


High Level Event

Mayor's Forum

Showcasing the Role of Local and Regional Governments in
Combating Land Degradation, Water Scarcity, and Desertification

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2024 13.00 - 15.00
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This Forum will focus on the critical issues of desertification, land degradation, water scarcity and drought, and how cities and sub-national governments are addressing these challenges to improve livelihoods, food security, and the overall quality of life for their citizens. The outcomes of the Forum will be presented in the final report of UNCCD COP16 and the Mayors will issue a call for engagement to guide local and regional governments in combatting desertification, land degradation and drought.

Agenda

Opening Remarks

Eng. Walid Al-Akrish

Deputy for Projects, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Ms. Anacláudia Rossbach, Executive Director of UN-Habitat (Video)

Panel 1: Local and Regional Government Actions on Sustainable Land Management and Restoration

Keynote Address

Mr. André Viola, Departmental Councilor of Aude, France and
President of Réseau Solidarité Eau 11

Panel 2: Local and Regional Government Actions on Integrated Water Resources Management

Closing Remarks

Dr. Firdaous Oussidhoum, Assistant Secretary General, UCLG

Mr. Yunus Arikan, Director of Global Advocacy, ICLEI



Panel 1 Land

Moderated by
**Mr. Carlos Eduardo
Correa Escaf**

Former Mayor of Monteria
and Minister of Environment
and Sustainable Development
of Colombia

Mr. Uğur İbrahim Altay
Mayor of Konya, Turkiye and President of UCLG

Ms. Noraini Roslan
President of of Sustainability Committee, Selangor State, Malaysia

Mr. Mohamed Sefiani
Mayor of Chefchaouen, Morocco

Mr. Mohamed Basheer
President of Noonu Atoll Council, Maldives

Mr. Martin Ebene
Vice-Mayor of Puerto Madryn, Patagonia, Argentina

Mr. Edouard Hervé Moby
Mayor of Douala, Cameroon

Mr. Ji Ri Mu Tu
Deputy Mayor of Ordos, China

Panel 2 Water

Moderated by
Mr. Yunus Arikan

Director of Global Advocacy,
ICLEI Local Governments for
Sustainability

Ms. Fatimetou Abdel-Malik
President of the Region of Nouakchott, Mauritania

Mr. Pablo José Bereciartua
Minister of Infrastructure, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Mr. Mohamed Saadie
Mayor of Dannieh Municipality, Lebanon

Mr. Gappar Sarsenbayev
Mayor of Turkistan City, Kazakhstan

Mr. Julio César Del Pozo Campos
Mayor of Distrito de San Mateo de Huanchor, Perú

Mr. Jamal Alwaked
Mayor of Ein Al Basha, Jordan

Mr. Ahmet Pekyatırmacı
Mayor of Selçuklu, Turkiye

Ms. Laure Baflan Donwahi
Mayor and Senator of Mayo, Côte d'Ivoire

