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Linda Lees is director and founder of Creative Cities International (CCI) that brings together a formidable list of world class talent from around the world to problem-solve about the role of culture in the regeneration of cities. Since 2002, she has led CCI in partnering with architects, developers and urban experts on a series of international conferences and forums on the creativity of cities and the link to economic sustainability. In 2011, CCI published the Vitality Index™ Report and Ranking of 35 U.S. Cities (www.creativecities.org), the first phase of a global ranking. Her substantial experience in culture and the arts includes founding a theatre in Washington, DC, heading a humanities department at New York University, and leading the cultural affairs office of the British Council in New York City. She holds a PhD from the University of California at Berkeley.

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