

Esteban Echeverría, 18 March 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you in my capacity as Mayor of Esteban Echeverría (Argentina), President of Mercociudades, and Vice-President of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) for Latin America to invite you to participate in **two meetings aimed at strengthening the Forum of Peripheral Local Authorities (FALP)**.

Since taking office, we have been actively promoting the revitalization of FALP, consolidating it as a key space for peripheral cities committed to sustainable development, social inclusion, and reducing inequalities. In May 2023, we relaunched the forum in Nanterre, France, and since then, we have been expanding the network through joint initiatives, including virtual meetings and an in-person gathering during the 29th Mercociudades Summit in Esteban Echeverría. This process is being supported by the UCLG Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy, and Human Rights, with whom we are working to develop common strategies and position the forum as a global advocacy space.

In this context, **I invite you to join a virtual preparatory meeting on 10 April at 10 a.m. (GMT-3)**, where we will discuss the main areas of work for FALP and coordinate our participation in the upcoming in-person meeting. You can access the meeting using the following link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89397912783?pwd=wAoZxoSC8zxCnfbbaMPEBqfFukSZJ.1>

**Meeting ID: 893 9791 2783**

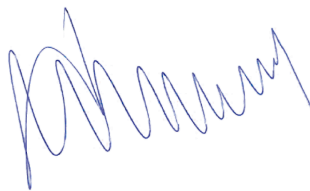
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Additionally, **I would like to extend an invitation to the hybrid FALP meeting on 2 May in Montevideo, which will take place as part of the 5th Forum of Cities and Territories of Peace and the International Tourism Fair 360**. This gathering will be an opportunity to continue strengthening our network and defining joint strategies to address the challenges faced by peripheral cities in a global context marked by growing inequalities, geopolitical transitions, and the urgency of advancing commitments such as the New Urban Agenda and COP 30. More details on the agenda and participation modalities will be shared soon.

These spaces for dialogue will be essential for exchanging experiences, developing innovative proposals, and establishing strategic positions that amplify the visibility of our cities' challenges and opportunities on the global stage.

We hope you will be able to participate in both meetings and remain available for any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



**Dr. Fernando Gray**  
Mayor of Esteban Echeverría  
President of Mercociudades  
Vice-President of UCLG for Latin America