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Online registration will open on: 15th April 2025



# Invitation

Friday 4 July 2025, Salons de l'Hôtel des Arts & Métiers, Paris

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### 16<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Paris Meeting of local authorities in international action: «Constructing the local authorities' international action of tomorrow»

Today's global challenges call for greater cooperation, in which **local and regional authorities play a key role**. Faced with economic, environmental and geopolitical crises, they are in the front line in providing concrete and appropriate solutions, thanks to their proximity to citizens and their capacity to innovate. Decentralised cooperation embodies a model of solidarity, exchange and respect of each territory's the specific characteristics.

**Decentralised cooperation is a genuine form of local diplomacy**, based on the commitment of local elected representatives. By forging direct relations with their international partners, local representatives play an active part in a global dialogue that goes beyond usual governmental action.

This year, the 'Rencontres de l'AICT' are celebrating their 16<sup>th</sup> edition and illustrate the impact of this cooperation by bringing together active participants and partners. The Paris Meeting **aims to showcase the dynamism and vitality of local diplomacy,** capable of strengthening international links by amplifying the voices of our territories and integrating them into an international network of local authorities.

As **Cités Unies France celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2025**, we have a responsibility to defend and promote this model, which is essential for the construction of the future, so as to make it more inclusive and interconnected. It is therefore crucial **to continue to place local territories at the heart of international cooperation**, while respecting the values that unite us.

I am delighted to see you on 4 July 2025 at the Salons de l'Hôtel des Arts & Métiers in Paris, to discuss and build the 'AICT' of tomorrow. This will be a unique opportunity to support our mutual engagement through various exchanges between French local authorities and their international partners from over 25 countries, while focusing on the major issues that bring us together.



Michaël Delafosse President of Cités Unies France

Mayor of Montpellier President of Montpellier Méditerranée Métropole







## 🖻 pre-program

Vendredi 4 juillet :

8:00AM-9:00AM: Welcoming of the participants
9:00AM-9:30AM: Opening ceremony
9:30AM-11:00AM: Workshops / B2B meetings
11:00AM-11:30AM: Coffee break
11:30AM-1:00PM: Plenary session
1:00PM-2:00PM: Lunch break
2:00PM-3:00PM: «Cafés des Rencontres»
3:00PM-4:30PM: Workshops / B2B meetings
4:30PM -5:30PM: Ceremony honouring one Country

5:30PM-6:00PM: Farewell drink





- Thematic plenary session
- Regional workshops
- Thematic workshops

• « Cafés des Rencontres » : rendezvous with local actors in international action

• Partners' dedicated area: networking - side events - B2B meetings



Ceremony honouring one Country Acknowledgments to local authorities for organizing the «RELAIS DE LA COOP DEC"»





