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Today, **United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)** launches the '**Rabat 2013**' **web platform** for its **World Summit of Local and Regional Leaders**, to be held in Rabat, Morocco, this October. The platform www.uclg.org/Rabat2013 will provide information on the strategic and thematic debates of the Summit, and will function as a resource for the exchange of good practices. It will also allow representatives and partners of local and regional governments to follow the Summit live from 1-4 October 2013, and to participate in the activities of the global network. You will be able to directly access information on registration and your stay in Rabat during the Congress.

The UCLG World Summit 2013 in Rabat will be inspired by the lema: "**Imagine Society, Build Democracy**", the central theme of the Summit. It will include an extended and on-going dialogue between local and regional authorities and their key partners - international organisations, development agencies, experts, practitioners, and civil society organizations - in order to analyse and evaluate the extent to which development goals have been met, and to define new priorities.

The Summit will address the key priorities of the local and regional government agenda. It will focus

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on **access to basic services**, the construction of societies that are diverse, open, and innovative, the promotion of tolerance, solidarity and exchange, **gender equality**, and the reinforcement of the role of **culture** in society.

The Summit will be an opportunity for **participants to share and exchange experiences**, highlighting the **innovative policies and programmes** that local and regional governments are implementing to meet the challenges they face. As such, the plenaries and workshops will be a unique occasion, not only for reflection, but for interaction. The key strategic debates of the Summit will centre on the possible goals and targets of **Post-2015 Development** and on the preparation of the path towards **Habitat III**, with the aim of developing a set of concrete proposals to represent local and regional governments in these international negotiations. The **web platform, 'Rabat 2013'**, will be a space for online discussion and exchange on the thematic issues of the Summit: **Fostering wellbeing, strengthening solidarity among territories, supporting new governance and the dynamics of change, promoting diversity.**

This platform will also allow you to stay connected to the World Summit 2013 via live streaming of the debates and workshops, regular tweets and Facebook updates by experts, speaker and participant interviews, as well as a blog of ideas and projects, with a view to establishing new partnerships.

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