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The African community of local and regional governments regrouped within the United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLG Africa) welcomes the release of Khalifa Ababacar Sall, former Mayor of the City of Dakar after 2.5 years in detention.

UCLG Africa is delighted to be able to count on the talents of one of its best leaders who, as President of UCLG Africa from 2012 to 2016, has made our organisation’s voice heard with dignity in Africa and in the world.

During these two and a half years of absence, Khalifa Ababacar Sall’s determined, combative, but also constructive and visionary character will have failed his peers in Africa and other regions of the world, especially the members of the world organization of the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG).

UCLG Africa fervently hopes to count once again on the commitment and leadership of Khalifa Ababacar Sall in order to carry ever higher the flag of a local Africa determined to contribute to the continuous improvement of the living conditions of the populations, committed to the achievement of sustainable human development and the unity of the continent, and determined to defend democracy, decentralization, and respect for freedom and human rights for all.

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