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THE THEME OF THE AFRICITIES SUMMIT 8

The Africities 8 Summit, which is the eighth edition of the Pan-African Days of Local and Territorial Authorities, will take place in *Marrakech, Morocco, from November 20 to November 24, 2018*. It will be themed: " *The transition to sustainable cities and territories, the role of African local governments*".

The goal of the Africities Summit 8 is establish a link between the vision of the long-term and the actions to be carried out in the immediate future, given the current situation of the continent. Africities 8 will take as a starting point the situation of Africa in globalization and urbanization; will shed light on the dimensions of the transition from the current changes, and will focus on the role and strategy of African territorial Governments in the transition. In order to identify the mutations that define the dimensions of the transition, Africities 8 adopts the following themes : the ecological transition ; economic and social transition ; the geopolitical transition ; the political and democratic transition ; and the cultural, scientific and ideological transition. The challenge for African local governments is to define and implement a new articulation, at the local level, between institutions, populations and territories. (One can refer to the concept note of Africities 8 : www.africities.org)

The Africities Summit seeks to achieve two major goals : to define appropriate and shared strategies to improve the living conditions of local populations; and to contribute to integration, peace and unity of Africa from the grassroots. Its goal is to connect a rigorous understanding of the likely future trends with a strategic discussion on what needs to be done locally, immediately, to meet the urgency of access to basic services, housing, mobility and transport, and to promote opportunities for the development of economic activities and employment , and other fields.

The Africities Summit has always been a great opportunity for the meeting of local and territorial elected representatives in Africa. Its ambition is to echo the voice of leaders of local and regional governments who administer the 15,000 territorial governments of Africa .

THE HISTORY OF THE AFRICITIES SUMMITS

Africities materializes a choice and a will. It is about strengthening the role of local authorities in the continent's development and to help build Africa from these communities. This project is deployed

through the successive Africités summits and the subjects that were treated during such summits. The Africities 8 Summit is part of the succession of Africities that took place in the five sub-regions of Africa.

Africities 1, in Abidjan in January 1998, had as its theme : *Recognizing the essential role of local governments in Africa's development.*

Africities 2, Windhoek, May 2000, was themed : *Financing African local governments to ensure the sustainable development of the continent.*

Africities 3, in Yaoundé, in December 2003, had as its theme : *Accelerating access to basic services within African local governments.*

Africities 4, Nairobi, September 2006, had as its theme : *Building local coalitions to achieve the Millennium Development Goals within African local governments.*

Africities 5, Marrakech, December 2009, was themed : *The response of African local and territorial authorities to the global crisis : promotion of sustainable local development and employment.*

Africities 6, in Dakar, in December 2012, had as its theme : *Building Africa from its territories : what challenges for local governments ?*

Africities 7 in Johannesburg in November 2015, had as its theme : *Building the future of Africa with the populations: the contribution of local governments to Agenda 2063..*

THE GLOBAL CONTEXT

The Africities 8 Summit is part of an international context that weighs on African development. The new context is marked by great uncertainties. Several questions must be taken into account :

- The global crisis is deepening and structural imbalances are continuing. A first question concerning the future concerns Africa's place in contemporary globalization and its crisis.
- The context is also characterized by a geopolitical, economic, social and cultural reorganization of the different major regions of the world related to their specific evolutions. A second question concerns the specificities of the evolution of Africa among the major regions of the world.
- The last decades have been marked by contradictions related to the dynamics of democratization on a global scale. A third question concerns the forms that democratization will take in Africa.
- Analyzing those issues by taking the territories as a point of entry helps to rethink and redefine the dynamics of African integration and unity. With decentralization and the creation of regional groupings, public governance is becoming more complex. A fourth question concerns the articulation of the different levels of governance : the scale of the African continent, the scale of the five sub-regions of the African continent, the national scale of African States , and the scale of local and territorial governments.
- Analyzing those issues by taking the territories as a point of entry also makes it possible to connect populations, activities, ecosystems and institutions . Globalization attempts to spread the same development model that is not sustainable from an ecosystem perspective and is not acceptable from an equity perspective. A fifth question concerns the possibility for Africa to acquire modes of development and transformation of African societies that are more sustainable and fairer.

