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## Editorial



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Mayor of Rabat

Under the high patronage of HM King Mohammed VI, Rabat proudly welcomes the fourth UCLG Congress which brings together the world's local and regional leaders, who are tasked with addressing the aspirations, challenges and opportunities of the city of tomorrow.

This event coincides with the one hundredth anniversary of the UCLG, an opportunity to acknowledge the role that cities play in promoting understanding among nations.

Due to the acceleration of urbanization in southern and northern countries, a number of challenges and also opportunities are to be taken into account while imagining the future of cities. The city of the 21st century as a living space, a source of wealth and sociability has become an indicator of the degree of development of countries.

The Rabat summit will undoubtedly be an space for open, wide and fruitful dialogue and sharing of successful experiences in the field of management of local affairs.

The city of Rabat will be leading this effort of collective of introspection in light of the challenges shared with the other cities of the world. The projects in this regard by the city show its assets, and give a clear idea on what remains to be done.

I would, in my name and on behalf of all the R'batis, wish success to this event and a pleasant stay at all in this city that has managed to reach a happy compromise between its historical legacy and its future ambition. ■



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

## Rabat 2013 in Figures

**4th UCLG Congress**  
**01-04 October 2013**  
**3 500 participants**  
**130 Speakers**  
**25 Sessions**  
**300 Media**  
**04 Days of debate**  
**50 000 Expected visitors to the "Expo"**

### CGLU

**1 000 Cities**  
**155 Countries**  
**12 Commissions**  
**8 Sections**  
**06 Working Groups**  
**122 National Associations**

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# Focus on the program

# Focus on select side events

Tuesday 1st October

08:00AM-07:00AM	Participants Registration	Hôtel Sofitel
09:00AM-12:30AM	Women Promoting Democracy (UCLG Standing Committee on Gender Equality)	Conference Room 1
09:00AM-10:30AM	Caucus MEWA	Hôtel Sofitel - Royale Conference Room 2
09:00AM-10:30AM	UCLG working group on Migration and Co-development	Hôtel Sofitel - Jardin Room 2
09:00AM-10:30AM	UCLG Working Group on the Middle East	Hôtel Sofitel - Royale Conference Room 1
09:00AM-10:30AM	UCLG Working Group on Responsible Tourism and Sustainable Development	Hôtel Sofitel Alba Maxima Room
10:30AM-11:00AM	Break	
11:00AM-12:30PM	UCLG Committee on Development Cooperation and City Diplomacy	Hôtel Sofitel - Royale Conference Room 2
11:00AM-12:30PM	UCLG Committee on Urban Health	Hôtel Sofitel - Jardin Room 2
11:00AM-12:30PM	UCLG Committee on Decentralization and Local Self-Government	Hôtel Sofitel - Royale Conference Room 1
11:00AM-12:30PM	Secretary Generals meeting	Hôtel Sofitel Alba Maxima Room
12:30PM-02:00PM	Lunch	
02:00PM-06:00PM	Caucus Africa	Conference Room 1
02:00PM-04:00PM	United Nations Advisory Committee of Local Authorities meeting (UNACLA) (by invitation only)	Hôtel Sofitel - Royale Conference Room 1
02:00PM-04:00PM	Caucus NORAM	Hôtel Sofitel Alba Maxima Room
02:00PM-06:30PM	UCLG Learning Agenda: Committees on Digital and Knowledge Based Cities and Strategic Urban Planning	Hôtel Sofitel - Royale Conference Room 2
02:00PM-04:00PM	UCLG Working Group Local Economic Development	Hôtel Sofitel - Jardin Room 2
04:00PM-04:30PM	Break	
04:30PM-06:30PM	Financial Management Committee (by invitation only)	Hôtel Sofitel - Alba Maxima Room
04:30PM-06:30PM	Caucus ASPAC	Hôtel Sofitel - Jardin Room 2
04:30PM-06:30PM	UCLG Committee on Peripheral Cities	Hôtel Sofitel - Royale Conference Room 1
06:30PM-08:30PM	Meeting of the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments on the Post-2015 Agenda (by invitation only)	Hôtel Sofitel - Royale Conference Room 1
07:00PM	Welcome Reception	

## Urban Strategic Planning Workshop

**Organizers: The city of Rabat and Medcities network**

The workshop aims to share experiences and good practices among cities and networks of cities on the issue of strategic urban planning as a tool for local, integrated and sustainable development, mobilizing a large range of different actors, especially civil society.

