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UCLG 7th WORLD CONGRESS AND SUMMIT OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL LEADERS

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DATE : 05 AUGUST 2022

SOUTH AFRICA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE 7th WORLD CONGRESS AND SUMMIT OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL LEADERS (UCLG)

The purpose of this advisory circular is to apprise municipalities of the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) 7th World Congress and Summit of Local and Regional Leaders scheduled to take place as follows:

Date : 10 – 14 October 2022

Venue : Daejeon, South Korea

Launched in May 2004, the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) is the global advocate and representative of democratic local government. It has members in over 136 countries across the world, bringing together individual cities, regional and national local government associations in one united global organisation. Headquartered in Barcelona, the organisation's stated mission is *"To be the united voice and world advocate of democratic local self-government, promoting its values, objectives and interests, through cooperation between local governments, and within the wider international community"*.

The UCLG World Congress and Summit of Local and Regional Leaders, is the largest gathering with over 3,000 people from the highest level: from representatives of the international system and the United Nations to local, regional, and national leaders, to representatives from NGOs and the civil society, co-creating the solutions that our planet needs. The UCLG World Summit is truly the largest gathering of the Municipal movement and is also evolving constantly to be more useful to the entire world. The gathering is the true cornerstone of the movement and organization. It has also become a reunion relevant to the members of UCLG, to the movement and to the world. The gathering showcases the full strength, the diversity of the organization, and its capacity to work with others aiming to strike a balance between the great matters of our time and the day-to-day business of our communities and our neighborhoods.

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This year's edition will count on a renewed format and enhanced collaboration between members and partners under the theme of **"Local and Regional governments breaking through as one"**.

SALGA'S PARTICIPATION AS A KEY MEMBER

As a key part of our current 5 Year Strategy, 2022-2027, SALGA committed itself to strengthening its role in the UCLG and its affiliated structures, to position SALGA as a leading local government association globally. This responds to our mandate of profiling South African local government regionally, continentally, and internationally.

The third day of the 9th Africities held in Kisumu, Kenya from 17 - 21 May 2022, was marked by the elective General Assembly of United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLG Africa). The General Assembly elected the new office bearers of the organization, namely the 45 members of the UCLG Africa Pan African Council; the 15 members of the Executive Committee; the 5 members of the UCLG Africa Financial Management Committee; the 5 Vice Presidents, among which the Region of Nouakchott, Mauritania represented by its President, Mrs. Fatimetou Abdel Malick, was elected the new President of UCLG Africa.

The President of SALGA, **Cllr. Bheke Stofile** was designated to be the candidate of Africa for the Co-Presidency of UCLG.

Municipalities are invited to attend and participate in the UCLG World Congress and Summit of Local and Regional Leaders. Municipalities are encouraged to ensure that municipal delegations are fairly representative. Registration for the World Summit of Local and Regional Leaders is open as detailed below.

REGISTRATION AND FEES

Early Bird : Until 31 August 2022
Regular : 01 September to 03 October 2022
Onsite Registration: 09 October to 14 October 2022

Category	Early Bird (Until 31 Aug. 23:59)	Full Fare (From 01 Sep. 00:00)
OECD Members of UCLG (including overseas related organizations and partners)	USD 530	USD 660
Non-OECD Members	USD 440	USD 550

- Onsite Registration: 09 October to 14 October 2022
- Participants who pre-register from within 15 days of the event (25 September 2022) may be restricted from attending the opening ceremony, due to the security policies.
- Registration is temporarily closed from 4 - 9 October 2022.

Please check [Registration Details] for more information related to the registration of the 2022 Daejeon UCLG Congress. Registration enquiries could be made to daejeon2022uclg@gmail.com

More info about our World Summit of Local and Regional Leaders please visit the UCLG Congress website <https://www.uclg.org/en/media/events/uclg-7th-world-congress-and-summit-local-and-regional-leaders>

VISA APPLICATION

To enter the Republic of Korea to attend the 2022 Daejeon UCLG Congress, a valid passport and a Korean visa issued by a Korean Embassy or consulate. Please be sure to check the applicable information according to each participant's individual travel schedule before departure.

Invitation Letter

- If an invitation letter is required to be submitted to the Korean diplomatic mission abroad, please submit the [Apply for Invitation Letter] form on My Page after online pre-registration and payment of the registration fee.
- Invitation letters for visa applications can be issued when the online participation application and payment of registration fee are confirmed.
- If the invitation letter is required before completing the registration fee payment, please contact the Registration Team by email.
- Please note that the organizer cannot contact or intervene with any embassy or consulate on behalf of any participant.
- If the visa application is rejected, the registration fee will be refunded only when the [Notification on Visa Rejection] form and the [Registration Cancellation Application] form are received by the embassy or consulate and are completed and submitted to daejeon2022uclg@gmail.com by **September 30, 2022**

Receiving Invitation Letters

- To receive the Invitation Letter by mail, be sure to enter the address where you will receive the invitation letter when submitting the request for an invitation letter.
- International mail takes about 10 to 15 days from the date of application depending on the region.
- Depending on the COVID-19 situation, some countries and regions may not be able to receive international mail.
- Please refer to the mail arrival schedule when applying, and the Registration Team is not responsible for visa rejection due to a participant's negligence.

Testing on arrival and Q-Code

On arrival in South Korea, you need to provide a negative COVID-19 test certificate and submit a questionnaire on your health condition. The South Korean government encourages all arrivals to log this information in the Quarantine COVID19 Defence (Q-Code) system prior to travel. Paper-based alternatives can be used instead but may result in a slower arrivals process.

The negative COVID-19 test certificate is required for all foreign nationals arriving in South Korea (with some exceptions - see 'Exemptions' below). Travellers must carry with them a paper copy of their certificate and can also upload their certificate via the Q-Code system. PCR tests (RT-PCR, LAMP, TMA, SDA, and NEAR DNA amplification-based tests are also valid) must have been taken within the 48 hours prior to departure. A supervised Rapid Antigen Test (RAT, generally known inside the UK as a lateral flow test) issued by a hospital or clinic within the 24 hours prior to departure will also be accepted. Please note that self-administered tests (including remote supervised tests conducted through a virtual/tele appointment) are not accepted.

COORDINATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN DELEGATES

Members are kindly requested to confirm their attendance, the number of delegates, their names and contact details to Ms Cynthia Ngobese at cngobese@salga.org.za / 082 904 6657 or Ms Lungi Plaatjies at lplaatjies@salga.org.za / 082 903 2671, by no later than close of business on Friday, 23 September 2022. SALGA will arrange briefing sessions for South African delegates and advise of the date, times, and venue upon arrival in Daejeon. You are

also kindly requested to connect with our staff at the SALGA exhibition stand upon arrival at the event to obtain more information on the briefing sessions and programme.

We look forward to meeting you at the World Congress as we showcase the successes of South African local government to the world.



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