THE ARCHITECTURE OF THE AFRICITIES SUMMIT 8

The Africities 8 Summit aims to address all these questions by relocating them, in the long term, in the context of the transition to sustainable cities and territories.

From November 20 to November 24, 2018, the Africities 7 Summit will host, in Marrakech, Morocco, more than 5 000 people. The participants will represent all the protagonists of African local life as well as their partners from other regions of the world : Ministers responsible for Local Governments, Housing, Urban Development, and the Public Service ; people in charge of African institutions ; local authorities and local elected officials ; central and local government officials ; civil society organizations, associations and unions ; economic operators in the public and private sectors and the social and solidarity-based economy ; traditional authorities ; researchers, scientists and members of the academia ; international cooperation agencies ; **and** African citizens . Africities 8 will host more than 500 exhibitors.

The Africities 8 Summit is organized in three segments :

- **The thematic sessions** make it possible to deepen the theme of the transition towards sustainable cities and territories as well as the development of the policies and strategies of the African territorial collectivities to answer the needs of the populations in the concrete situations.
- **Open sessions** allow different networks of African local authorities or institutions or organizations wishing to work with African territorial authorities to present their proposals and contribute to the thinking process.
- **Political sessions** that synthesize the summit include **the** political meeting of the mayors and of the local authorities ; of the ministers ; of the development partners ; and a political dialogue meeting between mayors, ministers and development partners.

THE AFRICITIES 8 EXHIBITION

From November 20 to November 23, 2018, the “**Africities 8 Exhibition**” will take place, within the framework of the Summit. Exhibition booths will be offered to local authorities, associations of local authorities, international institutions and cooperation, public and private companies, banks and financial institutions, consulting or research firms, universities and training institutions working or wish to work with African local authorities . Information workshops and debates will be proposed at the initiative of exhibitors or organizers of the Exhibition. A project exchange forum will be set up to link the demands expressed by African local authorities with the exhibitors' proposals.

SOME EXCEPTIONAL EVENTS

Several events of great importance will take place throughout Africities 8 . Among them, one can already mention:

the the elective General Assembly of UCLG-Africa; the Meeting of African Ministers Members of the Specialized Technical Committee of the African Union on the Public Service, Urban Development, Local Authorities and Decentralization (STC8); the tripartite political dialogue meeting between mayors, ministers, and development partners; the Elective General Assembly of REFELA (Network of African Local elected Women); the Meeting of Former African Heads of State as Honorary Members of UCLG Africa; meetings of African elected representatives with the Chinese, Latin American, European, Turkish elected officials ...; the

forum on the issue of migration; the presentation of the United Nations report on Afro-descendants; the organization of an inter-African fellowship for decentralized cooperation; the special events of Moroccan cities; the award ceremony for the best African mayor and the best participatory budget in Africa; B2B meetings within the framework of the projects grant organized within the Salon; the Forum on the construction of local coalitions between local authorities and local stakeholders; the Meeting of Large African Enterprises and Leaders of Local Authorities in Africa; the elective assemblies of professional networks of territorial administrations of Africa (City managers and directors of services, directors or heads of financial services, directors or heads of technical services, Human Resource managers); the Meeting of Traditional Authorities; Meeting of the African Media Network for Local Development (MADEL).

These events, as well as the activities of Africities 8, will be relayed by Africities' internal communication tools. : The Africities-Daily newspaper distributed every morning in the hotels and within the venue of the Summit ; Africities TV and Radio Africities ; the daily press conference ; specific press briefings ; the Africities website and **the** UCLG Africa Portal; the Facebook and Twitter social networks, and other networks.

Africities 8's communication will also be provided by national and international media

PREPARATION OF THE SESSIONS OF THE AFRICITIES SUMMIT 8

The sessions of the Africities 8 Summit will be structured as follows :

Each session will last three hours. Speeches are limited to one hour (60 min). An hour and a half (90 minutes) will be devoted to debates and exchanges with the audience. The last half hour (30 min) will be dedicated to the adoption of resolutions and recommendations to be submitted to political sessions (mayors, ministers, African institutions, development partners).

Each session will be coordinated by a chair who will be an African mayor, a facilitator and a rapporteur. This team will be proposed by the entity in charge of the preparation and organization of the session, in consultation with the UCLG-A secretariat. The discussion will be introduced by 3 to 4 speakers including 2 mayors and 1 or 2 other speakers representing institutions, experts or other categories of stakeholders.

