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3 & 4 April 2013

Villa Méditerranée, Marseille - France



United Cities and Local Governments
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Wednesday 3 April 2013

- 9:00 - 11:00** **MEETING OF THE POLITICAL COUNCIL OF THE MEDITERRANEAN COMMISSION OF UNITED CITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**
Only for members of the Political Council)
- 11:00** **Welcome of participants - Registration**
- 11:30 - 12:30** **PLENARY SESSION AND OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE FORUM OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES OF THE MEDITERRANEAN**
- Speeches by (*):
- The President of the Mediterranean Political Council
 - Mr. **Kadir TOPBAS**, President of United Cities and Local Governments, Mayor of Istanbul
 - Mr. **Jean-Claude GAUDIN**, Mayor of Marseille, Co-president of the Mediterranean Commission of UCLG
 - Mr. **Michel VAUZELLE**, President of the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region, Co-president of the Mediterranean Commission of UCLG
 - Mr. **Laurent FABIUS**, French Minister of Foreign Affairs*
- 12:30 - 1:45** **Cocktail lunch at the Villa Méditerranée**
- 1:45 - 4:00** **ELECTED OFFICIALS DISCUSS THE REPORT "DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN"**
- Presentation of the report by **Jean-Claude TOURET**, Chief representative of the Institut de la Méditerranée
- First round table: "**Elected representatives coping with economic and social crises in the Mediterranean**"
Panelists (Mediterranean elected officials) address participants, followed by exchanges with the audience
- Second round-table: "**How would democratic governance in the Mediterranean actually change the state of things for local elected officials?**"
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- 4:00** **Coffee break**
- 4:30 - 7:00** **WORKSHOPS**
- Workshop 1: Decentralisation and local public services
Workshop 2: The role of cities in the integration of young people into the Mediterranean labour market
Workshop 3: Millennium Development Goals, sustainable development objectives and aid effectiveness in the Mediterranean
Workshop 4: Role of local and regional authorities beyond crisis situations
- 8:00** **Official diner at the Palais du Pharo**

(*) *To be confirmed*

Thursday 4 April 2013

- 8:30** **Welcome of participants**
- 8:45 - 9:30** **REPORTS ON EACH WORKSHOP ARE DELIVERED TO THE ASSEMBLY**
Speeches by elected officials, presidents of Wednesday's workshops
- 9:30 - 10:30** **CONTRIBUTION OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS TO DEVELOPMENT AND DECENTRALISATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION**
- Institutions invited (*):
- Mrs. **Inger ANDERSEN**, Vice-president of the MENA region, World Bank*
 - Mrs. **Petra LANTZ**, Director of the Geneva Office, United Nations Development Programme*
 - Mr. **Emanuele SANTI**, Principal Country Economist, African Development Bank*
 - Mr. **Christophe BOUVIER**, Director of the Regional Office for Europe of the United Nations Environmental Programme*
 - Mr. **Philippe DE FONTAINE VIVE**, Vice-president of the European Investment Bank
 - Mr. **Amadou Boucacar CISSE**, Vice-president in charge of Operations, Islamic Development Bank*
- Moderator: M. **Jean Pierre ELONG MBASSI**, UCLG Africa Secretary General
- 10:30 - 12:00** **Debate with youth representatives of the Anna Lindh Foundation's Forum**
Civil society and specifically the youth have persistently defended the principles of liberty and social justice. Civil society has expressed its will to participate in democratic debates, to develop citizen fora and also organised institutional frameworks, and to play an active role in the definition of local public policies. During this session, elected officials will exchange ideas with a panel of 70 young people gathered for the Anna Lindh Foundation's Forum. This debate will allow local and regional elected representatives to include proposals formulated by the youth in their political messages.
- 12:00 - 1:00** **The final declaration of the 3rd Forum of Local and Regional Authorities of the Mediterranean is read, adopted and presented to national, European and international authorities present**
- Institutions invited (*):
- Mrs. **Mercedes BRESSO**, First Vice-President of the Committee of the Regions
 - Mr. **André AZOULAY**, President of the Anna Lindh Foundation for the dialogue between cultures
 - Mr. **Jean-Claude GAUDIN**, Mayor of Marseille, Co-president of the Mediterranean Commission of UCLG
 - Mr. **Michel VAUZELLE**, President of the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region, Co-president of the Mediterranean Commission of UCLG
 - Mr. **Fathallah SIJILMASSI**, Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean*
 - Ministers of the Interior in charge of decentralisation in the South
 - A representative of the European Commission
- 1:00** **Press briefing and group photo**
- 1:30** **Closing cocktail lunch at the Villa Méditerranée**

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