, in three Brazilian cities where the games took place: São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro and Porto Alegre. It is the greatest event of the kind in the whole Latina America.



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