The preparation of the Africities 7 Summit sessions will be done in three main stages, followed by a final report :

Step 1 : (Deadline : June 15, 2018)

- Identification and selection of the structures associated with the preparation and coordination of each session (identification before May 30, 2018)
- Confirmation of the operators (stakeholders) by UCLG Africa and of the partnership agreements.

2nd step : (Deadline : July 15, 2018)

- Short presentation of the session : theme, sales pitch about the interest of the session , the major issues discussed , the great experiences presented . (2 pages)
- Presentation of the program of the session : the organization of time , the nature and the theme of the interventions (presentations) , indications concerning the themes . (1 page)
- The names of the Chair, of the moderator and of the rapporteur (with support from UCLG Africa , especially for the identification of African mayors associated with the session)
- Opening of one page per session on the web site.

Step 3 : (Deadline: September 15, 2018)

- Presentation sheet of the session for the public program with all the speakers (1page) (for August 15, 2018)
- Summary of the introductory report of the session (3 to 5 pages)
- Project of draft resolutions and recommendations (addressed to mayors , ministers, African institutions , development partners, etc.)

And also :

- Other reports presented by the speakers (1 page per report)
- CVs and photos of the coordinators (chair, moderator , rapporteur) and of the speakers.
- Short presentation of the organizers of the session (i.e. the institution , its goals and its activities);
- requirements in terms of logistics for conducting the session;
- Proposals in terms of communication before, during and after the Summit (wishes expressed in terms of interviews , key messages to be developed, projects to be promoted , African leaders to be presented – providing for a short presentation note on these leaders for the media);
- Participation in the Africities Exhibition (booths, debates , etc.)

- Any other relevant question to be asked.

Step 4 : (Deadline: January 30, 2019)

- Minutes and final report of the session
- First evaluation report .

ARCHITECTURE OF THE AFRICITIES 8 SUMMIT



20 November 2018, morning	OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE AFRICITES 8 SUMMIT AND THE AFRICITIES EXHIBITION The transition toward sustainable cities and territories – The role of African local authorities													Meeting Africa / China	
20 November 2018, après-midi	Ecologic Transition STA1			Economic and social Transition STA2			The transition Political and democratic transition STA3			Geopolitical transition STA4			Cultural and scientific transition STA5		
21 November 2018, morning	Local strategies														
	planning and local programming strategies STS 1	Human Resources strategies STS 2	Local financial strategies STS 3	Environmental strategies STS 4	Information strategies STS 5	Local strategies for citizen participation and citizenship	Innovations in terms of LED SPI 1	Agroecology SPI 5	Sessions on Innovative local practicals Mobilizing local resources using innovation technologies SPI 2	Biodiversity and land management SPI 3	Local and renewable energies SPI 4	Social housing?	Waste ?		
	Lunch														
	Session of Stakeholders (SDA)														
21 November 2018, afternoon	The Inhabitants Associations SDA1	Peasants organizations SDA2	employee trade union organizations SDA 3	Women's movements SDA 4	Youth movements SDA 5	Local Entrepreneurs SDA 6	Popular economy and microcredit movements SDA 7	The big African corporations SDA 8	Financial institutions SDA 9	public services local operators : water and sanitation SDA 10	Cooperatives SDA 20				
	public services local operators: mobility and transport SDA 11	public services local operators : energy SDA 12	public services local operators: Waste SDA13	Local and central administrations professionals SDA 14	NGOs et solidarity associations SDA15	Traditional and moral authorities SDA 16	Migrants associations and diasporas SDA 17	Afro-descendants SDA 18	Universities and Researchers SDA 19						
	Journalists & Media SDA 21	Professionals of arts and culture SDA 22													
	Meeting Africa / Europe														
22 November 2018, morning	UCLG Africa programs Sessions (SPC)														
	Sessions on the place of HR SPC1	Forum of regions SPC 2	Peer review SPC 3	Session on Local Finances SPC 4	Culture and heritage SPC 5	Know your city SPC 6	Africa Final General Assembly SPC 7	Session on Women's Empowerment SPC 1	Localization of SDG's SPC 5	Decentralized cooperation SPC 3					
	Session of architects SPC 8	Transparency and Integrity SPC 9	Decentralized Cooperation in Africa SPC 10	Session on MADEL- African cities SPC 11	Magazine SPC 11	General Assembly - REFELA SPC 12	Session on territorial coaching SPC 13	Migration – OIM / CGLU SPC 4	Violence against women SPC 6	Startup SPC 6					
	LED Steering Committee SPC 14	thematic Session on LED SPC 15	Session on innovative initiatives contributing Local Governance SPC 16	Climate finance SPC17	General Assembly Africa Technet SPC 18	General Assembly Africa Magnet SPC19	Academic Board SPC 20	Participatory budget SPC 7							
22 November 2018, afternoon	Moroccan local authority Sessions (SMA)														
23 November 2018, morning	OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE POLITICAL SEGMENT Round Table of Former Heads of State, Honorary Members of UCLG Africa														
	Lunch														
23 November 2018, afternoon	MEETINGS OF MAYORS UNITED CITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OF AFRICA					MEETING OF MINISTERS PAN-AFRICAN CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF DECENTRALIZATION AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT									
24 November 2018, morning	Part I: PARALLEL DISCUSSION OF RECOMMENDATIONS (MINISTERS, MAYORS, AFRICAN INSTITUTIONS, DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS)														
24 November 2018, afternoon	Part 2: TRIPARTITE DIALOGUE (MINISTERS, MAYORS, AFRICAN INSTITUTIONS, DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS)														
	ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS OFFICIAL CLOSING CEREMONY														
	Not including exceptional events and Africities Exhibition														
EXCEPTIONAL EVENTS															
Conference on Climate Change Follow-up Charter of Migrants		Ceremony - Best African Mayor Award Meeting of biggest African compaignies		FODEVA Moroccan special events		Climate Initiative Trophy Exhibition award		REFELA Campaign - City without street children Local Actors Forum							

