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### The Oriental Region hosts in Saidia the 2nd Edition of the African Forum of Territorial Managers and Training Institutes targeting Territorial Communities

In collaboration with the Ministry of the Interior Affairs of the Moroccan Kingdom, the Association of Moroccan Regions (ARM), the Moroccan Association of Presidents of Communal Councils (AMPCC), the Regional Council of the Oriental, United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLG-Afric) organize, on the 25th and 26th of April 2018 in BE LIVE hotel in Saidia (Kingdom of Morocco, Oriental Region), the second edition of the African Forum of Territorial Managers and Training Institutes targeting Territorial Communities. This 2nd edition of the Forum is part of Africa Local Government Academy's actions (ALGA).

Following the 1st edition of the Forum, held in Salé in 2017, which drew attention to the urgent need to act on the human capital of territorial communities in Africa to give credibility to decentralization policies. This 2nd edition aims to mobilize for the development of the human capital of territorial communities in Africa in order to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals on the Continent.

Participants will reflect on the reforms to be undertaken to make community trades one of the first career options for young people who engage in professional life. They will share their experiences and good practices regarding the reforms implemented and the incentives put in place to consider for this purpose.

The question of the services quality continuity offered by the communities to the populations is at the heart of the performances measurement of the territorial administrations. Experiences' examination in Africa and outside Africa in this area will identify the criteria of excellence to be considered so that the administrations of territorial communities in Africa are truly at the service of the people. For this, these administrations need to base their proposals and actions on a minimum of information and knowledge of what is happening on the ground and what will happen. This is why it is important to promote collaboration between managers of territorial administrations and academic as well as training institutions targeting territorial communities.

A Particular attention will be drawn to the management of human resources of territorial communities, on the cooperation between these communities around the issue of human resources, and on the development of the Human Resources function within them.

The Forum will also be marked by holding the 1st General Assembly of the Human Resources Managers' Network of the Territorial Communities of Africa (2R RH), as well as the ceremony of Certificates' delivery to the 1st Moroccan Promotion of Territorial Coaches.

The Forum is being held in Saidia, Oriental Region, for two days on April 25 and 26, 2018. It brings together members of national governments and senior government officials, leaders of territorial communities and territorial administration staff, representatives of universities and training institutes targeting territorial communities, representatives of civil society organizations and the private sector, from Africa and other parts of the world.

The official Opening Ceremony of the Forum will take place at the BE LIVE Hotel in Saidia on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 10:00 in the morning.

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