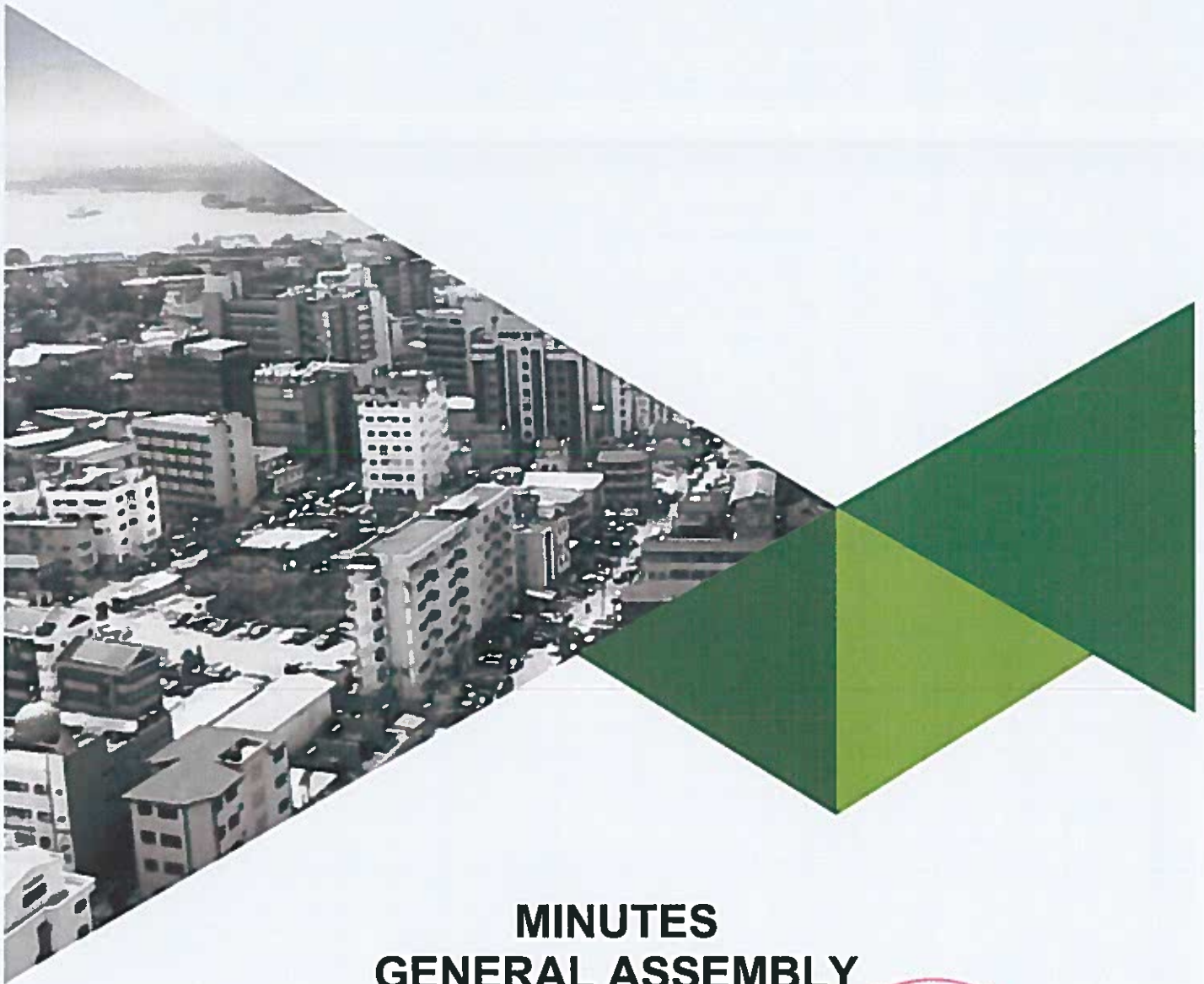




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**MINUTES
GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

*23 November 2018
Marrakech, Morocco*



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Minutes of the General Assembly of the United Cities and Local Governments – Africa (UCLG-Africa) held at the Africities Summit Village on 23 November 2018 at 15h30

1. Opening Remarks

The Acting President the mayor of Dakar, Madam Soham El Wardini welcomed delegates to the General Assembly. She thanked the King and the people of Morocco for hosting the UCLG-Africa Africities Summit and facilitating a large number of delegates to attend the Summit. She also thanked the mayor of Marrakech for hosting the Summit in the city and for all the support rendered for the smooth execution of the Summit.

