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Distinguished UCLG-MEWA Member,

United Cities and Local Governments Middle East and West Asia Section (UCLG-MEWA) held the 1st Meeting of its Committee on Environment under the auspices of Malatya Metropolitan Municipality on 13 November 2015, and elected its president and co-presidents. Herewith, Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality was elected as the President; Malatya Metropolitan Municipality, Konya Metropolitan Municipality and Seferihisar Municipality were elected as the Co-Presidents of the Committee.

Following the decision of committee members, the **2nd Meeting of UCLG-MEWA Committee on Environment** will be hosted by **Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality** on **30-31 May 2016**.

As one of the 8 sections of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), which is the most comprehensive local government network, **UCLG-MEWA**, continues its activities in its Regional Secretariat in Istanbul. In parallel with World Secretariat, the mission of UCLG-MEWA is to become 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-MEWA Committee on Environment aims to be a platform where local authorities and development partners can exchange their experiences and develop innovative solution for an inclusive and sustainable development.

The 2nd Meeting of UCLG-MEWA Committee on Environment is planned to be a part of a comprehensive event with important discussions concerning the Post-COP21 process and Habitat III: Housing and Sustainable Urban Development Conference which will be held in October 2016. In line with this information, we believe that Paris Agreement touching upon the solutions for climate change, which was signed after the COP21 process and Habitat III Conference defining the next 20 years of urban agenda, should not concern only national governments but also the local governments which are the closest level of government to the citizens.

In this context, we would be honored to invite you or a representative, along with expert staff from your organization to this important event co-organized with Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality.

Please find attached draft program and we would like to inform you that accommodation will be provided for **maximum 2 persons** from each municipality/organization. We would appreciate if you can inform us about your participation by filling in the **online participation form** at the latest on **29th of April 2016**, Friday.

We wish to see you among us in Istanbul in this event which will be a step for our future cooperation.

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Annexes:
- Draft Program

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