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The Africities Political Commission met on 18 December 2013 in Brazzaville at the Conference Hall of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Republic of Congo. The aim of this meeting was to choose the Host City of the Africities Summit to be held from 01 to 05 December 2015.

The Africities Political Commission is composed of the President of United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLG Africa) who is presently from the West African sub-region, and the four Vice -Presidents of each of the other 4 sub-regions of Africa, as well as the UCLG-A Secretary General who is an ex officio member of the Commission.

The meeting was held at the invitation of the UCLG-A Vice- President for Central Africa, Mr. Hugues NGOUELONDELE, M.P./ Mayor of Brazzaville.

The proceedings of the deliberations took place in two (2) phases: Firstly, the Commission heard the presentations of the two candidate host cities of the Summit, namely Johannesburg in South Africa and Lusaka in Zambia. Secondly, the Commission deliberated based on the presentations of the two cities and the report of the Technical Evaluation Team that conducted a fact finding mission to Johannesburg from 30 October to 02 November 2013 and to Lusaka from 03 to 05 November 2013.

After deliberation, the Africities Political Commission chose the City of **Johannesburg (South Africa)**, to host the 7<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Africities Summit from 01 to 05 December 2015.

Furthermore, the Commission decided to adopt as theme of the Summit: **“2063 Vision for Africa: Which contributions from the African Local Governments ?”**

The Commission also requested the Host City to organize the official launching ceremony of the preparation of 2015 Africities Summit, at the latest by the end of the first half of 2014.

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