

# 2015, Year of Positioning of Mexico City International

Three years into the current Mexico City Government administration, our capital has achieved important and positioning as Mexico City International, based on a comprehensive international action strategy, aimed at boosting its world presence through the strengthening and diversification of its links with local and national governments, city networks and international organizations, as well as with the diplomatic corps accredited in our country.

● **Mexico City committed with the fight against climate change**

Mayor Miguel Angel Mancera, in order to consolidate Mexico City as a national and international reference of best practices in sustainability issues, prioritized in its international agenda the City's participation in various events on environmental protection, the fight against climate change, and strengthening the resilience of cities.



In March, the Mayor participated in the first C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group Latin American Mayors Forum, which took place in Buenos Aires, Argentina. During this event, Mr. Mancera shared our capital's best practices on sustainability; signed the "Compact of Mayors" which is the world's largest cooperative effort among mayors and city officials to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and also signed the City Clean Bus Declaration of Intent, a commitment by C40 cities to reducing emissions and improving air quality through the introduction of low- and zero-emission buses in their fleets.

In July, Mr. Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas Solórzano, Coordinator General of International Affairs, participated in the colloquium entitled "Modern Slavery and Climate Change: The Commitment of the Cities", held in Vatican City and convened by His Holiness Pope Francis, in representation of the Mexico City Government. As a result of his participation, Mr. Cárdenas signed the Joint Declaration against Modern Slavery, a cooperation instrument of local governments to promote climate and social action.

In October, Mexico City hosted the plenary session of the Sixth Roundtable of Mayors and Ministers of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), which was headed by Mr. Miguel Ángel Mancera, Mayor of Mexico City. The event, which brought together leaders from 16 countries and 24 cities, had as its central theme "The Metropolitan Century: Policies for Resilient and Inclusive Cities", and allowed for the exchange of experiences on local risk management and civil protection policies aimed at curbing the effects of natural disasters.

In November, Mexico City hosted the 2nd Annual Chief Resilience Officer Summit. As a result of this event, signed the 100 Resilient Cities Declaration of Commitment, which promotes programs aimed at mitigating climate change, through a budget allocation of 10%.

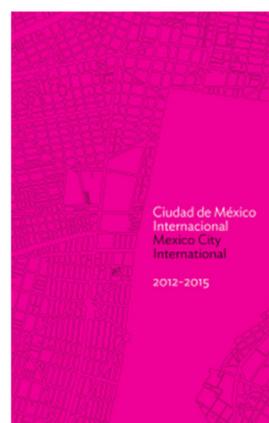
Finally, in December, Mexico City Mayor, Miguel Angel Mancera, participated in various events on climate change, organized by local governments and major world city networks within the framework of the Twenty First Conference of the Parties (COP 21), held in Paris, France. Particularly, the Cities for Climate Summit was a landmark gathering of local leaders, due to the fact that, traditionally, the fight against climate change had been undertaken solely by national gov-



ernments. However, due to the growing importance and relevance of local governments in the formulation of sustainable public policies, hundreds of mayors from around the world held parallel meetings to the COP21, in order to make their voices heard, as well as to make a call to action on the climate negotiations.

● **Mexico City International**

On July 14th of 2015, in the Auditorium Alfonso Garcia Robles of the Tlatelolco Cultural Center, the Mayor of Mexico City, Mr. Miguel Angel Mancera Espinosa, presented the book entitled "Mexico City International", a publication made by the International Affairs Office in collaboration with various entities of the Mexico City Government, which showcases the main accomplishments of our capital's International Action, achieved in the first two years of the current administration.



● **Friendly Cultures Fair 2015**

From Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of May, the Friendly Cultures Fair took place in an architectural intervention unprecedented in the public spaces of our capital, held in the country's most emblematic square: the Mexico City Zócalo. 94 Diplomatic Representations in total, from all five continents, comprised the Fair's cultural offer; which was attended by 3 million people. Also, the fair offered an artistic and cultural program that included more than 200 activities in the different recreational spaces, 76 of them in the Main Forum, which hosted artistic expressions from Mexico and organized by over 40 participating embassies.



● **AL-LAs Project**

During 2015, the Euro-Latin American Alliance of Cooperation among Cities (AL-LAs Project), under the leadership of the Mexico City Government, with the participation of eight Latin American cities and 2 European networks, had as main achievements:

- Dissemination of the AL-LAs messages on "The irreversible internationalization of local governments."
- Organization of the 7th International Forum and Learning Workshop "Global Impact of Cities" from March 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, in Montevideo, Uruguay.
- Publication of two copies of the 'Internationalization of Cities' Notebooks, and issue No. 104 of the Mexican Foreign Policy Magazine "Local Government: International Actors."
- "Dialogues for a Global Mexico City, involving more than 80 actors representative of Mexico City in 7 cities of Latin America."

● **2nd Fair of Services Fair, Los Angeles, California**

The Fair of Services is held every year, by the Mexico City Initiative, a project of the International Affairs Office. Through this Fair, people from Mexico City, living abroad, are provided with services from the Mexico City Government, such as the issuing of birth certificates, apostilles, legal advice, etc; for free. From the 10th to the 13th of Sep-

tember, the second Fair of Services was held in the City of Los Angeles, California, during which the attendance of Mexican nationals in the commemorative parades of national holidays in the United States was taken advantage of, in order to achieve greater impact and direct care results, which brought the total of people serviced by the fair to 705.

● **Distinguished Guests of Mexico City**

In 2015, Mexico City Mayor, Miguel Angel Mancera, named Distinguished Guests of Mexico City, and presented the Key to the City, to the President of Finland, Mr. Sauli Niinistö; Their Majesties the King and Queen of Spain, Don Felipe and Doña Letizia VI; and to the Prime Minister of Quebec, Mr. Philippe Couillard.



● **Specific Cooperation Agreements**

As part of Mexico City's internationalization strategy, specific cooperation agreements were signed with 6 cities of America, Europe, and Asia in strategic areas such as:



- Tripartite Cooperation Agreement on healthcare, mobility, education, and culture, with the cities of Buenos Aires and Sao Paulo.



- Memorandum of Understanding with the city of Shenzhen, which aims to enhance cooperation on issues such as culture and education, tourism, economic development, environment and healthcare.



- Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Dublin, on issues such as economic development and information technology. This instrument provides the basis for promoting job creation and economic opportunities in both cities.



- Joint Declaration with the province of Quebec, through which best practices and collaboration schemes will be exchanged on environmental, economic, and cultural issues.