## Increasing the Appeal of African cities

**Organizers: Rabat 2013, ULCG, and Jeune Afrique Group**

The session seeks to serve as a platform dedicated to Africa, on the sidelines of the 4th UCGL Congress, to discuss means to improve cities' appeal, identify best practices, and highlight success stories.

## The right to the city: an international dialogue for the MENA region

**Organizers: Habitat International Coalition (HIC)/ HIC-Housing and Land Rights Network (HLRN).**

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In light of the changes taking place in the MENA region, namely the redefinition of governance, the panel offers an opportunity to compare experiences in other continents on relationships between civil society and local administration and perspectives with better governance and enhanced participation.

## Mobility and accessibility in urban areas in Africa

**Organizer: World Bank**

This session introduces the transport policies program in Africa (SSATP), an international partnership involving 38 countries, 8 regional economic communities, continental institutions, United Nations agencies, organizations in the public and private sectors and development agencies.

## A better regulatory framework for sustainable urban development

**Organize: UN Habitat**

This session will focus on the legal and financial institutional constraints that make it difficult for cities to play the role they should in the development of the regulatory framework for a better quality of life for their inhabitants.



Rabat at the time of the new challenges of the millennium

## « Imagine society, build democracy »

The fourth World Summit of United Cities and Local Government (UCLG), held in Rabat, under the high patronage of His Majesty Mohammed VI (October 1-4, 2013) is a landmark event both in terms of quality and scope of the issues raised. Rabat, the capital of the Kingdom of Morocco, along with the whole African continent, is proud to host this large-scale event.

The summit takes place at a critical international juncture, marked by a significant debate on the mishaps of the financial and economic crisis and the possible outcomes considered in the south as in the north. The 4<sup>th</sup> congress is taking place at a time when this municipal and regional body, created in 1913, is celebrating its centennial. It is also the opportunity to assess its mission and to meet the expectations and aspirations of all the citizens of the cities of the world.

### *The challenges of the world crisis*

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ture, are the dominant themes of this event. The discussions during the work of the summit will help bring closer various backgrounds: local and regional elects, technicians, institutional actors, researchers, scholars, civil society, etc.

The works of the Rabat 2013 Summit is the onset of a profound reflection on the future on Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) post-2015, the establishment of a new urban agenda as part of Habitat III, the third United Nations Conference on Infrastructure and Sustainable Urban Development to be held in 2016, and the Rio+20 Environment Agenda.

There are more than 3,000 participants, representing over 100 countries, taking part in this event: Heads of State, local and regional leaders, representatives of international organizations and financial institutions, civil society and public and private sectors, and renow-

ned personalities.

The course of this event also includes an introductory plenary session, two strategic plenary sessions, four thematic roundtables, twelve parallel sessions, and a final plenary.■

## *The Rabat Expo*

The Rabat Expo, covering 10,000 square meters, is a space for exchange and sharing, housing several pavilions that host local development partners: donors, international organizations, private sector and civil society associations. The goal is to identify and define the agenda of cities and regions in the 21st century. This has become imperative at a time when the United Nations and the international community are redrawing, for the 15 to 20 years ahead, the contours of the Millennium Development Goals.

# The UCLG Standing Committee on Gender Equality Democracy promotion and post-2015 development agenda



The UCLG Standing Committee on Gender Equality is organizing jointly with the Network of Local Elected Women of Africa two sessions under the theme "Women Promoting Democracy". These sessions aim to define the priorities of the international agenda on the matter.

Debates and discussions within the UCLG are based on the fact that women stand for half of the world population while they are not given the opportunity to take part in the process of fostering a democratic and gender-sensitive society.

The Summit sessions, devoted to this issue, focus on two main themes: "Regaining the trust in politicians and the achievement of gender equality; and the gender perspective on the Post-2015 Development Agenda."

## **Gender in the UN agenda**

These two themes aim to put the issue of gender equality at the heart of the UN agenda and further ensure that locally elected women and civil society representatives get to meet throughout the Rabat Summit and develop future coordination mechanisms.

