



Press Release

Abidjan hosts the Inaugural General Assembly for the network of Chief Technical Officers of the cities and territories of Africa (Africa TechNet)

In collaboration with the Ministry of Interior and Security of the Republic of Ivory Coast; the Union of Towns and Municipalities of Ivory Coast (UVICOCI); and the Association of Regions of Ivory Coast (ARDCI), United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLG Africa) will organize the Inaugural General Assembly for the network of Chief Technical Officers (CTOs) of the cities and territories of Africa (Africa TechNet), from July 03 to July 05, 2017 at Hotel Ivotel of Abidjan (Ivory Coast), with 120 CTOs from the five regions of Africa expected to attend.

The official opening ceremony will be chaired by His Excellency Hamed Bakayoko, Minister of State and the Minister of Interior and Security of Ivory Coast.

There will be an accompanying two days of training around the theme, "**Development of Territories and Climate Change: Realities, constraints and opportunities**", organized in partnership with the association, "ENERGIES 2050".

This training will be the first response by UCLG Africa to requests from African local governments to strengthen their capacities in the implementation of the Paris Accord on Climate Change and in the preparation of dossiers for access to climate finance.

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