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To Mayors of UNESCO GNLC Member Cities

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Invitation to participate in the
fourth International Conference on Learning Cities (ICLC)
'Inclusion – A principle for lifelong learning and sustainable cities'
Medellín, Colombia, from 1 to 3 October 2019

Dear Mayor,

It is my pleasure to invite you to attend the fourth International Conference on Learning Cities (ICLC), which will take place from 1 to 3 October 2019, in Medellín, Colombia. You may extend this invitation to up to three participants to form, with you, the delegation from your city.

This event, which is being co-organized by the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL) and the city of Medellín, will gather approximately 650 participants, including mayors of member cities of the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities (GNLC), city education executives, officials from ministries of education, and representatives of UN agencies, regional organizations, non-governmental organizations and private-sector representatives. Additionally, experts from the fields of lifelong learning and urban and sustainable development will present on ground-breaking research and the latest trends that will empower leadership and citizenship at local levels.

Participants will have the opportunity to meet city representatives, including members of the UNESCO GNLC, to collaborate and to forge new partnerships that will enhance learning experiences for all people. The theme of this year's conference – 'Inclusion – A principle of lifelong learning and sustainable cities' – will guide participants to a greater appreciation of the power equitable and accessible education has to uplift and advance communities. This event will afford participants the opportunity to develop a common understanding of inclusion within a lifelong learning perspective, to identify public policies and planning approaches that strengthen inclusion, to share experiences on the implementation of local actions that impact vulnerable groups, and to document monitoring mechanisms that assess progress of inclusionary strategies.

The host city will provide afternoon lunch for participants for the three days of the conference; however, please note that participants will need to bear their own travel and accommodation expenses.

Kindly note that if an entry visa is required for your city's delegation to arrive in Colombia, it will be the participants' responsibility to make requests at your country's embassy or consulate. For further information, please refer to the following website: <http://www.colombia.travel/en/practical-information/visa>.

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For more details on the conference, please find an information package enclosed.

On the behalf of the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning, I hope to welcome you and members of your city to this important event. To confirm your attendance, please register before 16 August 2019 at <https://www.learningcities2019.org/>.

Yours sincerely,

David Atchoarena
Director

Enc.: Information package

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