

AFRICITIES SUMMIT 2012

6th edition



PRESENTATION



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United Cities and Local Governments of Africa



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SUMMARY



Event : 6th edition of the Africities Summit and exhibition

Venue : King Fahd Palace (former Méridien Président)- Dakar, capital of Senegal

Date : From the 4th to the 8th of December 2012 (5 days)

Theme : Building Africa from its Territories : Which Challenges for the Local Governments?

Organizers : UCLG Africa(United Cities and Local Governments of Africa)is the organizer of the Africities Summit in partnership with the City of Dakar, the Association of Mayors of Senegal and the Senegalese Government

Participants : About 5000 participants are expected & 200 Exhibitors



DESCRIPTION



From December 4th to December 8th, 2012, the Africities 6 Summit will accommodate, in Dakar, nearly 5000 people. The participants represent all the protagonists of the African local life and their partners from other regions of the world: ministers in charge for the local governments and ministers in charge of sustainable development and of employment; local authorities and elected officials; central and local administrations representatives; civil society organizations, professional associations and trade unions; economic operators of the public and private sectors, and of the social economy; traditional and moral authorities; researchers and academics; international cooperation agencies.

The sixth edition of the Africities Summit has as a subject “Building Africa from its territories: What challenges for the local governments”. It will examine the impact of the dynamic of urbanization, globalization and democratization with her corollary the decentralization, on the reorganization of the settlement and development of the continent, and her inscription in the world of today and tomorrow. The favored prospect is to approach the challenges of the development and the governance of the continent with the aim to contribute to the emergence of Africa of the People, beyond and across Africa of the States, a sine qua non condition of the successful inscription of Africa in the world.

The Summit architectures comprises three segments: the thematic sessions during which the theme of the Summit is analyzed and discussed (December 4th and 5th) ; special sessions organized at the request of institutions, agencies or networks wishing to work with local governments of Africa (December 6th) ; the last two days are planned for political meetings (December 7th and 8th).

The whole week long, a Local Governments Business Exhibition (Africities Exhibition) contiguous to the space of the conference will offer the opportunity to public and private sector companies, public and private institutions, to civil society and international solidarity organizations, as well as to local governments and their associations to showcase their products, tools, methods and experiments at the service of local communities and populations. The Africities Business Exhibition will host between 200 exhibitors.

Highlights

Several big events of great importance will punctuate Africities 6. Among them, let's mention the general meetings of: the UCLG Africa (United Cities and Local Governments of Africa) and the Network of Local Elected Women of Africa which the leadership of the organizations will be renewed; the meeting of AMCOD (All Africa Ministerial Conference on Decentralization and local development); a tripartite meeting of the local authorities, the African ministers in charge of decentralization and African institutions; and a quadripartite meeting, widening the tripartite meeting to the co-operation partners; a roundtable of the “Nobel Prize” winners on the place of Africa in the world during the official opening of the Summit on December 4th; a roundtable of the former African Heads of State who supported Africities and the unity of the African local government movement, and that will debate on the itinerary to unity and integration of Africa; a series of special events organized around the meeting of African local governments with the local governments of Brazil, China and Turkey; the signing of partnership agreements between African local governments

and local government from the above mentioned regions. During Africities 2012 will also take place the UCLG World Council from December 4th to 6th.

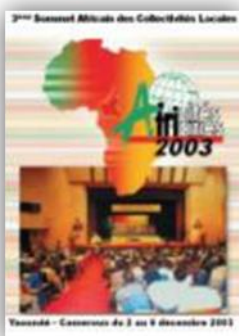
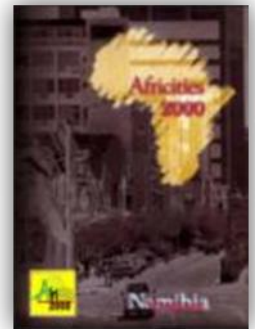
WHAT ARE THE AFRICITIES SUMMITS?