Mayor El Wardini presented a synopsis of some of the challenges that were affecting governance. The rapid urban population growth through rural to urban migration had led to both inter-Africa migration as well as between Africa and other continents. Since migrants leave a local authority to settle in another local authority, this demographic factor had profound impact on local governance administration. Local authorities were, thus, at the centre of migration issues and must be engaged in any dialogues concerning the issue. As highlighted during the migration sessions of Africities, local governments were often left out of these dialogues resulting in uninformed decisions being taken.

The same demographic factor of rapid urban population growth had heralded the mushrooming of informal settlements in urban areas. While this was a major challenge for city leaders, she urged local governments to embrace the challenge and address it in a participatory manner that ensured that no one was left behind. The Know Your City program was aimed at harmonising the relationship between informal settlement dwellers and the city administration. By adopting participatory budgeting approaches local governments could also ensure that resources were allocated to address the most pressing needs of their citizenry.

During the current presidency, an agreement had been reached between the UCLG-Africa and the European Commission for support covering the period 2015 to 2021. The agreement had enabled the implementation of projects under the Governance, Advocacy and Decentralised Development Programme for Africa (GADDEPA). The EU support had strengthened the institutional capacity of the UCLG-Africa and enhanced its work in advocacy and capacity development of local governments and their national associations. Regional offices had now been established for Eastern Africa in Arusha, Tanzania, Southern Africa in Pretoria, South Africa and Western Africa in Accra, Ghana. Regional Offices would also be established soon in Cairo, North Africa and Yaounde in Cameroon for Central Africa.

The UCLG-Africa had also supported the establishment of national associations of local government in Comoros, Djibouti, Madagascar, Liberia, Guinea Bissau, and Lesotho. It was planned to support the establishment of national associations in Sudan, South Sudan, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea and Somalia when the conditions became conducive.

During the presidency, a good working relationship had also been established with the African Union, in particular, with the STC8.

The organisation had also been strengthened through the appointment of a deputy secretary general as had been decided at the Johannesburg General Assembly in 2015.



In conclusion, Madam El Wardini called upon members to demonstrate their commitment to the organisation through honouring their obligations to pay membership fees. It was only through such commitment that the UCLG-Africa would be strengthened to become more effective in achieving its goals.

2. Report by the Secretary General

The Secretary General presented the Secretariat report. He outlined the major issues and concerns of the organisation.

Resources

The Secretary General expressed appreciation for the commitment and consistency of development partners that had supported the growth of the UCLG-Africa. He acknowledged the outstanding support of the European Commission and the Government of Morocco without whose support the organisation may not have survived. The Kingdom of Morocco had conferred diplomatic status for the UCLG-Africa, availed offices, support staff and contributed finance for operational costs.

He, however, lamented the weak commitment of members with particular reference to the failure by the majority of members to honour their membership subscription obligations. He reported that the Finance Committee and Pan African Council had resolved to suspend all members who had never paid subscription fees. This had been necessitated in order to conform to the provisions of the Constitution and avoid wastage of resources spent administering accounts of non-paying members. They would only be re-admitted upon settlement of the outstanding fees. The UCLG-Africa would welcome new members who were committed to the organisation and demonstrating this through regular payment of subscription fees.

The Secretary General reported that the Republic of South Africa pledged to support UCLG Africa upon return to its unity. A 3-year budget provision of equivalent 300 K€ per fiscal year starting from 2014/2015 was made in the CoGTA department to that effect, but only the first 300 K€ for FY 2014/2015 was released, which means that UCLG Africa is still expecting 600 K€ from the government of the Republic of South Africa following the budgetary provision it had made. Furthermore following political commitments made at the aftermath of the Africities Summit in Johannesburg in 2015, the officials of the government of South Africa promised that from then on, South Africa is ready to support UCLG Africa with an annual grant equivalent of what the Kingdom of Morocco put yearly in the organization amounting 500 K€. These amount has been budgeted by UCLG Africa for FY 2018 and 2019, but did not materialized. UCLG Africa calls therefore the members from South Africa to sensitize the South African government in order that this support grant promised by the South African government be paid annually to UCLG Africa. The Secretary General also informed the General Assembly that the government of Egypt was also approach and confirmed considering the same level of support grant to UCLG Africa than what is done by the government of Morocco. Further talks will be held beginning of 2019 to get a concrete offer by the government of Egypt. The Secretary General called upon the members of UCLG Africa to lobby their respective governments in order that they also provide institutional financial support to UCLG Africa the same way it is done or is about to be done by the governments of Morocco, South Africa or Egypt.



