



## CIB annual meeting 2023

15-18 May

Marrakech, Morocco

Venue: Cadi Ayyad University – Innovation City of Marrakech

**Theme:** Creating an enabling environment for Decentralized Cooperation Worldwide

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## Final draft agenda of the CIB annual meeting 2023

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| <b>Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023</b>                                    |   |
| Opening<br>Introductory plenary conference<br>Tour de Table                 |   |
| <b>08:45-09:30</b>  | <b>Registration &amp; tea/coffee</b>  |
| <b>09:30-10:30</b><br><b>Auditorium</b>                                     | Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr. Neila AKRIMI &amp; Pascal LAVOIE, CIB Leadership.</li> <li>- Jean-Pierre ELONG MBASSI, Secretary General, UCLG Africa</li> <li>- Representative of the Communal Council of Marrakech, Morocco.</li> <li>- Video message of Ms. Emilia SÁIZ, Secretary General, UCLG</li> </ul>   |
| <b>10:30-10:50</b>  | Outline of the week – Jessie Post, coordinator of CIB secretariat<br><i>Incl. conversation with participants – what are your expectations of the week?</i>  |
| <b>10:50-11:15</b>  | Coffee/tea break  |
| <b>11:15-12:45</b>  | <b>Introductory Plenary Conference</b><br>Implementing and Localizing the Sustainable Development Goal 17: African Perspective<br><br><b>Moderator: Mr. Morris MBOLELA</b> , Deputy Secretary General, UCLG Africa, Zambia. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Hon. Mr Oumar BA</b>, Président de l'Association des Maires du Sénégal (AMS), Sénégal (TBC): Challenges of Opportunities facing Decentralized Cooperation » (TBC).</li> <li>- <b>Mr Charles PATSIKA</b>, Advisor on Decentralized Cooperation to UCLG Africa: “The implementation of SDG 17 and the challenges of Decentralized Cooperation in Africa”, Zimbabwe.</li> <li>- <b>A Representative</b> from the Communal Council of Marrakech (TBC).</li> <li>- <b>Mr. Mostafa AMEUR</b>, Principal Administrator for the Directorate General of Local Authorities (DGCT) of the Ministry of the Interior: “Presentation of a Best Practice: African Support Fund for International Decentralized Cooperation”, Morocco.</li> <li>- <b>Mr Mandresy RAKOTOARISON</b>, President of the African Network of Managers of Decentralized Cooperation and International Relations of Local and Regional Governments (RAMCD) of UCLG Africa, in charge of International Cooperation, Urban Commune of Antananarivo, Madagascar.</li> <li>- <b>Dr Najat ZARROUK</b>, Director of Development, Knowledge Management and ALGA: “Supporting Decentralized Cooperation: UCLG Africa engagement”, UCLG Africa, Morocco.</li> </ul><br><i>Incl. conversation with the audience</i> |
| <b>13:00-14:00</b>  | <b>Lunch break</b>  |
| <b>14:00-16:30</b><br><b>For UCLG-CIB members only</b><br><b>Auditorium</b> | <b>Tour de Table</b><br>Interactive peer-to-peer exchange among CIB members on organizational and project updates, achievements and questions, categorized along global challenges<br><i>Strategic but pragmatic exchange on developments you run into in your project implementation, acquisition and evaluation.</i>  |

**Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Thematic workshops

Strategic review CIB/DeLoG members meeting

**9:00-11:00 (max.  
11:30)**

**Thematic workshops**

*Participants are invited to choose one of the four thematic workshops, which are all related to priorities and activities of the CIB working group and its members, as well as to UCLG Africa's priorities. The thematic workshops should encourage peer-to-peer exchange and learning, as well as joint actions and commitments.*

**Workshop 1: Gender equality & Inclusive Governance**

**Co-organizers: FCM, UCLG Africa/Department of Gender and Youth, DeLoG, Province of Barcelona, Metropolis, FSLGA, Region of Catalonia**

**Room N° - Floor**

In 2022, the CIB initiated an effort to build leadership and enable new collaborations within its membership to advance gender equality and social inclusion in decentralized development cooperation. A "Knowledge Hub" partnership was launched at the World Congress, and joint priorities were identified. This workshop will propose an interactive knowledge exchange and brainstorming amongst participants to strive towards gender equality and inclusive governance. The key objective of the workshop will be to facilitate conversation and peer-to-peer exchange, to discuss how we can amplify each other's work, identify common challenges and, ultimately, build collective commitment for action.