The Africities Summits are world class events organized every three years alternatively in the different regions of Africa. Five editions of the Africities Summits have so far been organized.



The first edition was held in January 1998 in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, on the theme "Acknowledging the irreplaceable role of local governments in the development of Africa". Africities 1 witnessed the emergence of the African movement of local governments on the institutional, regional and international scene.

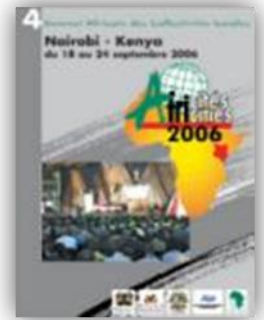
The second edition took place in May 2000 in Windhoek, Namibia, on the theme, "Funding African local governments to ensure a sustainable development of the continent". Africities 2 marked the beginning of the structuring of the African movement of local governments and of the Pan-African dialogue on decentralization and local development at the level of central governments.



The third edition was held in Yaoundé, Cameroon in December 2003 on "Accelerating access to basic services in African local governments". Africities 3 had the ambition to place decentralization and local government strengthening within the perspective of improving the living conditions of inhabitants and involving the citizens in the management of public affairs at the local level.



The fourth edition took place in Nairobi, Kenya, in September 2006 on the theme, “Building local coalitions to achieve the Millennium Development Goals in African local governments”. Africities 4 focused attention on the contribution of African local governments to the effective implementation of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).



The fifth edition was held from 16 to 20 December 2009 in Marrakech, Morocco, on the theme “The response of African local and regional governments to the global crisis: promoting sustainable local development and employment”. Africities 5 was marked by the high appropriation of the event by the local authorities of the continent and its recognition by the ministers members of the All Africa Ministerial conference on Decentralization and Local Development (AMCOD), as the platform for assessing the implementation of decentralization policies in Africa.



For the 6th Edition of the Africities Summit to be held in Dakar, Senegal in December 2012, the theme chosen is «Building Africa from its Territories : Which Challenges for the Local Governments».



*Official launch of the preparations for Africities Summit VI –April 29th , 2011 Méridien Président Hotel – Dakar
Under the Patronage of His Excellency Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal*

AFRICITIES IN SENEGAL

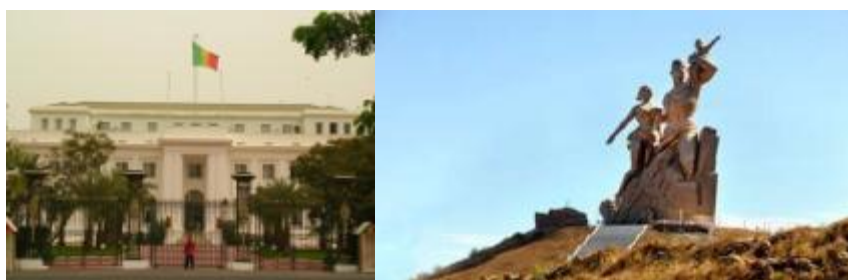


For the host city, Dakar, the Africities Summit provides an excellent opportunity to promote the city's image in terms of practices and innovation in local governance, urban management and local economic development. The Africities Summit can serve as a unique exposure opportunity for the city and its economic and cultural potential, enabling it to weave durable partnership ties with the participants among whom will be many decisions makers from national governments, local governments, cooperation agencies and the private sector. The city can also use the Summit as a perfect opportunity to showcase its assets as a tourist destination and those of the region, thus expanding the base of its tourists.

Properly prepared, Africities can also provide the city of Dakar with an opportunity to conclude cooperation agreements with other local governments and thus contribute to achieving the rapprochement of the peoples of Africa and other parts of the world. Similarly, the Summit has an immediate impact in boosting the economic, social and cultural activity of the city which, during a week, becomes the African capital of local governments and is portrayed as such in the local, national, continental and international media.



