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Dear members,

As a regional section of the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), UCLG-MEWA is happy to forward you the invitation from Mr. Jean-Claude GODIN, Mayor of Marseille Municipality and Mr. Michel VAUZELLE, President of the Provence Alps Côte-d'Azur region (PACA), to participate in the 3rd Forum of Local and Regional Authorities of the Mediterranean, to be held in Marseille, France on 3rd-4th of April 2013, under the theme of "Democratic Governance in the Mediterranean".

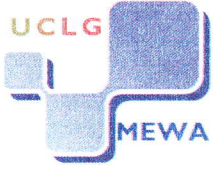
The 3rd Forum of Local and Regional Authorities of the Mediterranean is organized by the UCLG Mediterranean Committee and will put together local representatives from the three coasts of the Mediterranean. In order to allow a strong participation and rich exchanges, translation will be provided in French, English, Arabic and Turkish in the Plenary Sessions and in the meeting of the Political Council.

The 3rd Forum of Local and Regional Authorities of the Mediterranean aims to give a political voice to local authorities and also to give a base for negotiations with national and international institutions. In this regard the Forum will be the occasion of the creation of the Political Council of the UCLG Mediterranean Committee whose creation has been discussed since 2012 in order to represent permanently Local and Regional Authorities of the Mediterranean at the political stage. The Forum will also offer the possibility for the participants to express their preoccupations through the political declaration which will be the first message of the Political Council of the Mediterranean Committee.

The Forum will be organized in 4 workshops including:

1. Decentralization and local public services
2. Good governance: What role for cities in youth incorporation into the labour market in the Mediterranean?
3. Millennium Development Goals, Sustainable Development Goals and aid effectiveness
4. Beyond crisis, the role of local and regional authorities

Following these workshops, a report will be issued by the Institute of Mediterranean. You will find a draft index of this report in attachment. The report will give to the Mediterranean Committee a technical base to implement innovative policies and share solutions to our common problems.



As the Forum of Local and Regional Authorities of the Mediterranean represent a great opportunity for local government to make their voice heard, I sincerely hope you will be able to participate in this important event.

Please find attached the invitation from Mr. Jean-Claude GODIN, Mayor of Marseille and Mr. Michel VAUZELLE, President of the Provence Alps Côte-d'Azur region (PACA), the concept notes of the Forum, the draft Program of the Forum, the draft political declaration, the index of the Forum report and the link to complete your registration.

Sincerely yours,

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UCLG-MEWA Secretary General

Attachments:

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- Draft political declaration
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- Link to complete your registration:
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