The workshop will be kickstarted by a short presentation on the CIB gender knowledge hub. We will then learn about UCLG Africa's African Charter for Local Gender Equality initiative, and the question of creating political commitment for gender equality. This will set the stage for the core of the workshop, which will consist of interactive exchanges between participants to share experiences, challenges and propose commitment on specific aspects of the gender equality and inclusive governance agenda.

**Workshop 2: Localizing the SDGs**

**Co-organizers: UCLG Learning, UCLG Research, UCLG Africa/ALGA and Knowledge Hub, SALGA, VVSG, ANCB**

**Room N° - Floor**

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of March we were exactly halfway on Agenda 2030, in terms of time. More and more local and regional governments, and their associations, are actively contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. UCLG and partners, including the CIB

working group, try to successfully document on this process, through different processes:

- The development of a yearly report on the progress of LRGs and their associations, which is presented to the UN and member states during the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.
- The facilitation of the development of Voluntary Subnational Reviews (reports produced by Local Government Associations) and Voluntary Local Reviews (report produced by individual local governments/cities), through:
  - i. Coaching sessions by UCLG world secretariat (especially on VSRs)
  - ii. Organization of workshops aimed at peer learning (VSRs and VLRs)
  - iii. Making available MOOCs and guidelines on both VSRs and VLRs

Documentation of the progress is crucial, for advocacy reasons but also for effectively working on the SDGs, together. How should we organize and improve these processes, in view of scaling up and accelerating towards 2030?

### **Workshop 3: Disaster preparedness and building resilience**

**Co-organizers: UNDRR, SALAR International, UMT, UCLG Learning, UCLG Africa/ALGA**

**Room N° - Floor**

One of the key objectives of this workshop is to discuss how local authorities can make the transition from humanitarian response centered initiatives to more structural reconstruction activities, after the initial crisis situation. A Video message from UNDRR will recall the DRR challenges and innovations. A highly relevant conversation in the current context of Ukraine, Turkey and Syria, and in many other countries. SALAR International and UCLG will present different existing policy tools, after which there is room for different members which have recently been implementing activities and projects related to resilience, crisis preparedness and response to share their experiences. They are invited to highlight the key challenges they have been dealing with and their lessons learned, for members to create a better overview of what local and regional authorities are doing in terms of recovery work and how this works. Participants of the workshop will then be invited to brainstorm on how we can sustain and maintain this overview, and enhance knowledge sharing and peer learning in this field, through CIB and/or other networks.

### **Workshop 4: International orientation of Cities**

**Co-organizers: UCLG Africa/ALGA, City of Barcelona, City of Durban, City of Marrakech, City of Tetouan, City of Tangiers (TBC), UCLG Learning**

**Room N° - Floor**

In this workshop, we present the findings from recently conducted CIB research on the role of cities and local authorities in international cooperation for global justice. Based on interviews with Berlin, Amman, Jakarta, Bologna, The Hague, Bruges, Medellin, Malmö, Barcelona and Vienna, the study presents learnings and insights, ranging from the strategic thinking applied to decentralized cooperation, to linking economic development to international cooperation. The workshop aims to discuss the findings, validate them where