For Senegal, the Africities Summit is an excellent opportunity to highlight the progress achieved with decentralization policies and the impact of these policies on the improvement of living conditions and lifestyles of the populations. Hosting the Summit also offers the country the opportunity to benchmark against the experience of other African countries and draw lessons to deepen its decentralization policies.





Furthermore, Africities Summit represents a particularly interesting opportunity for the deployment of the diplomacy of cities and local governments which aims to fulfill and even confer a human face



on relations between States. The achievements of city diplomacy are now well known: starting a dialogue among local governments and the populations of countries in conflict in order to enhance the chances of a return to peace, consolidating ties between regions through decentralization cooperation programs or trans-border cooperation aimed at creating an environment conducive to harmony among

peoples, the concerted management of migration, the prevention of conflicts associated with population movements, etc. National associations of local governments are a key player in the diplomacy of cities since it enables them to speak in one voice and thus engage in a structured dialogue with the other stakeholders, namely the representatives of central governments. The diplomacy of cities and local governments is experiencing renewed vigor internationally since the creation in 2004 of the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) and at the continental level since the creation in 2005 of the Pan-African organization of the United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLGAfrica). The membership of local governments and their associations in these organizations provides them with an opportunity to be part of a topnotch network that is present on all continents and which provides numerous cooperation, partnership, and training and exchange opportunities to be further developed within the fields of local governance.

ATTENDANCE

Africities is a venue that gathers:

- ✓ Ministers in charge of local governments, finances, planning, etc...
- ✓ Presidents of national associations of local governments
- ✓ The mayors and elects of local governments
- ✓ The heads of private and public companies
- ✓ The heads of civil society organizations
- ✓ University lecturers and experts
- ✓ Sub-regional integration organizations
- ✓ Partners in development
- ✓ Media

About 5000 participants are expected.



CALENDAR OF THE AFRICITIES SUMMIT



The Summit program is available as follow:

DAY 1-Tuesday, December 4th 2012

Morning:

Official inauguration of both the Summit and the Exhibition

Afternoon:

Start of the thematic sessions organized in parallel with Africities.

DAY 2-Wednesday, December 5th 2012

All day:

Continuation of the thematic sessions.

DAY 3-Thursday, December 6th 2012

All day:

Special sessions organized in parallel with Africities.

DAY 4-Friday, December 7th 2012

All day:

Political meetings of ministers, mayors, local authorities and cooperation partners.

UCGL Africa General Meeting

DAY 5-Saturday, December 8th 2012

Morning:

Tripartite Meeting: Ministers, Mayors and African Institutions

Quadripartite Meeting: Ministers, Mayors, African Institutions and development partners

Discussion and adoption of the Summit resolutions and recommendations.

Afternoon:

Official closing ceremony

Evening:

- Gala Dinner with Africities Awards 6 and Harubuntu 2012

Please note that meetings and other activities can also be organized in the sidelines of the Summit and as part of Special Events. A cultural and tourism program is planned for participants and their companions. Also, field visits will be organized for the Media.

INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AFRCITIES SUMMIT

Structures in charge of the preparation and execution of the Africities Summit include a Political Committee, an Executive Committee and an Operational Committee.

The Political Committee consists of the Executive Bureau of UCLG Africa and is chaired by the President of the UCLG Africa.

The Political Committee is in charge of:

1. selecting the host cities of Africities Summits;
2. choosing the main theme of the event;
3. setting the date of the Summit in coordination with the authorities of the host city and country;
4. approving the financial rules and regulations of Africities
5. approving the budget of the event
6. approving the external auditor's closing report on Africities
7. ensuring the follow-up and evaluation of the implementation of Africities resolutions and recommendations in coordination with the appropriate institutions and structures designated by the Summit.

The Executive Committee is composed of the president of the National Association of Local Governments who serves as its chair, the representative of the Interior Minister, of the Mayor of the City of Dakar and the UCLG Africa Secretary General. The Executive Committee is in charge of translating into actions the decisions and orientations given by the Political Committee.