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CONCEPTUAL NOTE

PRESENTATION SUMMARIZED IN ONE PAGE

The full version is on the Africities website : [www.](http://www.africities.org)

Africities 8 will have as a central theme: **The transition to sustainable cities and territories : the role of African local governments.** Africities 8 will reflect upon the future of African cities, territories and local governments. The goal will be to take the situation of Africa within globalization and urbanization as a starting point; to highlight the dimensions of the transition from current mutations ; **and** to emphasize the role and strategy of African Local Governments in the transition.

The future of African cities and rural territories is part of the evolution of the continent and will contribute to the future of the continent. The urban fabric of Africa has rapidly evolved. It is characterized by metropolisation. In 1960, Africa had two cities with more than one million inhabitants, Cairo and Johannesburg. In 2015, there are 79 African cities with more than one million inhabitants and 21 cities with more than two million inhabitants. The trend towards precariousness accentuates urban exclusions and segregations. A significant proportion of city dwellers, sometimes the majority, are excluded from the legal channels of access to land and housing. This population lives in a precarious land situation, in under-equipped neighborhoods, most often referred to as "irregular" neighborhoods. The issue of migration is one of the central strategic issues of the coming years.

The choice of the transition makes explicit the idea of a profound change, of a structural evolution. We are in a period of abrupt change in all areas of evolution of cities, societies and territories, an abrupt change that is defined in civilizational terms and that disrupts all the dimensions of this evolution. The choice of transition also explains the forms of evolution. In the transition, a new rationale is needed and all the old forms, social and urban, do adapt themselves to the new dominant rationale, specifically according to the contexts and situations. In order to identify the mutations that make it possible to define the dimensions of the transition, one will retain: the economic and social transition ; the ecological transition ; the geopolitical transition; the political and democratic transition; and the cultural, scientific and ideological transition.

It is the articulation of levels and scales, between the local, the national scale, that of the great regions, and the world scale which defines the nature of a policy. The challenge is that of the assertion of rights and their inclusion in urban policies and in the production of cities. The debate will focus on local alternative strategies and on the role of local institutions. African local governments will play a vital role in the transition for sustainable cities and territories, in the implementation of a transition strategy. At their level, African local governments do define and implement a strategy that articulates responses to urgency and the inclusion within a project of social and urban transformation. It is necessary to implement innovative and alternative

practices, to disseminate them and to share them through African and international networks of cities. The challenge for African local authorities is to define and implement a new articulation, at the local level, between institutions, populations and territories.