



## **Webinar on :**

# **"The role of cities and local elected officials in maintaining the sustainability of culture in time of the crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic"**

**Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
(Local Time in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco).**

### **Context :**

In the context of the State of Health Emergency, isolation and the containment to prevent and limit the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, in the impossibility to implement face-to-face cultural activities at the current time, and in order to maintain the right to Culture for all, the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) has launched its "Distance Culture " Programme, as part of its global initiative "ICESCO Digital Home".

Starting from the fact that, the implementation and success of this initiative requires concerted efforts by all and the participation of the competent authorities, government representatives, local elected officials and civil society organizations, and in the framework of their Strategic Partnership , the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization(ICESCO) holds with the Pan-African Organization United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLG-Africa), a Webinar to discuss “The role of cities and local elected officials in maintaining the sustainability of culture in time of the crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic”, with the participation of local elected officials and various other stakeholders, to share successful experiences and explore plans and strategies to ensure the sustainability of the right to culture during this health crisis and beyond.

**Objective :**

Get informed and exchange on :

- The challenges linked to culture and heritage that cities are facing in the context of COVID-19 crisis,
- The mobilization of the institutions, infrastructures, facilities and services of culture and heritage,
- Continuity of activities and services related to culture and cultural heritage,
- The vision of the future.

**Organizers :**

- The Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO ).
- United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLG Africa).

**Target Audience :**

- Representatives of Local Governments, Local Elected Officials.
- The Representatives of the Ministerial Departments.
- Executives from Sectors and Cultural Institutions.
- Experts, specialists and executives working in the field of heritage protection.
- Civil Society Institutions and Associations working in the field of culture and heritage.

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## **Agenda and work of the Webinar:**

### **- Welcome and introduction**

Mr. Rhiati Najib, Director of Culture and Communication at the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO), President.

### **- Official Opening:**

- His Excellency Dr Salim M. Almalik, Director General of ICESCO.
- His Excellency Mr Mohamed Boudra, President of UCLG, President of AMPCC, and Mayor of the city of Al Hoceima Morocco.
- Mr. Jean Pierre Elong Mbassi, Secretary General of United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLG Africa).

### **- Speakers :**

- Honourable Mr Anton Salman, Mayor of the city of Bethlehem, Palestine.
- Honourable Mr Mohamed Seddiki, President of the Municipal Council of the City of Rabat, Morocco.
- Honourable Ms Souad Abderrahim, Mayor of the city of Tunis, Tunisia.
- Honourable Mr Ahmed Alli, Mayor of the Commune of Teyarett, President of the Association of Mayors of Mauritania, Mauritania.
- Mr Zouhir Bellalou, Director of Cultural Heritage Conservation and Restoration at the Ministry of Culture, Algeria.
- Dr Ahmed Issaa Faraj Al Hassi, University Professor, founding member of the UNESCO 5 Heritage Cities Network, representing the National Association of Municipalities of Libya, Libya.
- Mr Abdelati Lahlou, President of ICOMOS Morocco, Morocco.

The Webinar's proceedings will take place in the form of three (3) Panels dealing respectively with :

- Challenges
- Commitment and answers.
- Expectations and vision for the future.

### **Language :**

- The Webinar will be conducted in **Arabic**.

## **How to join the Distance Learning :**

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