3. Declaration on the '20 Years of Africities'

M.Mohamed Boudra President of the Association of Mayors and Presidents of Local Authorities (AMPCC) presented the Summit Declaration on the '20 Years of Africities

ADOPTED

4. Adoption of Declarations and Resolutions of Africities

The Secretary General presented the Resolutions and Recommendations of the sessions of the Africities 2018. He called upon members to reflect on the document of sessions resolutions that had been circulated earlier and walked members through the document calling for any proposals for amendment.

The president of REFELA Ms Célestine KETCHA Epse. COURTES drew attention to a declaration on parity at the local level. An amendment to include collaboration with the Global Network of Women and the signing of a pact of Europe and Africa between the Secretary Generals of UCLG-Africa and UCLG-World and the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) on Gender Parity at the local level. This must be stated in the Summit Resolutions.

Following this amendment, the Resolutions of the Summit were unanimously

ADOPTED

5. Questions and Issues for the Tripartite Dialogue

The Secretary General presented the questions and issues that had been proposed by members for engagement with central government and development partners tripartite dialogue:

1. To Ministers

- How can we own a conversation on the definition of cooperation programmes that are so far only discussed with national governments?
- In countries that were more structured local government succeeded to capture the majority of the financing from the climate fund, what are your immediate action for African local governments to benefit from this climate funding?
- In most of the African countries, the share of public resources managed by local authorities go barely beyond 10% which puts into question the relationship and trust between the people and public authorities. We wish that one-third of public resources be allocated to local governments. What do ministers think about this proposal on the share of public resources?
- We are aware that one of the challenges is the poor deployment of human resources to the local level administration. To respond to this, the UCLG-Africa established the Africa Local Government Academy (ALGA) to address this challenge but for now, ALGA does not



have funding. What concrete action and measures can ministers take to ensure that ALGA was adequately funded?

- There are many local governments that would like to partner with their sister local governments, however, aware that at present there is no legal framework for partnership between local governments and international partners, what do ministers propose to do to address this challenge?

Development Partners

- Technical assistance should be in cooperation with local governments. How can we ensure that this condition is observed so that mayors can plan development coherently?
- Development assistance should be provided directly to local government. How can a meaningful percentage of development funding be designated directly to local governments
- Targeting development cooperation to the needs of local governments rather than prioritising the needs of development agencies. How will we ensure that this will happen?
- Africa will be the worst impact region in the world by climate change. Development partners have better control of the fund. How can we jointly make it less difficult for cities to access the climate mitigation and adaptation fund?
- Partnerships are not easy to achieve. What is the best mechanism or methodology that are inclusive of civil society and business partners that would make partnerships work and achieve meaningful results?

The Secretary General called upon the General Assembly to confirm the questions as presented. He advised that any additional questions should be formulated and presented to the Secretariat.

ADOPTED

6. Election to the UCLG-Africa Statutory Organs

The Secretary General reminded the meeting on the rules to be observed for qualification for appointment to the positions on the UCLG-Africa statutory organs.

- 45 members to be nominated to sit on the Pan African Council, 9 per region
- For each region, the 9 members must be drawn from the following: 3 National Associations; 3 cities; and 3 equivalent of the regional or intermediary governments between the state and local governments. Where a region cannot meet these criteria, an explanation should be submitted explaining the position and requesting for a waiver
- All aspirants to positions to the organs of UCLG-Africa must be fully paid up members.

He also reminded the meeting that the positions to the UCLG-Africa were not conferred on the individuals but on the organisations that they represent.

The structure of REFELA would follow the same configuration of representation.

