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“Promoting the Principles of Effective Governance in Africa: Peer Learning among African Local and Regional Governments”

Tuesday, October 11th, 2022, from 10:00am to 11:30am

Daejeon, South Korea Local Time

Daejeon Convention Center (DCC1 – 204-205)

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Concept note

Context & Rationale

On the proposal and thanks to the efforts of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Public Administration (UN-CEPA), the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) has adopted eleven (11) Principles of Effective Governance, as part of the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and in particular SDG 16 which calls for “Promoting the advent of peaceful and inclusive societies for the purposes of sustainable development, ensuring access for all justice and establish effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels”.

As fundamental principles, they apply to all public institutions (national, central and subnational), including the executive and legislative branches, the security and justice sectors, the independent bodies established by the Constitution and state enterprises. They are deepened and made operational through a choice of commonly used strategies and related practices, which are an integral and constantly evolving part.

These principles, declined down into some 62 Strategies to support their implementation, constitute a framework of reference and evaluation of institutional capacities and aim to assist the Member States of the international community in their commitment to build Public Institutions, at all levels of governance, effective, accountable and inclusive in order to achieve Sustainable Development.

These Principles are based on 3 fundamental pillars, namely¹:

- 1) Effectiveness:** It is based on and assumes the promotion of the Principle of Competence, Sound Policymaking, and Collaboration;
- 2) Accountability:** It is based on and assumes the promotion of Integrity, Transparency, and Independent Oversight;
- 3) Inclusiveness:** It supposes the Principles of Leaving No One Behind (LNOB), the Non-Discrimination, the Participation, the Subsidiarity, and the Intergenerational Equity.

The World We Want embodied by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as well as the other Agendas dealing with climate change, the New Urban Agenda, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction as well as the Agenda for Addis Ababa Action, is also consistent with the Seven (7) Aspirations of the African Union's Agenda 2063, including a prosperous Africa based on inclusive growth and sustainable development.

On another side, the African Charter on the Values and Principles of Decentralization, Local Governance and Local Development is based on a set of Core Values, among which: Community-based participation and Inclusiveness, Solidarity, Respect of Human Rights; Diversity and Tolerance, Justice, Equality and Equity, Integrity, Civic responsibility and citizenship, Transparency and Accountability, and Responsiveness.

¹ Economic and Social Council Official Records, 2018, Supplement No. 24 E/2018/44-E/C.16/2018/8, para. 31



Among all the Public Institutions, it is the Local and Regional level of Governance which represent the appropriate level where the Principles of Effective Governance can be best implemented, where the political Leaders of these entities can show, on a daily basis, their commitment to these Principles, where Citizens observe and judge the way Local/Regional Public Institutions are led, directed and managed and how they function, where one can see the results and the real impact of Effective Governance concerning the kind of Leadership, the Governance, the operation, and the delivery of public services. Finally, it is at this level that Local Public Institutions can, through their commitment to the principles of Effective Governance as well as to the respect for these Principles, gain the trust of citizens, users, service providers and partners.

UCLG Africa, through its African Local Government Academy(ALGA) would like to take the opportunity and global space of UCLG World Congress to organize a Session on “**Promoting the Principles of Effective Governance in Africa: Peer Learning among African Local and Regional Governments**”, as an opportunity to rise awareness about the cruciality of Effective Governance for Local and Regional Governments (LRGs) not only in Africa, but globally, as a key lever to promote and anchor Decentralization, to enhance Local and Regional Governance, and above all to impact the local and regional development.

Main Objective:

Raising Awareness about the existence of the 11 Principles of Effective Governance adopted by ECOSOC in 2018 and allowing the ownership of such Principles by the LRGs.

Specific Objectives:

- Publicizing, popularizing and disseminating the 11 Principles of Effective Governance among LRGs, in particular in Africa;
- Demonstrating to what extent LRGs in Africa are committed to implementing and anchoring Effective Governance in their vision, leadership and governance;
- Sharing on the best way to create a supportive, facilitating and enabling environment for the implementation of these Principles at Local and Regional level;
- Exploring niches of collaboration with UCLG World Secretariat and its Regional Sections on the Principles of Effective Governance;
- Identifying training and capacity building needs in this area.

Expected Date and Venue:

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Duration of the Session: 90 minutes.

Modalities of Organization: In person.



Composition of the Panel

Moderator: Mr Jean Pierre Elong Mbassi, Secretary General of UCLG Africa.

Panel: **(The Speakers in the process of being confirmed):**

- **The importance and relevance of the Principles of Effective Governance at Subnational level** (*Video Message*).
Hon. Mr Mauricio Rodas, Member of the UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration (UN-CEPA), Former Mayor of Quito and Former Co-President of UCLG, Ecuador.
- **Local and Regional Leaders engagement:**
 - **Hon. Ms Fatimetou Mint Abdelmalick**, President of UCLG Africa, President of the Regional Council of Nouakchott, Mauritania (TBC);
 - **Hon. Ms Roheyatou Malick Lowe**, President of REFELA, Lord Mayor of the City of Banjul, The Gambia;
 - **Hon. Ms Mbarka Bouaida**, President of the Association of the Regions of Morocco (ARM), Morocco (TBC);
 - **Hon. Ms Asmaa Rhlalou**, President of the Communal Council of the City of Rabat, Morocco;
 - **Hon. President of Rwanda Association of Local Government Authorities (RALGA)**, Rwanda (TBC);
 - **Hon. Cllr Florah Mpetsane**, President of Botswana Association of Local Authorities (BALA), Botswana (TBC);
 - **Hon. Ms Daniella Levine Cava**, Mayor of Miami-Dade, Florida, USA, (*Video Message*);
 - **Hon. Mr Emile Boc**, Mayor of Cluj-Napoca, Former Prime Minister, Romania (TBC);
 - **Hon. Ms Wobine Buijs-Glaudemans**, Mayor of Oss, The Netherlands (TBC);

Guidelines for the Panel:

The Panel will be invited to react to the following questions:

- Why the Principles of Effective Governance are relevant for the Subnational level?
- What Effective Governance represent for them in their Vision and Mission?
- How they are engaged to implement and anchor such Principles through their Leadership, Governance and Service Delivery?
- What are the main challenges they are facing in this regard?
- Can they share any initiative, innovation or best practice related to Effective Governance?
- How UCLG and its Regional Section UCLG Africa can support them?