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2.7 Local and Regional Government (LRG) / Municipal Sector

Purpose of brief: To report on main developments and actions in the sector since SC24 and to inform affiliates about forthcoming PSI LRG developments, priorities and actions

Relates to: [PSI Global LRG/Municipal Workers' Network Charter](#); PSI [10 points for fair cities and an inclusive New Urban Agenda](#); PSI Programme of Action (PoA) 2017-2022; [Action Plan for PSI's Global LRG Network 2022-2027](#) and its [Summary](#).

Background: PSI works towards building a cohesive global identity, visibility, and strength for the LRG/Municipal sector. It aims to: address challenges identified and shared by affiliates worldwide; influence relevant global policy and build dialogue with employers; and develop specific research and advocacy. PSI supports regional and global union networks and advances dialogue with international agencies and allies. PSI convenes an online bi-annual PSI Global LRG/Municipal Network – the cross-regional policy forum – to share challenges, advance common priorities, build capacity, and enable joint actions.

Discussion:

1. Global LRG/Municipal sector building and policy development

The [LRG Global Network \(#1\) 2022](#) was on 05-06/04/2022 in two identical virtual sessions on different time zones to enable maximum participation. The Network adopted its [Action Plan 2022-2027](#), which also contributes to the next [PSI Programme of Action 2023-2028](#).

On 12/05/2022 PSI held a [Local Public Service Funding Working Group \(#1\)](#) that looked at three levers of LRG public funding: municipal and regional public banks; social value public procurement; and community wealth building. On 14/06/2022 PSI held a [Remunicipalisation/Insourcing: Trade Union Strategies Working Group \(#1\)](#) with union strategies to win jobs and conditions at the workplace.

On 23-25/08/2022 was a [meeting of the Municipal Workers' Confederation of Latin America \(CONTRAM-PSI\) in São Paulo \(Brazil\)](#), where global LRG priorities were adapted to regional needs.

2. Influencing global Policy

PSI led a Global Union delegation with ITF and BWI at UN Habitat World Urban Forum (WUF11), 26–30/6/2022 in Katowice, Poland with a [Trade Union and Workers Roundtable](#). They established dialogue with UN Habitat officials and with C40, OECD, Cities Alliance, the Commonwealth Local Government Forum and World Urban Campaigns.

PSI joined the ITUC Advisory Group to [UNEP's intergovernmental negotiating committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution](#), joining IndustriAll (plastic production), IUF (plastic use) and WIEGO (informal waste workers). PSI contributed to the [ITUC Statement](#) and will

send a representative to the [First Session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee \(INC1\)](#) on 28/11-2/12/2022 in Punta del Este (Uruguay).

3. Social dialogue in the LRG sector

PSI Africa sent a delegation to the [Africities 9 Summit](#) between 17-21/5/2022, convened every three years by UCLG Africa, with whom PSI signed a [Memorandum of Understanding for dialogue and cooperation](#) in 2021. PSI led a panel "*Decent Work and Equitable Access to Quality Local and Regional Public Services in African Cities: The Transformative Power of Constructive Social Dialogue*", the only labour-related discussion at the Summit. PSI Africa representatives [took part in Africities 8 in Marrakesh in 2018](#), but did not have a dedicated space then.

For the first time [PSI was invited to address the World Assembly of Local and Regional Governments \(Global LRG Taskforce\)](#) on 26/6/2022, prior to WUF11. PSI is actively contributing to the UCLG policy process on "Caring Systems" that will contribute to their 5-year political programme. PSI was at UCLG World Congress in Daejeon, South Korea between 10-14/10/2022. On 24/8/2022 a UCLG representative made a presentation at the [Municipal Workers' Confederation of Latin America \(CONTRAM-PSI\)](#). CONTRAM-PSI resolved to approach [UCLG Latin American Chapter \(FLACMA\)](#) and [Iberoamerican Capital City Union \(UCCI\)](#) to open regional LRG social dialogues.

3. Remunicipalisation

The [World Cities Report 2022](#) launched at WUF11 recommends remunicipalisation as a viable policy, and refers to the role of unions in promoting remunicipalisation. This is the result of several years of PSI advocacy. On 3-4/11/2022 PSI convened a Strategic Discussion with the University of Glasgow, affiliates and guests on how to enhance, promote and step-up work on Public Futures, the only existing global de-privatisation database.

