

## Medcities Seminar on Air Quality and Mobility

### Description of event:

The meeting will be a Seminar on two ongoing projects that the Medcities Network is developing nowadays: 1.“ Air quality improvement throughout air quality and mobility plans and implementing air quality local departments and laboratories” 2.“ Mobility Plan of Sousse” project.

Poor air quality is an increasing environmental problem in many towns and traffic pollution is the main cause of it. The project's objective is to reinforce municipal capacity to improve air quality by the elaboration of air quality and mobility plans and the creation of air quality services with a laboratory to measure the emissions from fixed and mobile sources of pollution and the air quality main standards of the town.

### Name of organization:

MEDCITIES NETWORK

### Description of organization:

Medcities is a network of Mediterranean coastal cities established in Barcelona in November 1991 at the initiative of the Mediterranean Technical Assistance Programme (METAP). The network's objectives are:

- To strengthen the role and the means (institutional, financial and technical capability) of municipalities in the implementation of local environment policies;
- To develop awareness and involvement of citizens and consumers on urban sustainable development;
- To set up a direct co-operation policy in order to implement the partnership between coastal Mediterranean cities;
- To promote the role of sustainable urban development as a general policy for the Mediterranean Region.

### Partner organizations:

United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), UNDP, World Bank, European Commission, Catalan Regional Government, CEDARE, Instituto para la Sostenibilidad de los Recursos.

### Confirmed speakers:

Hon. Joan Clos, Mayor of Barcelona  
 Hon. Mohamed Abdel Labib, Mayor of Tetuan  
 Hon. Dahman Derhan, Mayor of Tangiers  
 Hon. Khelil Belhaouane, Mayor of Sousse  
 Hon. Mohamed Hadjtaieb, Mayor of Sfax  
 Hon. Samir Chaarani, Mayor of Tripoli, Lebanon  
 Hon. Abdel Kader Alameddine, Mayor of El Mina, Lebanon  
 Hon. Edi Rama, Mayor of Tirana  
 Mrs. Ivica Trumbic, Director of the PAP Centre of the Mediterranean Action Plan

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## Campaigning to Reform International Institutions: What is the role for local authorities?

### Description of event:

Roundtable to present the World Campaign for In-depth Reform of the System of International Institutions, to consider proposals for reform and to discuss the need to engage diverse key actors on the world scene – amongst others, local authorities – to advance the goals of the Reform.

This event will count on the participation of diverse civil society personalities and organizations promoting the World Campaign (amongst them, the mentor of the UBUNTU Forum, Federico Mayor), experts on the issues of reform and representatives from the milieu of local authorities to provide their insights and approaches to the need to reform international institutions and to present their proposals.

We hope to engage in a fruitful and constructive debate amongst civil society, experts, local authorities and all interested people attending this event to exchange points of view and devise strategic alliances to further the common goals towards a fairer, more democratic and enhanced system of international institutions.

### Name of organization:

UBUNTU – World Forum of Civil Society Networks

### Description of organization:

The UBUNTU Forum is a worldwide network established in Barcelona in 2001 in response to an appeal launched by Federico Mayor, former UNESCO Director General, to increase cooperation amongst civil society and raise the voice of citizens in favour of a fairer and more peaceful world. One of its main activities since 2002 is the “World Campaign for In-depth Reform of the System of International Institutions”. The Campaign’s objective is to promote such reform in order to equip the system of international institutions to help resolve the grave problems that face our world today.

### Partner organizations:

N/A

### Confirmed speakers:

N/A

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