



Draft programme outline (version 13.3.2107)

XIV UBC General Conference
Växjö, Sweden, 24th October to 27th October 2017

**“LEADERSHIP FOR THE FUTURE –
 CITIES AS LEADERS FOR GLOCAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT”**

Tuesday 24 October

	Arrival of (most) participants
13:00–15:00	Meetings of UBC Commissions and Task Forces (Each Commission/Task Force will organize and convene these internal meetings and their programme)
15:00–15:30	Coffee and mingle
15:30–18:00	Interactive parallel thematic meetings proposed/organized by UBC Commissions, Member Cities or other participating organisations. This time (2,5 h) can be fully used for one theme/meeting, or divided between two different themes/meetings (first 15:30–16:30, the second after break (17:00–18.00). Meetings/themes to be decided by the Presidium of UBC based on proposals by interested stakeholders.
17:00	Meeting of the UBC Executive Board
19:00	Welcome reception PM & Vänner, hosted by the City of Växjö.

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Wednesday 25 October

- 08:30–09:30 **Registration** and parallel briefing for youth project
- 09:30–12:30 **Interactive parallel thematic meetings** proposed/organized by UBC Commissions, Member Cities or other participating organisations. This time (3 h) can be fully used for one theme/meeting, or divided between two different themes/meetings (first 09:30–10:50, the second after break (11:10–12:30)
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- 12:00–13:30 **Mayor´s lunch**, chaired by the host City Växjö, with a keynote on importance of participation of Mayors and political representatives in regional Baltic Sea cooperation and UBC activities.
Personal invitations will be issued to participating Mayors, deputy Mayors and political representatives as well as other guests.
- 12:30–13:30 **Lunch for participants**
- 13:30–15:00 **UBC 25th Anniversary session (plenary session)**

A festive session devoted to the achievements of UBC in the service of its cities and the region, as well as to the central role of cities in promoting European values and cooperation.
Adoption of a pledge/appeal
- 15:00–15:30 **Coffee and mingle**
- 15:30–17:30 **Leadership for the future – cities as leaders for glocal sustainable development (plenary session)**

Key note speeches on leadership by cities in various fields of life by invited experts and mayors/city representatives. Interaction with the participants.
- 18:15 Departure by buses to “**Kosta for Hyttsill**” (hosted by UBC)

Thursday 26 October

- 08:15 **Drafting committee/Executive Board meeting** (if needed)
- 09:00–10:00 **Listening to the voices of tomorrow (plenary)**

Dialogue with the youth participants, based on their proposals and views. Especially participation of Mayors/political representatives of special importance.

- 10:00–10:30 **Coffee and mingle**
- 11:00–13:00 **Statutory General Conference of the UBC** (open to all but interventions/voting only by authorized Member City participants)
- 13:00–14:00 **Lunch**
- First constituent **meeting of the new UBC Executive Board** for the period of 2017–2019.
- 14:00–16:00 **Interactive parallel thematic meetings** proposed/organized by UBC Commissions, Member Cities or other participating organisations.
- 16:00–17:15 **Concluding plenary session**, including short reports from the thematic meetings.
Concluding words by the UBC President
- 19:00–23:30 Dinner Party (Elite Stadshotellet) and Youth party (BGs) hosted by UBC, entertainment by Växjö

Friday 27 October

- 09:00–12:00 **Study visits arranged by the City of Växjö**
- Departure of participants**