

PRESS RELEASE

Córdoba, March 2021.

The V World Forum of Local Economic Development arrives in Córdoba.

The event will take place from May 26 to June 1, 2021. Due to the current health situation, this will be the first fully virtual Forum. With 5 days of live broadcasting from Córdoba, Argentina, it will feature more than 200 speakers from America, Europe, Asia and Africa.

The **World Forum of Local Economic Development** is a space that aims to promote dialogue on **Local Economic Development (LED)**, establishing global alliances among several actors from different fields.

The objective is to encourage cooperation at the national and local level and stimulate policies for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the local level.

After a year marked by the pandemic, the Global Forum returns online and will bring together officials from national, regional and local governments, civil society organizations, business organizations, universities, professionals and other interested parties from around the world, broadcasting live more than 40 sessions over 5 days, with speakers from all over the world.

Under the slogan “Transitioning to a sustainable future: the role of territories in times of uncertainty”, the event has three thematic lines:

- The territory as a basis for innovation and economic, social and environmental reactivation;
- Territorial economic models to tackle inequality in the current pandemic crisis; and
- The future of work and the work of the future from a territorial perspective in the context of the crisis generated by covid-19.

The pandemic is exacerbating pre-existing inequalities, showing the issues of an unbalanced development model with respect to economic, social and environmental terms, also revealing new forms of vulnerability.

Responding to the crisis requires innovative and transformative solutions, thus allowing a transition towards more resilient, inclusive, socially and environmentally sustainable societies.

Unlike conventional economic development, LED strategies reflect the need to generate responses more adapted to the global context, with a purpose oriented towards local, human, inclusive and sustainable development.

With a wide corpus of practical experiences and tools applied in several countries, LED is fundamental to making global goals a reality, addressing poverty, generating employment and decent work, and supporting sustainable entrepreneurship.

The exchange of knowledge and experiences helps to design suitable responses to crises and their consequences. In this way, the V World Forum of LED will provide the opportunity to discover the potential to support the transition towards a sustainable future and analyze the role of territories in these uncertain times.

The V Forum is organized, as in previous editions, by an International Committee composed of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the International Labor Organization (ILO), the United Regions Organization (ORU FOGAR), the Global Network of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), the Andalusian Fund of Municipalities for International Solidarity (FAMSI), the Brazilian Service of Support for Micro and Small Enterprises (SEBRAE), the Municipality and the Metropolitan City of Turin, and the Government of Cape Verde; and on the other hand a National Committee joins in the organization of this fifth edition, which composed of the Agency for the Economic Development of Córdoba City (ADEC), the Municipality of Córdoba, the Government of the Province of Córdoba and the National Government.

Participation is free.

Registration: <https://5editioncordoba.ledworldforum.org/inscripcion-evento/>

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About ADEC:

The Agency for the Economic Development of Córdoba City (ADEC) is a non-profit institution that promotes the economic and social development of the city of Córdoba and its metropolitan region. ADEC articulates private action with that of the public sector and promotes reflection on policies for the development of the City of Córdoba and its metropolitan area. At the same time, it enhances business initiative, its capacity for innovation and management and proposes strategies and State policies.

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