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2<sup>nd</sup> October 2013 **NewsLetter 01**

**Editorial**

**Rabat**  
Mayor of Rabat



Rabat at the time of the new challenges of the millennium  
« Imagine society, build democracy »

**Rabat 2013 in Figures**

26 UCLG Congress 41-24 October 2013	CGUJ
2300 participants	1300 Cities
110 Speakers	127 Committees
1000 Exhibitors	12 Local Foundations
100 Media	1000 Exhibitors
10 Days of Activity	100 Working Groups
10000 Expected visitors to the "Stage"	12 National Associations

**Focus on the program** **Focus on the new challenges of the millennium** **Focus on the UCLG Standing Committee on Gender Equality** **Focus on the profiles of Rabat attending the fourth UCLG of Rabat**

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2<sup>nd</sup> October 2013 **NewsLetter 02**

**Editorial**

**Youssef Ghannouchi**  
Mayor of Rabat  
UCLG in the voice of local governments,  
decentralization and local democracy

**David Boyer**  
Mayor of Rabat  
Local foundations for stronger  
democracy



The fourth UCLG Summit opening ceremony  
« Building the proximity democracy »

**WOMEN IN FIGURES**

10 countries out of 215 cities are managed by women, which is 4.7%	15 countries have laws which do not allow women to take on responsibility in their countries, that of their countries are in the Middle East, North Africa, sub-Saharan Africa, but have not been able to take any action.
12.2% of over 2 million local units of UCLG are managed by women, representing 6.1%	
10.5% of UCLG are managed by women in the world. This figure was 12.4% in 2012. The highest increase was in Thailand with 17.7% of UCLG are women.	

**Focus on Kadir Toprak** « To address the crisis, we need to innovate, seek alternatives, and strengthen solidarity » **Focus on the interview with F. Ouldabou** « UCLG is the voice of local governments, decentralization and local democracy » **Focus on the interview with Roger & Agnès** Local Foundations for stronger democracy

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**RABAT DECLARATION**

We, mayors and representatives of towns, cities, local and regional governments the world over, from small, medium-sized and large towns and cities, from metropolitan areas and regions, at the service of rural and urban communities, come together from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2013 in Rabat, the Kingdom of Morocco, on the occasion of the 4<sup>th</sup> World Congress of United Cities and Local Governments:

**REAFFIRMING** the importance of the opinion of the urban inhabitants and their contribution to local democracy and the strengthening of their authorities on the global scene, in particular through its decisive role along with the United Nations Organisation and Agencies in the foundation of UCLG in 2004;

**REAFFIRMING** that the founding values of peace, dialogue and understanding among peoples and languages between local authorities are as relevant today as ever;

**ACKNOWLEDGING** that already in all its dimensions it is an asset for society and a source of development;

**CONSIDERING** its role, small, medium and large towns, cities, local and regional governments throughout the world and its progress on the global and national (starting from the effects of climate change, food resources, and of housing, security, culture, education) and social transition that encourages us to work to improve the future and build democracy;

**REITERATING** its resolve to which the global crisis continues to respond on an urgent and an essential manner and to which, although not at the origin of the crisis, local authorities in many regions, in particular in Europe, are directly

being the consequence of actions that have a direct effect on the status of the present to their citizens, employees and housing, making them into a state of economic and social crisis;

**RECOGNISING** the need to enter efforts with all members of local authorities and organisations, in particular with the United Nations and other relevant organisations, to promote peace in the world and to define an international agenda that will help overcome the current situation in which half of humanity cannot benefit from the economic living standards;

**REITERATING** that Municipal International Cooperation and International Cooperation, gathering international local government agencies, today cities 1000, and mutual assistance through capacity-building programmes and international municipal authority institutions are a vital contribution to the construction of a peaceful and sustainable development world;

**REITERATING** the irreplaceable positive role of local authorities, as effective promoters of peace and dialogue among people and related institutions;

**CALL FOR A WORLD AT PEACE**

Rabat Declaration

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### The City of 2030 - Our Manifesto

*Adopted in Mexico City, 20 November 2010*

We have met here in Mexico City at a time when local and regional governments across the world face severe challenges and crises. Nonetheless we have a clear responsibility to look ahead and create the conditions for a better future for all.

Our future is not only globally intertwined, but increasingly urban. In the next 20 years Africa and Asia will see by far the fastest growth in urban settlements. In Africa alone, the growth in population will equal the current entire population of the USA.

It is the world's medium and smaller towns and cities, far more than the largest cities, which will be responsible for receiving and looking after these millions of new urban dwellers. Moreover, as the world's urban population grows, the interdependence of towns and countryside become even tighter.

We know of course that the challenges facing city leaders differ from region to region, from country to country, and that those in low-income countries face stresses and problems on a vastly greater scale. But we share many common goals as well as problems, and are united in a common determination to make our urban world a better, more inclusive world. Here, therefore, is our Manifesto for the City of 2030.

The City of 2030

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