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Dear UCLG-MEWA Member,

United Cities and Local Governments Middle East and West Asia Section (UCLG-MEWA) Panel on Social Inclusion and UCLG MEWA Committee on Social Inclusion Meeting will be held on **17 October 2017**, under the auspices of Beylikdüzü Municipality, the President of UCLG MEWA Committee on Social Inclusion.

Since its establishment in November 2014, UCLG-MEWA Committee on Social Inclusion has been a regional platform which prioritizes challenges, needs and requests of all segments of the society; carries on its works based on principles of human-based, participatory, pluralist governance and social municipalism; and aims at launching policies and programs that feature the role of social inclusion for ensuring sustainable local development among cities, institutions and networks; while also introducing best practices and developing cooperation and knowledge sharing between UCLG-MEWA members.

In today's world, where development can only be achieved with the principle of sustainability; detailing national and international agendas, implementing effective policies for existing social problems, and supporting disadvantaged people who are facing social exclusion have become essential for localizing the Sustainable Development Goals.

Within this context, we would be honored to see you among us or to welcome a representative of your organization in UCLG-MEWA Panel on Social Inclusion, where relevant actors will share knowledge and experience, in order to establish common ground on social inclusion, human rights and participatory democracy. We also believe that your organization will contribute to UCLG-MEWA Committee on Social Inclusion, considering the developing concept of social municipalism. Accordingly, we would be pleased to invite you to be member of the Committee, in order to hear your valuable opinions and suggestions, and benefit from your experiences during **"UCLG-MEWA Committee on Social Inclusion Meeting,"** which will be held in conjunction with **"UCLG-MEWA Panel on Social Inclusion,"** to discuss membership issues of the Committee.

Please kindly be informed that accommodation fees will be covered for **1 person** per institution due to quota restrictions. We wish that this Panel will strengthen the cooperation among us.

Sincerely,



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UCLG-MEWA Secretary General



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Mayor of Beylikdüzü
President of UCLG-MEWA Committee on Social Inclusion

Annexes:

1. Draft Program
2. UCLG-MEWA Committee on Social Inclusion Membership Form