

## **‘Agenda 21 for Culture’: United Cities and Local Governments**

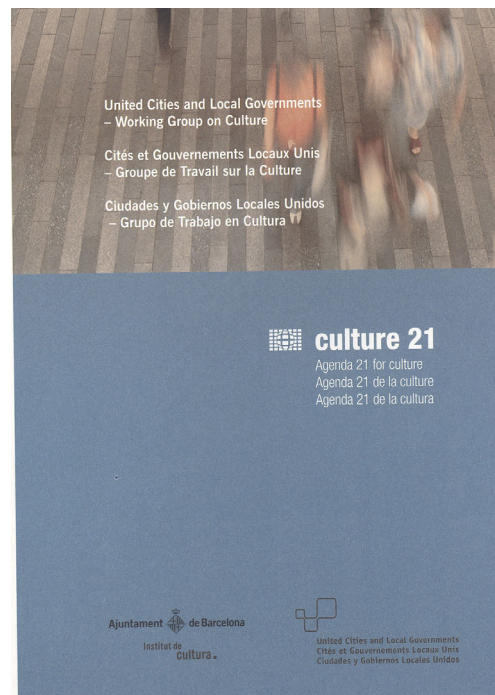
‘Agenda 21 for Culture’ is the first document with worldwide mission that advocates establishing the groundwork of an undertaking by cities and local governments for cultural development.

The ‘Agenda 21 for Culture’ was agreed by cities and local governments from all over the world to enshrine their commitment to human rights, cultural diversity, sustainability, participatory democracy and creating conditions for peace. It was approved by the 4th Forum of Local Authorities for Social Inclusion of Porto Alegre, held in Barcelona on 8 May 2004 as part of the first Universal Forum of Cultures.

United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) adopted the Agenda 21 for culture as a reference document for its programmes on culture and assumed the role of coordinator of the process subsequent to its approval. UCLG’s Working Group on Culture, constituted in Beijing on 9 June 2005, is the meeting point for cities, local governments and networks that place culture at the heart of their development processes.

A growing number of cities and local governments the world over have adhered to the Agenda 21 for culture in their local councils. The process has raised the interest of international organisations, national governments and civil society.

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