The following appointments to the leadership of UCLG-Africa Statutory Organs were confirmed:



1. Réseau des Femmes Elues Locales d’Afrique (REFELA)

Presidency

President: Ms Célestine KETCHA Epse. COURTES (Cameroon)

1st Vice-president: Madam Fetna EL KHIEL (Morocco)

2nd Vice-president: Madam Macoura COULIBALY DAO (Cote d’Ivoire)

3rd Vice-president: Madam Katrina SHIMBULU (Namibia)

4th Vice-president: Madam Harilalaina Irma JUIANDRES (Madagascar)

2. UCLG-Africa Presidency

2.1 President: Mme Rose Christiane Ossouka RAPONDA, Vice Présidente Region Afrique Centrale

Elected Unopposed

2.2 Vice President Eastern Africa: Rwandese Association of Local Government Authorities (RALGA) Rwanda – Mr. Innocent UWIMANA, Vice Presidency of Eastern Africa

2.3 Vice President Northern Africa: M. Mohamed BOUDRA: Association Marocaine des Présidents des Conseils Communaux (AMPCC)

2.4 Vice President Southern Africa: Rev Mpho MORUAKGOMO

2.5 Vice President Western Africa: Mme Soham EL WARDINI

3. Pan African Council

The full list of Pan African Council members is listed under Appendix 1

4. Executive Committee

The full list of Executive Committee members is listed under Appendix 2

Financial Management Committee

REGION	ORGANISATION	REPRESENTATIVE
Northern Africa	Ville de Zintan / Libye	M, Mustapha ELBAROUNI Maire
Western Africa	Union des Villes et Communes de Côte d’Ivoire UVICOCI	M. Gilbert KAFANA KONE Président
Central Africa	Association Nationale des Communes du Tchad ANCT Tchad	Mr. Samah Abdelaziz DAMANE Président
Eastern Africa	City of Addis Ababa, Ethiopie	M. Takele Uma BENTU Mayor



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Southern Africa	City of Blantyre, Malawi	M. Wild NDIPO Mayor
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Following the announcement of the recommendations of the regional caucuses, the Secretary General called on the vice presidents of regions and the president of REFELA to join the podium panel for formal introductions.

President of the UCLG-Africa

The Secretary General formally announced the appointment of the mayor of Libreville, Mme Rose Christiane Ossouka RAPONDA as the new president of the UCLG-Africa

Elected Unopposed

7. Motion of Solidarity with Former UCLG-Africa President Khalifa Sall

The UCLG World President, Mr. Parks Tau, moved a motion of solidarity with the former president of UCLG-Africa, Khalifa Sall, currently incarcerated in Senegal.

Message: Motion of Solidarity, Recognition, and Support to Mayor Khalifa Sall

We the members of the UCLG-Africa unanimously express our recognition, support and solidarity to Mr Khalifa Sall for his work, his determination, his dynamism for better communion between cities and territories. We declare our unconditional support in his difficulties.

Motion ADOPTED

8. Award for Best Methodology for Transition towards Sustainable Cities and Territories

The Secretary General reminded members that a competition had been launched at the beginning of the Summit to select the best presentation on *How to Achieve Transition towards Sustainable Cities and Territories*. Delegates were asked to vote on a platform on members' mobile devices and the results would be announced and awards conferred during the Gala Diner to be held on 24 November 2018 at Menara Gardens starting at 20h00.

He also informed the meeting that all were invited to the GALA Diner.

Madam Miriam Presentation

Madam Meriam presented the adventure of climate trophy initiative. The initiative assesses the value of projects on climate change and adaptation carried out by various actors, including cooperatives, civil society, green entrepreneurs, women and especially local governments. The underlying question was to demonstrate how local and regional authorities could play a role in the implementation of the commitments of states in the Paris Agreement. Earlier awards were organized under the auspices of the COP 22 in 2016, the second edition was at COP 23 in 2017. It was decided to confer the awards for 2018 during this Africities Summit of the UCLG-Africa.



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The selection would be done by voting through a mobile application that had been deployed for members to select the projects of their choice. Results would be announced during the GALA diner to be held at Menara Gardens, Marrakech at 20h00 on 24 November 2018.

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9. UCLG-AFRICA Anthem

The UCLG-Africa Anthem composed by the mayor of the City of Victoria, Seychelles, Mr David ANDRE was played to mark its launch at the General Assembly.

