Session Format

Congress participants will have the opportunity to interact during various sessions that will explore the main topics of the 2013 World Summit.

The topic “Imagine Society, Build Democracy” is the main thread and essence of the content of all sessions. This is both an exercise in collective reflection with elected representatives, networks, delegations, private partners and citizens and a step towards determining the agenda that local governments will adopt for the coming years.

INTRODUCTORY PLENARY

**How to face global changes**

This session will address the overall theme of the Congress, “Imagine Society, Build Democracy”. Discussions will focus on the following question:

What are the current and future challenges and their impact on local democracy?

- **Duration:** 120 min
- **Number of participants:** 2500

See here for the introductory plenary.

THEMATIC ROUNDTABLES

The thematic roundtables are the cornerstones of the World Summit of Local and Regional Leaders. They will highlight and discuss the topics of fostering wellbeing, strengthening solidarity among territories, supporting new local governance and dynamics of change and promoting diversity.

The thematic roundtables will allow for direct contact between local leaders and citizens from all over the globe, and serve as a direct support in changing the reality of citizens and regions throughout the world.

- **Duration:** 90 min
- **Number of participants:** 1200 + “online” participants

See here for the roundtable topics.

PARALLEL SESSIONS
Each of the thematic roundtables will be linked to 3 parallel sessions with a view to promoting exchanges and debate between participants, sharing best practices, knowledge, tools and building proposals.

- **Duration:** 90 min
- **Number of participants:** 500

See here for the parallel sessions of the first round table: Fostering Wellbeing.

See here for the parallel sessions of the second round table: Strengthening Solidarity among territories.

See here for the parallel sessions of the third round table: Supporting new local Governance and dynamics of change.

See here for the parallel sessions of the fourth round table: Promoting Diversity

**STRATEGIC PLENARIES**

The aim of the strategic plenaries is to guide the future path that Local Governments will follow towards the new international development agenda. This has two main strands:

1. **Post-2015 development agenda**
2. **Habitat III international conference**
   - **Duration:** 90 min
   - **Number of participants:** 2500

**FINAL PLENARY**

The Closing plenary will see the presentation of the final documents of this 4th Congress, composed of the Final Declaration of the Congress, a Road-map for towns, cities and regions up to 2016 and the Agenda for the 21st century. Speakers will present the key proposals raised during the thematic round-tables and parallel sessions of the Congress. The session will welcome high-level figures, including the newly Elected President of UCLG, figures from the world of art and culture and representatives from the 5th UCLG Congress host city.

- **Duration:** 90 min
- **Number of participants:** 2500

**UCLG SESSIONS**

The Executive Bureau, World Council and General Assembly of UCLG will also be held in Rabat:

- **Executive Bureau**
- **World Council**
- **General Assembly**

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