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|  | necessary, and to gather additional case studies, insights, as well as next steps, for involved cities and for CIB, after this first study. How do we enhance the knowledge exchange between cities on international cooperation and policies, within the CIB working group?                     |
| <b>11:00-12:00</b>                                     | <b>Coffee/tea break</b>  |
| <b>12:00-13:00</b>                                     | <b>World Café</b><br><b>Room N°</b><br><i>4 tables with representatives from the 4 workshops – quick presentation of what has been discussed, possibility for extra input/feedback/questions - move around every 15 min.</i>   |
| <b>13:30-14:30</b>                                     | <b>Lunch break</b>   |
| <b>14:30-16:30</b><br><b>For UCLG-CIB members only</b> | <b>Strategic Review of the CIB Working Group</b> reflecting on the vision, the mission, the strategies and the activities – including discussion on how the CIB can best contribute to UCLG's Pact for the Future.<br>Moderated by CIB leadership & consultant Kubeshni Govendor Neila or Pascal |
| <b>14:30-16:30</b><br><b>For DeLoG members only</b>    | <b>DeLoG Working Groups</b> and a strategic reflection among the members.  |
| <b>16:30-17:30</b>                                     | <b>Speed dating among CIB and DeLoG network – building personal &amp; project connections</b>  |
| <b>19:30</b>   | <b>Informal dinner (Venue TBC)</b>   |

**Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Joint CIB and DeLoG day**

Translating the policy work on development cooperation of local governments into practice/joint actions

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| <b>9:30</b>        | <b>Setting the scene - Why CIB &amp; DeLoG join efforts</b><br>Dr. Neila Akrimi (CIB) & Christian Luy (DeLoG)  |
| <b>10:00-11:00</b> | <b>Two rounds of inspirational panel discussions</b><br><br><b>Panel 1: Placing DeLog partners in the spotlight – decentralization &amp; local governance from a donor perspective</b><br>Moderator: Dr. Neila Akrimi (CIB)<br><br><b>Panel 2: CIB members in the spotlight - Decentralisation &amp; Local Governance from a Practitioner perspective; challenges in the field</b><br>Moderator: Christian Luy (DeLoG) |

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| <b>11:00-11:30</b> | <b>Tea/Coffee break</b>  |
| <b>11:30-12:30</b> | <p><b>Dynamic conversation between panelists and participants</b></p> <p><i>Possible questions for debate</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>What opportunities and challenges do we see regarding local governments &amp; development cooperation</i></li> <li>- <i>What obstacles need to be overcome?</i></li> <li>- <i>How can we make our joint work more effective?</i></li> <li>- <i>How can we innovate jointly?</i></li> </ul>           |
| <b>12:30-14:30</b> | <b>Extended lunch break, for further networking</b>  |
| <b>14:30-16:45</b> | <p><b>Action-oriented workshops</b></p> <p>14:30-15:00 Introduction of the objectives of the action-oriented afternoon</p> <p>15:00-16:15 Choice between 3 workshops:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Joint action for strengthened local democracy</li> <li>2. Joint action in the field of local finance</li> <li>3. Joint action for innovation and coordination</li> </ol> <p>16:15-16:45 Plenary wrap-up – how do we move forward, jointly.</p> |
| <b>16:45-17:00</b> | <b>Break</b>   |
| <b>17:00-18:00</b> | <b>Closing ceremony of CIB annual meeting 2023</b><br><b>Auditorium</b>  |
| <b>20:00</b>       | <b>Gala dinner – offered by UCLG Africa and the city of Marrakech</b>  |

**Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Field visits

Cultural visits

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| <b>09:30-13:00</b> | <p><b>Field visits to international decentralized cooperation projects, both North-South and South-South</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Field visit to IMADEL, the Moroccan institute for local development - discussion on gender activities, organized by province of Barcelona, <u>or</u></li> <li>• Visit to the City Hall of the Communal Council of Marrakech and presentation of their Strategy on Decentralized Cooperation</li> </ul> |
| <b>13:00-14:30</b> | <b>Break / Free time</b>   |
| <b>14:30</b>       | <b>Cultural visits</b> and/or bilateral meetings between participants  |
| <b>18:00</b>       | <b>End of the CIB Annual Meeting</b>   |