Africities Summit 9


Call for expressions of interest
The Africities Exhibition of Kisumu, which is held in parallel with the Conference part, consists of:

- 5,000 square meters of exhibition space;
- Between 150 and 200 exhibitors from Africa and other continents, including country pavilions, institutional pavilions, and booths dedicated to public or private companies;
- B2B Meetings;
- A series of workshops held each day around the following five main priorities of the African Development Bank (High Five), namely:
  1. Lighting up intermediary cities;
  2. Feeding intermediate cities;
  3. Improving the quality of life in intermediary cities;
  4. Developing economic activities and employment in intermediary cities;
  5. The contribution of intermediary cities to African integration and unity.

About Africities

Africities is the materialization of a choice and of a will. The aim is to strengthen the role of local and regional governments in the development of the continent and to help build the integration and unity of Africa from its territories.

Africities summit is the largest democratic gathering organized in Africa. It is the main platform for dialogue on decentralization and local governance that brings together every three years, African ministers; mayors, leaders and elected officials of local and regional governments; civil society organizations; traditional authorities; representatives of the African diaspora; economic actors; experts, researchers and academics; financial institutions; and development partners.

The theme of the 9th Africities Summit, which will be held from 17 to 21 May 2022 in Kisumu, is: “The Role of Intermediary Cities of Africa in the Implementation of Agenda 2030 of the United Nations and the African Union Agenda 2063”. Kisumu is the first ever intermediary city to host the Africities Summit. The previous 8th Africities edition, held in Marrakesh from 20 to 24 November 2018 in Morocco, registered attendance topped a record of 8,300 participants.

The Africities Summit has two major goals:

- To define appropriate shared strategies in order to improve the living conditions of people at the local level.
- To contribute to the integration, peace and unity of Africa from its territories.

Organized every three years for the past 20 years, the Africities Summit has been held under the banner of UCLG Africa since 2006, alternately in each of the five regions of the continent.
Africities Investment Forum

Call for expressions of interest for the identification of investment priorities within African cities and territories

The Africities Summit takes a further step with the creation of the Africities Investment Forum, a space for connecting local and subnational governments having projects to present to investors or technical and financial partners. The Africities Investment Forum will be held Thursday, May 19, 2022, in Kisumu (Kenya) as part of the 9th edition of the Africities Summit.

The Forum aims to deepen the dialogue between local authorities and private operators with a view to better understanding the potential and investment opportunities that exist in the territories. The goal of the Forum is twofold: it involves both making potential partners aware of the constraints encountered by local authorities in setting up and financing their investment projects; and on the other hand, to put project leaders in touch with the main partners, whether they are private investors, members of the Diaspora, institutions specializing in setting up bankable projects, or financial institutions, whether public or private. The purpose is to jointly identify innovative and efficient solutions for the effective implementation on the ground of projects carried or presented by subnational governments.

The Forum will be organized in two parts: a part dedicated to sessions and workshops held as part of the reflections and exchanges of the thematic segment of the Africities Summit; and a section devoted to establishing business relationships between regional decision-makers and public or private operators (B2B) organized as part of the Africities Exhibition.

This call for expressions of interest is open for a period of two (2) months from January 01 to February 28, 2022. It is aimed at members of UCLG Africa interested in the achievement of three (3) to five (5) investment projects considered as priorities and for which members wish to experience significant progress during their participation in the Africities Investment Forum.

The corresponding proposals must be accompanied by a brief presentation of the projects concerned following the attached form.

Address for sending the required documentation

All information must be sent as soon as possible and no later than February 28, 2022 at 5:00 PM Universal Time to:

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