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The Age of Metropolis

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In world history there were just three (3) metropolises that reached one million inhabitants. Now we have 500. It is the product of urban explosion experienced since World War II.

These 500 metropolises produce 75% of World GDP. They are the economic powerhouse of world economy. Their GDP per capita sometimes reaches 300% compared the country average. Many Metropolises are as economically powerful as countries. Among the 100 most productive territorial units in the world 45 are already metropolises, only 56 are countries.

Metropolis require governance. They are not cities; they are of a different species. They require a different type of governance. When the unitary municipal governance system is extrapolated to metropolises it doesn't work. Confederate systems do not allow for the integrative policies required. Federal mechanisms are rejected by central governments afraid of coupling political to the existing economic power.

The presentation and the discussing thereafter will address these aspects of management and governance of metropolises. A new dimension that requires a new approach to harness the new economic and governance of globalization.

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