In more specific terms, it supervises:

1. the preparation and organization of the Summit's meetings as well as the fair-exhibition;
2. the communication strategy before, during and after the Summit;
3. logistical and protocol related issues
4. the definition of the criteria of competing for and awarding Africities prizes;
5. the preparation and follow-up of the Africities budget execution;
6. the mobilization of resources other than the contributions of the host city and country;
7. the selection of an external audit firm to verify and certify the event accounts.

The Operational Committee, of a mainly technical nature, is chaired by the Mayor of the host city. It comprises a representative of the State (Ministry of Interior), the representative of the Secretary General of the National Association of Local Governments and the representative of the UCLG Africa. The Operational Committee may be expanded to include representatives of various ministerial departments and local stakeholders involved in the organization of the Summit.

The Operational Committee is in charge of:

1. the implementation of the decisions of the Executive Committee;
2. the effective management of the resources harnessed for the event and the execution of expenditures in the full respect of the procedures provided for in the rules and regulations of Africities;
3. the management and update of Africities website;
4. the compilation and publishing of the Africities proceedings.

It is recommended to create a local organizing committee chaired by the mayor of the host city and composed of the representatives of the various ministerial departments and local role players involved in the organization of the Summit.

The responsibility of the scientific content and running of the various sessions of the Summit is entrusted to the General Secretariat of the UCLG Africa that relies on a strategic group. The General Secretariat of the UCLG Africa is also in charge of identifying the organizer (s) of Africities Exhibition.



Meeting of the Strategic Group; Dakar, October 29-30, 2010

AFRICITIES INTERNATIONAL FAIR 2012

The exhibition is expected to draw 200 exhibitors from Africa and other regions of the world. They come from various backgrounds to showcase their products, know-how and best practices. These exhibitors will not only represent the private sector as the exhibition is expected to also attract associations, NGOs, cities and national associations of local authorities wishing to share with fellow delegates and visitors their experiences in decentralization and local development, or simply wishing to help people discover and appreciate the charms of their regions.

The exhibition will focus on the following sectors:

- ✓ Information and communication technologies
- ✓ Telecommunications
- ✓ Urban utilities (water, transports, etc.)
- ✓ Commercial infrastructure
- ✓ Building, infrastructures
- ✓ Etc....

Today, more than ever before, the entire world is taking a keen interest in Africa and its potential. The exhibition offers the opportunity of meeting in a unique venue with local decision makers in Africa; which can lead to extensive business relationships.



ABOUT UCLG Africa

The UCLG Africa is the umbrella organization and the united voice and representative of local government in Africa. It results from the unification of the three pre-existing continental groupings of local governments, namely the African Union of Local Authorities (AULA), the Union des Villes Africaines (UVA) and the Africa Chapter of the Unao dos Cidades y Capitaes Lusofono Africana, (UCCLA). It is an institution that gathers 40 national associations of local governments from all regions of Africa as well as the 2000 cities that have more than 100.000 inhabitants. Therefore UCLG Africa represents nearly 350 million Africans citizens (www.localafrica.org).

UCLG Africa is a founding member of the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) world organization, and its regional section for Africa. UCLG Africa is currently headquartered in the City of Rabat, The Kingdom of Morocco, where it enjoys a diplomatic status as a Pan-African International Organization.



THE REPUBLIC OF SENEGAL

INTRODUCTION TO THE COUNTRY

Physical and climatological data:



Senegal is located at the western tip of Africa. It covers an area of 196,712 km² and in 2010 its population was estimated population at 12,509,434 inhabitants. It is bounded north by Mauritania, east by Mali, south by Guinea and Guinea Bissau and west by the Atlantic Ocean on a frontage of 700 km. Wedged between seven (7) regions of Senegal, Gambia, which occupies the entire lower river of the same name, is an enclave of more than 300 km within the territory of Senegal. The Cape Verde islands are located 560 km off the coast of Senegal.