10. Remarks

Mayor of the City of Bangui

Mayor of the City of Bangui, Emile Gros Raymond Nakombo, presented the national emblem of the Central African Republic as a symbol of honour, appreciation for the election of Madam Raponda as president and to demonstrate the presence of the region at the UCLG-Africa Headquarters.

The President Elect: Madam Raponda

The new president of the UCLG-Africa, Madam Rose Oussouka Raponda, delivered her vote of thanks on her election and appreciated the expression of confidence in her leadership. She thanked His Majesty, the King of Morocco for hosting Africities Summit for the second time. She said that the community of elected local governments in the family of the UCLG-Africa express their profound gratitude to the King for the sustained support of the organisation. She also thanked the local government leadership in Morocco as represented by their national associations. She thanked Mr Parks Tau, president of the UCLG-World for his availability and steadfast representation of Africa on the world stage. She thanked the President of the Republic of Gabon, Mr Ali Bongo, without whose support she would not have been able to assume the new position. She expressed her pride on being the first woman to occupy the post of UCLG-Africa president. She congratulated Madam Célestine Ketcha Courtès for being re-elected for a second term as REFELA president. She paid tribute on behalf of the African local government family to her predecessor, Mayor Khalifa Sall for the outstanding leadership during the two mandates of his presidency. She thanked the mayor of the City of Dakar for steering the organisation following the incarceration of Mayor Khalifa Sall. She also thanked the Secretary General, Mr Jean Pierre Elong Mbassi.

11. AFRICITIES 2021 Host

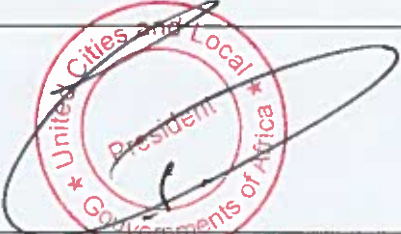
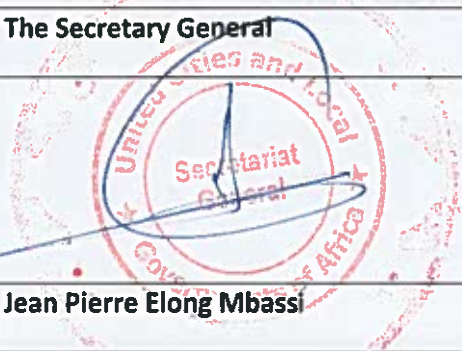
Following offer by the Council of Governors of Kenya, the City of Kisumu was confirmed as the host for the 2021 Africities Summit.

The Governor of Kisumu, Kenya, the city that will host the next Africities in 2021, expressed gratitude on behalf of His Excellency the President of Kenya, Uhuru Kenyatta, the Council of Governors and the County of Kisumu, for having been given the opportunity to host the next edition of Africities in 2021.

