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UNESCO CELEBRATES WORLD CITIES DAY DESIGNATING 66 NEW CREATIVE CITIES

A TOTAL OF 246 MEMBERS

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USPA NEWS - On the occasion of World Cities' Day, celebrated on 31 October, UNESCO is designating 66 urban settlements that are to join the Organization's Network of Creative Cities, which now number a total of 246 members. The Network brings together cities that base their development on creativity, whether in music, arts and folk crafts, design, cinema, literature, digital arts or gastronomy. UNESCO creative cities commit to placing culture at the centre of their development strategies and to share their best practices. "All over the world, these cities, each in its way, make culture the pillar, not an accessory, of their strategy," says UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay. "This favours political and social innovation and is particularly important for the young generations."

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In the framework of a partnership between UNESCO and Netexplo Observatory, the celebration will also recognize ten cities which use state of the art technological innovation at the service of citizens to transform cities around the world sustainably. Relying on a global network of 20 universities, ten cities will be honoured for their innovative use of digital technology in their socio-economic and environmental development.

The new members of UNESCO's Creative Cities Network are:

Afyonkarahisar (Turkey) "" Gastronomy
Ambon (Indonesia) "" Music
Angoulême (France) "" Literature
Areguá (Paraguay) "" Crafts and Folk Art
Arequipa (Peru) "" Gastronomy
Asahikawa (Japan) "" Design
Ayacucho (Peru) "" Crafts and Folk Art
Baku (Azerbaijan) "" Design
Ballarat (Australia) "" Crafts and Folk Art
Bandar Abbas (Iran [Islamic Republic of]) "" Crafts and Folk Art
Bangkok (Thailand) "" Design
Beirut (Lebanon) "" Literature
Belo Horizonte (Brazil) "" Gastronomy
Bendigo (Australia) "" Gastronomy
Bergamo (Italy) "" Gastronomy
Biella (Italy) "" Crafts and Folk Art
Caldas da Rainha (Portugal) "" Crafts and Folk Art
Cebu City (Philippines) "" Design
Essaouira (Morocco) "" Music
Exeter (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) "" Literature
Fortaleza (Brazil) "" Design

Hanoi (Vietnam) "" Design
 Havana (Cuba) "" Music
 Hyderabad (India) "" Gastronomy
 Jinju (Republic of Korea) "" Crafts and Folk Art
 Kargopol (Russian Federation) "" Crafts and Folk Art
 Karlsruhe (Germany) "" Media Arts
 Kazan (Russian Federation) "" Music
 K           (Turkey) "" Music
 Kuhmo (Finland) "" Literature
 Lahore (Pakistan) "" Literature
 Leeuwarden (Netherlands) "" Literature
 Leiria (Portugal) "" Music
 Liria (Spain) "" Music
 M  rida (Mexico) "" Gastronomy
 Metz (France) "" Music
 Muharraq (Bahrain) "" Design
 Mumbai (India) "" Film
 Nanjing (China) "" Literature
 Odessa (Ukraine) "" Literature
 Overstrand Hermanus (South Africa) "" Gastronomy
 Port of Spain (Trinidad and Tobago) "" Music
 Portoviejo (Ecuador) "" Gastronomy
 Potsdam (Germany) "" Film
 Quer  taro (Mexico) "" Design
 Ramallah (Palestine) "" Music
 San Jos   (Costa Rica) "" Design
 Sanandaj (Iran [Islamic Republic of]) "" Music
 Santiago de Cali (Colombia) "" Media Arts
 Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic) "" Music
 Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina) "" Film
 Sharjah (United Arab Emirates) "" Crafts and Folk Art
 Slemani (Iraq) "" Literature
 Sukhothai (Thailand) "" Crafts and Folk Art
 Trinidad (Cuba) "" Crafts and Folk Art
 Valladolid (Spain) "" Film
 Valledupar (Colombia) "" Music
 Valpara  so (Chile) "" Music
 Veszpr  m (Hungary) "" Music
 Viborg (Denmark) "" Media Arts
 Viljandi (Estonia) "" Crafts and Folk Art
 Vranje (Serbia) "" Music
 Wellington (New Zealand) "" Film
 Wonju (Republic of Korea) "" Literature
 Wroc    w (Poland) "" Literature
 Yangzhou (China) "" Gastronomy
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