On 31/8/2022 PSI held a [global live consultation on the draft in-sourcing framework of the Government of the Australian Capital Territory – ACT \(Canberra\)](#). The framework guides ACT public authorities to de-privatise/remunicipalise/insource public services. CPSU requested support, PSI HO and A-P Region coordinated the meeting of 25 participants including affiliates from the UK, New Zealand, Ireland, the Netherlands and South Korea and a government delegation led by ACT Minister for Industrial Relations and Workplace Safety. This came from the [2017 People's Inquiry into Privatisation](#) that PSI and Australian affiliates held to expose the damage of decades of privatisation.

5. Projects

PSI and EPSU secured funding from the European Commission for trade union training on insourcing/remunicipalisation. An online training course will be based on PSI's guide [Taking our public services back in house](#), translated into several EU languages. PSI affiliates interested to contribute to the project steering group should contact PSI LRG Officer daria.cibrario@world-psi.org, cc Richard Pond rpond@epsu.org. Various LRG projects are ongoing in Latin America, Zimbabwe, Nepal and Tanzania under UD supervision.

5. LRG Communications

PSI resources from last year's work in the [LRG Network Series 2021 \(LRGNext2021\)](#) includes a Gallery of workers' portraits in LRG professions and a video gallery that includes LRGNext2021 speaker interventions and campaign videos from LRG affiliates. Please use and disseminate for policy guidance, pedagogical/project and advocacy purposes.

6. Research and publications

A scoping research to identify and build on good practices and opportunities on [Socially Responsible Public Procurement \(SRPP\) by local governments in the Global South](#) is supported by UNISON. UCLG/Metropolis/LSE Cities – published the [ES](#) and [FR](#) versions of the paper *Local Public Services in Crisis Mode: Adapting Governance Models to Exceptional Times* (2022) to which PSI and affiliates contributed directly.

Budget implications: as per the approved 2022 budget.

Next steps: For 2022, PSI has drawn-up a [work programme](#) aligned with the Action Plan 2022-27 that includes the following global events and activities. Regions and cross cutting activities to encompass the Sectoral Plan.

LRG WORKSHOPS & ACTIVITIES

- **28/09/2022– Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) in the LRG sector**, 1-4pm CET, online, to develop a PSI OSH guidance for LRG jobs, among the most dangerous of the public sector.
- **28/10/ 2022, LRG Global Network (#2)** - One online session **1-4 pm CET**
- **3-4/11/2022 The Future of Public Futures, PSI HO (hybrid)**. PSI Strategic Discussion with the University of Glasgow, affiliates, and guests.

LRG SECTOR-RELATED GLOBAL EVENTS

- **10-14/10/2022 – UCLG World Congress** – Daejeon (South Korea)
- **19-21 October 2022 - C40 World Mayors Summit** - Buenos Aires (Argentina)
- **29/11-02/12/2022 – Our Future is Public 2022 Conference** – Santiago (Chile) – the LRG sector will organise a session on waste service workers.
- **28/11-2/12/2022, UNEP Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC1)** to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, Punta del Este (Uruguay).

It is recommended that EB:

- 1. NOTE this report and ACT accordingly.***

Related documents:

- All 10 PSI LRGNext2021 Policy Briefs: <https://psishort.link/LRGBriefs>
- Action Plan for PSI's LRG Network 2022-2027 ([EN](#) | [FR](#) | [ES](#) | [DE](#) | [JP](#) | [SV](#) | [AR](#)) - 1 page summary available in [EN](#) | [FR](#) | [ES](#) | [DE](#) | [JP](#) | [SV](#) | [AR](#))
- PSI LRG Video Playlist: <https://psishort.link/LRGVideos>
- PSI LRG Workers' Portraits & Professions Gallery: <https://psishort.link/LRGPortraits>
- Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between PSI and UCLG Africa (2021) [EN](#) | [FR](#) | [AR](#)
- UCLG/Metropolis/LSE Cities - Local Public Services in Crisis Mode: Adapting Governance Models to Exceptional Times (2022) ([EN](#), [FR](#), [ES](#))
- Submission from the Workers and Trade Unions Major Group on 'the organisation of the forum for the exchange of information and activities related to plastic pollution ([EN](#)), 25/5/2022