Senegal belongs to sub-Saharan Africa. The climate is Sudano-Sahelian characterized by the alternation of a dry season from November to May and a rainy season from June to October. The average annual rainfall follows a decreasing gradient from south to north. It goes from 1200 mm in the south to 300 mm in the north, with variations from one year to another. Three main areas of

rainfall corresponding to three climatic zones are thus defined: a forested area to the south, the savannah in the center and a semi-desert area in the north.

Administrative Structure

Senegal is a secular republic, democratic and social that ensures the equality of all citizens before the law, without distinction of origin, race, sex, religion and that respects all beliefs. The Constitution embodies the principle of democracy by recalling that national sovereignty belongs to the Senegalese people who exercise it through their representatives or by means of referendum. The republican form of the government rests on the democratic political system marked by the separation and independence of the executive, legislature and judiciary.

In 2008, the law 2008-14 of March 18, 2008 amends the law 72-02 of 1 February 1972 on the organization of Territorial and Local Administration. Senegal comprises now 14 regions including 3 new ones: KaffrineKédougou and Sédhiou. It counts 45 departments divided into Districts, Municipalities, Villages and Rural Communities, the village or neighborhood being the basic administrative unit.

Large municipalities (Dakar, Rufisque, PikineGuediawaye and Thies) are subdivided into district municipalities; there are 46 of them in total. The region of Dakar alone, with it for four large municipalities, counts 43 of them.

Source :Agence Nationale de la Statistique et de la Démographie (ANSD) du Sénégal, in « Situation Economique et Sociale 2010» du Sénégal – Décembre 2011. Pages 30 et 31.

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION ON SENEGAL

- ✓ **Airport** : Yoff-Léopold Sédar Senghor International Airport. Airport to City: 17 kilometers / 11 miles. Bus and taxi services available.
- ✓ **Visas** : Required by all except nationals of Great Britain; France; Belgium; Luxembourg; Holland; Germany; Denmark; Italy; Canada; USA; Algeria; Benin; Burkina Faso; Cape Verde; Central African Republic; Congo; Cote d'Ivoire; Gabon; Gambia; Ghana; Guinea; Guinea Bissau; Liberia; Mali; Mauritania; Mauritius; Morocco; Niger; Nigeria; Rwanda; Sierra Leone; Togo and Tunisia.
- ✓ **Currency** : CFA Franc
- ✓ **Country Code**: 221
- ✓ **Electricity** : 220 Volts AC 50 Hz
- ✓ **Time Zone** : GMT
- ✓ **Business Hours**
 - Banking Hours: 0800 - 1115 and 1430 - 1630 Mon. to Fri
 - Shopping hours: Generally Mon-Sat 0800-1200 and 1430-1800. Some shops open Sunday morning, others are closed Monday

Source : www.worldroom.com

Useful links:

- ✓ Official website of the Senegalese government: www.gouv.sn
- ✓ Official website of Tourism in Senegal: www.tourisme.gouv.sn
- ✓ Website of the City of Dakar: www.villededakar.org
- ✓ Website of administrative procedures (official site), including those to obtain an entry visa: http://www.demarches.gouv.sn/ressource.php?id_esp=1&th=4&ss_th=16&id_dem=189
- ✓ Website of Ministry of Foreign Affairs (official website), page of the embassies of Senegal abroad: http://www.diplomatie.gouv.sn/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=65&Itemid=101

CONTACTS

Would you like to :

- Register,
- Get information and documentation,
- Be informed on the implementation of special and thematic sessions,
- Organize an exhibit, a conference or a press conference,
- Participate to the Africities Exhibition with a stand,
- Become a partner of Africities,

Please feel free to contact the Secretariat of the United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCGLAfrica); we will be happy to connect you with the focal points of Africities' various events and initiatives

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