

GLOBAL METRO SUMMIT TO DISCUSS THE NEXT URBAN ECONOMY

Chicago, 7-8 December 2010

LONDON, UK— As the world economy recovers from the worst crisis since the Great Depression, nearly half of global GDP is produced in 150 large metropolitan areas, and the rapid growth in emerging Asian and Latin American metros presents those in Europe and the United States with major competitive challenges and significant opportunities.

The London School of Economics and Political Science, in partnership with the Brookings Institution and Deutsche Bank's Alfred Herrhausen Society will host the *Global Metro Summit: Delivering the Next Economy*, a two-day programme exploring the drivers of urban economic transformation. The *Global Metro Summit* will feature new economic trends analysis and research, unveiling a powerful vision for the post-recession economy that is export-oriented, low carbon, innovation-fueled, opportunity rich and ultimately led by metropolitan areas. The summit will consist of a closed workshop on 7 December, and a public programme on 8 December.

Showcased research will include the *Global MetroMonitor*, a 150 city ranking measuring economic resilience, and detailed case studies on Barcelona, Munich, Seoul and Torino to understand how cities and metro regions have overcome previous crises and can better respond to the challenges posed by the current global economic recession.

The Mayor of Chicago, Richard M. Daley, and Los Angeles Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa will speak, as well as Deutsche Bank CEO Dr Josef Ackermann. Former Governor of Sao Paulo Jose Serra and UN Habitat Executive Director Joan Clos will join the debate along with Olympic Park Legacy Company Chief Executive Andrew Altman and sociologist Saskia Sassen. Xavier de Souza Briggs, Associate Director at the White House Office of Management and Budget, Henry Cisneros, the former Secretary of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development and city leaders from Barcelona, Munich and Torino are among other confirmed speakers.

The Global Metro Summit will be attended by over 500 international and US delegates for one of the most significant meetings on the future of the 21st century to be held in the USA.

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