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LOCAL AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS ON FINANCIAL DECENTRALIZATION

United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLG-Africa) will host the annual meeting for the Network of Chief Financial Officers of UCLG Africa (Africa Finet), and the first meeting of the Network of City Manager/CEOs of the cities and subregions of Africa (Africa MagNet) at the Kenzi Tower Hotel of Casablanca, from November 17 - 19, 2016.

The theme for this year’s meeting will be the effectiveness of Public – Private Partnerships (PPPs). The meeting will examine the benefits of such partnerships in providing a viable alternative for local authorities to mobilize financial resources that enable them to build infrastructural projects as part of their public service remit (school buildings, cultural and sports facilities, roads, public lighting, kindergartens, hospitals, etc.)

The Africa Finet network will hold its General Assembly on November 19 where it will define the editorial position of the African Review of Local Finance (Issue 2), which aims to evaluate the progress of Financial Decentralization. It will also advocate the introduction of community practices that will enable greater participation in debate and positioning on financial decentralization.

The meeting of the Network of City Managers/CEOs of the cities and subregions of Africa (Africa MagNet) will address the following theme: Assessment of Costs of Transferred Responsibilities. UCLG-Africa who initiated the costs of skills assessment processes to support the transfer of resources to local authorities, will open a dialogue on the sharing of public resources between the State and local authorities. The primary objective of the meeting will be to identify ways in which local authorities can more effectively manage their financial resources with a better understanding of the cost of transferred responsibilities.

Participants will have the opportunity to hear presentations of case studies carried out in Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Niger and Chad.

Secretary Generals will hold the constitutive General Assembly of the network on November 19 in order to outline a road map to the next Africities8 Summit scheduled for December 2018 in Brazzaville, Congo.

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About UCLG Africa: United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLG Africa) is the umbrella organization of African local governments, of which the founding congress was held in the City of Tshwane, South Africa, in May 2005. It is the African section of the World organization of the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG). www.localafrica.org. UCLG Africa has a membership of 40 national associations of local governments from all regions of Africa, as well as 2000 cities that have more than 100,000 inhabitants. Its headquarters are located in the City of Rabat (Kingdom of Morocco), where it has been established since January 2008.