The General Assembly was declared closed at 19h00



Confirmed as a correct report of the proceedings

The President	The Secretary General
	
Rose Christiane Ossouka RAPONDA	Jean Pierre Elong Mbassi

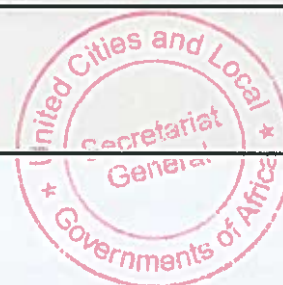
PAN AFRICAN COUNCIL 2019 – 2021

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North Africa		
1	Association Marocaine des Présidents des Conseils Communaux AMPCC Maroc	M. Mohamed Boudra, Vice Président Region Afrique du Nord
2	Gouvernorat du Caire, Egypt	M. Khaled Abdel Aal Gouverneur
3	Conseil Régional de Nouakchott/ Mauritanie	Mme Fatimetou Abdel Malick Présidente
4	Ville de Tunis / Tunisie	Mme Souad ADBDERRAHIM Maire
5	Ville de Khartoum /Soudan.	M,Mohamed Ahmed ALI Maire
6	Ville de Rabat/ Maroc	M,Mohamed SADIKI Maire
7	Association des Maires du Mauritanie AMM Mauritanie	M. Cheikh Ould Ahmed Ould Baya Président
8	City of Zintan / Libya	M,Mustapha ELBAROUNI Maire
9	Governorate of Qalyubiya / Egypte	M.Allaa Abdel HALIM Gouverneur
West Africa		
1	Ville de Dakar, Sénégal	Mme Soham EL Wardini Vice Présidente Region Afrique de l'Ouest
2	Ville de Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso	M. Armand Pierre Béouindé Maire
3	Ville de Bamako, Mali	M. Adama SANGARE Maire
4	Union des Villes et Communes de Côte d'Ivoire UVICOCI Cote d'Ivoire	M. Gilbert KAFANA KONE Président
5	Ville Praia, Cape Vert	M.OSCAR HUMBERTO EVORA DOS SANTOSO Maire
6	National Association of Local Authorities of Ghana NALAG	M. Felix Mensah Nii Anang-Lar, MCE pour Tema Président



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7	Association des Régions du Niger (ARENI)	M. ANACKO MOHAMED Président
8	Association Nationale des Communes de Guinée ANCG	M. Mamadou Drame Président
9	Association Nationale des Communes du Bénin ANCB	M. ATROKPO Luc Sètonджи Président
Central Africa		
1	Association des Maires du Gabon AMG, Gabon	Mme Rose Christiane Ossouka RAPONDA, Présidente de CGLU Afrique Vice Présidente Region Afrique Centrale
2	Ville de Brazzaville, République du Congo	M. Christian Roger Okémba Maire
3	Communes et Villes Unies du Cameroun CVUC	M. Emile ANDZE ANDZE Président
4	Association of Authorities and Autonomous Regions of STP AARA/STP	Mr Lima dos Santos Ekeneide Président
5	Communauté Urbaine de Yaoundé, Cameroun	M. Gilbert TSIMI EVOUNA Délégué de Gouvernement
6	Ville de Kinshasa, République Démocratique du Congo	M. André KIMBUTA Gouverneur
7	Ville de Malabo, Guinée Equatoriale	Mme Coloma Edjang MBENGONO Maire
8	Association Nationale des Communes du Tchad ANCT Tchad	Mr.Samah Abdelaziz DAMANE Président
9	Association des Maires de Centrafrique AMCA, République Centrafricaine	M. Emile Gros Raymond Nakombo Président
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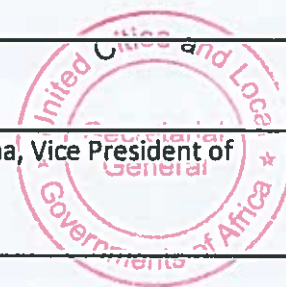
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5	City of Djibouti, Djibouti	Mme Fatouma Awaleh OSMAN Maire
6	Shinyanga Municipal Council, Tanzanie	M. Abubakar Mukadam GULAMHAFEEZ Mayor
7	Ile de la Grande Comore, Comores	To be Confirmed
8	Association Burundaise des Elus Locaux ABELO, Burundi	M. NITERESE Martin Président
9	Uganda Local Government Association ULGA, Uganda	M George MUTABAAZI President
Southern Africa		
1	Botswana Association of Local Authorities BALA, Botswana	M. Mpho MORUAKGOMO Vice Presidency of Southern Africa
2	South Africa Local Government Association SALGA, South Africa	M. Parks TAU President
3	Local Government Association of Zambia LGAZ Zambia	M. Christopher Chishimba KANG'OMBE President
4	LESOTHO Association of Local Gouvernements of Lesotho LALA, Lesotho	Cllr. Ts'eliso Letrata President
5	City Region of Luanda, Angola	M. Adriano Mendes de Carvalho Governor
6	City of Maputo, Mozambique	M. Eneas Comiche
7	NAMIBIE Association for Local Authorities in Namibia (ALAN) Namibia	Mrs. Katrina Shimbulu
8	City of Blantyre, Malawi	M. Wild NDIPO
9	Zimbabwe Association des Authorities Locales de Zimbabwe ZILGA, Zimbabwe	M. Killer Zivhu



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14	South Africa Local Government Association (SALGA), South Africa	M. Parks TAU President
15	Local Government Association of Zambia (LGAZ) Zambia	M. Christopher Chishimba KANG'OMBE President