The theme of the first session falls

in line with the 1995 Beijing Declaration which pioneered several instruments that have been put in place to deliver gender equality. In a changing global context, local and regional authorities are the

economic and social life factor in gender equality.

## **Women assertion mechanisms**

And it is precisely for this reason that this session will explore a

future towards a more assertive parity system.

Based on the conclusion that the role of women in achieving communities' development is far from being recognized enough by international and national policies, the second session will discuss the gender perspective on the Post-2015 Development Agenda, especially since only two of the eight current MDGs explicitly mention women.

This session will also explore the contribution of cities and regions in promoting gender equality and women's involvement at the local level.

The session should come up with recommendations, such as the introduction of a gender-sensitive approach in the policy on providing quality basic services.

The aim is to ensure that the next post-2015 development agenda pays special attention to the promotion of gender equality as a cross-cutting issue and inherent value in any development agenda. ■

## **The UCLG Standing Committee on Gender Equality**

- The Gender Equality Committee acts as an advisory body to the statutory bodies of CGLU for the elaboration of policies dealing with the gender issue for stands and programs.
- It monitors the progress of this approach and reports on the implementation of the Declaration on women by the local governments.
- The Commission sees to it that the aspirations of women and men and the genders dimension are factored in every field where UCLG is involved.
- It acts as forum for the exchange of information and experiences on matters relating to gender and promotion of women in the decision-making, particularly aimed at the elected representatives.
- It also allows the voice of women mayors and municipal councilors to be heard within the United Nations System.

closest sphere of government to the citizens and their demands. The participation of women in local decision-making strengthens the bases of society and ensures that all aspects of political, eco-

number of mechanisms asserting the role of women as full-fledged political actors. The quota system, having completed its educational function in the political tradition, is expected to be revised in the

## Profiles of four ladies attending the 4<sup>th</sup> UCLG summit of Rabat



### **Ms. Anne Hidalgo**

Ms. Anne Hidalgo is the deputy mayor of Paris. Born in June 1959 in San Fernando, Spain, she is a French politician and a member of the French Socialist Party since 1994.

The party's former national Secretary for culture and media, currently works as deputy to Bertrand Delanoë in charge of gender equality (since March 2001). Hidalgo is an elected councilor for the 15th arrondissement of Paris. She is also member of the left-dominated Paris Council.



### **Ms. Jacqueline Moustache-Belle**

Ms. Jacqueline Moustache-Belle is mayor of the city of Victoria, the Seychelles capital.

Ms. Moustache-Belle was appointed by the Presidency at the helm of the municipal council of elected members. After a short tenure in 1982 at the Central Bank, Mrs. Moustache-Belle was hired as a journalist by the Seychelles Broadcasting Corporation (SBC) before being entrusted with the protocol of the Presidency of the Seychelles Republic. A position she left in 2002 as part of the regular changes in the Seychelles administration.



### **Ms. Najat Zerrouk**

Ms. Najat Zerrouk, Governor and Director of the Department of Training of Administrative and Technical staff at the Interior Ministry, was born on October 4, 1960 in El Jadida, Morocco.

Ms. Zerrouk is a member of the Experts Committee on Public Administration for the 2010-2013 period at the organizational session of the UN Economic and Social Council in May 2009 in New York.

Holder of a PhD in Law in 2005, she is also a graduate of the National School for Public Administration in Rabat (1991/1993), and of the University of Paris I (Pantheon-Sorbonne) in International, European and comparative studies.



### **Ms. Fatimetou Mint Abdel Malick**

Mayor of Tevrah-Zeina and President of the African Network of the local elected women

Fatimetou Mint Abdel Malick is Mayor of Tevrah-Zeina located in the neighbourhood of Nouakchott (Mauritania). She is also President of the African Network of the local elected women. She is the first woman elected a mayor in her country. Her election at the post of President of the African Network of the women mayors confirmed its leader's position. Since herelection, she gave priority to the access to the essential services, to the improvement of the education, to the creation of public places as playing fields or municipal parks endowed with free access to the Wi-Fi, so encouraging the young people of the city to enjoy these facilities.