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Alain Le Saux
Secretary General of Metropolis

Since the 25th of November 2011, Alain Le Saux is Secretary General of Metropolis. He is also Executive Director of the Global Fund for Cities Development (FMDV) since 2010. From 2007 to 2010, he was director of the FMDV’s project. Previously, from 1999 to 2006, he was Deputy General Director of administrative services of the Ile-de-France Regional Council (Paris) in charge of International and European Affairs. From 1988 to 1998 he was Scientific Director of METROPOLIS, world association of major metropolises.

Morocco

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Aziz Rabbah
Mayor of Kenitra

Born in 1962 in Sidi Kacem, Aziz Rabbah has a degree in Engineering from INSEA (1985) and a Master’s degree in software engineering, from the University of Laval, Québec (1992).

During his career, M. Rabbah has held several senior positions in the Ministries of Economics and General Affairs, Foreign Trade and Trade and Industry. He has participated in various committees at the national level as the Interministerial Commission of Electronic Commerce and is a founding member of the Centre for Research and expertise (CEREX). M. Rabbah also participated in various international meetings, including the Working Group on Electronic government of "good governance in the Arab world," launched by the OECD and UNDP initiative in 2005.

On the political front, Mr. Rabbah was elected Member of Parliament of Kenitra at the elections of 25th November of 2012, and is chairman of the city council of the city of Kenitra since 2009. In addition, Mr. Rabbah, was appointed by King Mohammed VI, Minister of Equipment and Transport in the current government.

Benedito Guimino
Mayor of Inhambane, Mozambique

Benedito Guimino, Professor of chemistry, formed at the University Eduardo Mondlane (UEM), He has lived in the capital of the province of Inhambane for 13 years. Teacher of the secondary school Emilia Daússe and led Muele high school. He worked for the Ministry of Health and the private sector in the area of food control.

In 2012 was elected municipal President of Inhambane. His leadership philosophy is summed up: "I have no magic solutions. The municipality belongs not only to President nor the Councillors or directors of services, or technicians and officials of different levels, but to all residents. Thus, the success of our development programs will depend on the level of participation of each one. There will be, as always, space for everyone"

Firdaous Oussidhoum
Expert in Urban Strategy and Development, CIMES-UNESCO

After studies that begin in Grenoble (France) and finish in Barcelona (Spain), Firdaous Oussidhoum
opened her Architecture and Urban Forms office in Tangier in 2001. In parallel, she obtained her ‘Mastère’ in Philosophy and continued studying a doctorate in Philosophy of Architecture in Lyon University. She is also a professor of ‘Philosophy of Architecture’, and she is called to give seminars in universities on urban development.

Passionate about the urban topic combined to the projection of a Mankind vision and its environment: Architecture for her is a transmission tool, an occasion of dialogue and communication to give a sense to the environmental space and inspire Man in his daily living.

Today, and after her experience in advising deciders, stakeholders -local, private and civil society- in Morocco and more generally in Africa, she is a lecturer at an international level, to share her reflexions and practice as associated to the firm “feell”, with the priority to take back Man to the centre of the built environment question, by the creation of inspiring concepts empowering Man as a key element of the resilience process.

Jacquie Subban

Head of Geographic Information and Policy, eThekwini Municipality

Jacquie Subban is currently the Head of the Geographic Information and Policy at the eThekwini Municipality in Durban, South Africa. Her portfolio includes Information Communication Technology (ICT), Geographic Information Systems, and City Strategy, Research and Policy. She has 17 years experience in the field of urban development, housing, city strategy, long term planning, urban sustainability and community participation. In the last 11 years she has gained experience in ICT and development issues relating to IT. This experience comes from working in the non government sector and various positions in local government. She has served on numerous development and ICT boards including the Board of University of KwaZulu Natal’s Innovation Centre. She holds a Masters in Town and Regional Planning from University of KwaZulu-Natal as well as Diploma in Economics from the School of Oriental and African Studies in London.

Among the responsibilities for IT she has drafted, delivered and implemented the Municipality’s ICT Strategy; conceptualised, built the business case, budgeted for and project managed the implementation of the Municipality’s digital city strategy; and conceptualised and ran the Smart Cities Conference and Exhibition for 2 years. Over the past 11 years she has delivered presentations to a host of local and international conferences on local government and the development of smart cities.

Luciano Rezende

Mayor of Vitoria
Luciano Rezende is graduated in Medicine at the Federal University of Espírito Santo (UFES), he is also graduated in Sports Medicine (at a Post Graduated Level) at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul. Mr. Rezende has a vast experience working abroad. For instance, he worked at the Olympics in Barcelona, Spain, as the volunteer doctor team member of the Anti-Doping Committee. Mr. Rezende was elected Vitoria City Council and he has acted actively in favor of the community from 1995 to 2008. During this period, he was also chosen to be the Secretary of Health and Education of Vitoria thanks to his political approach towards the local people. In 2009, he was invited to be Secretary of State of Espirito Santo for Sports, a position at which he acted until 2010. He was elected state representative in 2010. Already in 2012, Mr. Rezende was elected mayor of Vitoria, where he is having the opportunity to implement the first steps of the Shared Government Program. At the beginning of this year, he was also elected the 2º Vice-President for International Relations of the National Front of Mayors (FNP).

Mohamed Sefiani

Mayor of the City of Chefchaouen

Mayor of the City of Chefchaouen since July 2009 (no political affiliation)

Obtained a Master in Engineering (Electro-mechanics) at the National School of Mineral Industry (ENIM, Rabat, 1990).

Mohamed Sefiani started his career as an engineer consultant in Rabat (1990-1991) and later joined the RDE in Tetouan. There, he was working as a Drinkable Water and Electricity Works Manager in the Inter-City Government Control of Water and Electricity Provider at the Wilaya of Tetouan (1990-2001). Later, Mr Sefiani became a Missions Director (2002-2010).

At present, Mohamed Sefiani holds the following positions:

President of the Fortified Cities Network of the Region Tangier-Tetouan

Vice-President of the Mediterranean Network for Biodiversity (MediverCities)

General Secretary of Moroccan Eco-towns Association (AMEV)

General Secretary of Strategic Cities Network of the Region Tangier- Tetouan

President of the Associations Network of Fight against Illiteracy of the Province of Chefchaouen
Mustafa Bozbey

Mayor of Nilüfer

Born in 1962 in Özlüce neighbourhood of Nilüfer, Bursa City, Mr. Bozbey has a bachelor degree in Civil Engineering Department of Anatolia University. In 1986 he began his professional life as a civil engineer. In 1989 he set up Bozbey Construction Industry and Trade Company. He implemented many housing projects in Nilüfer and Mudanya districts. He became the third mayor of Nilüfer in the elections of April 1999. He became the first mayor win the elections for third term. Mr. Bozbey enabled the contemporary urbanization vision of Nilüfer, a newly constructed district.

Venezuela

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Richard José Salas González

Director of Operations of the Integradores Project Organization, CA

Richard José Salas Gonzalez has a Bachelor’s degree in Public Accounting, Tax Science, and is specialized in Tax Management and Tax Legislation. He is currently the Director of Operations of the Integradores Project Organization, CA. This Company has more than 11 services at the service of Municipal Governments and is specialized in control, optimization and growth of municipal financial resources (income tax), and the implementation of administrative projects to control public resources, through the SAP/R3 tool. Its experience shows important growth result in tax recovery that contributes to the sustainability of Local Governments. Since 2008, the company Proyectos Integradores, actively offers its service to the Municipality of Heres, Venezuela.

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