



United Cities and Local Governments
Cités et Gouvernements Locaux Unis
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CALL FOR CANDIDATURES PRESIDENCY OF UNITED CITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

LOCAL AND REGIONAL LEADERS WORLD SUMMIT
3RD UCLG WORLD CONGRESS
16-20 NOVEMBER 2010, MEXICO CITY

Candidacies are invited for the Presidency of United Cities and Local Governments.

Launched in 2004, United Cities and Local Governments is the global advocate and representative of democratic local government across the world. Present in over 136 countries across the globe, UCLG brings together local and regional authorities holding individual membership, as well as national associations of local and regional governments, in one united global organisation.

United Cities and Local Governments has a presidential college composed of up to 6 members. The members of the Presidency are the principal representatives of the World Organization and is elected by the UCLG World Council, which will meet on **20 November in Mexico City**.

Traditionally, candidatures to the Presidency have been presented in the form of a ticket. Due to the broad and heterogeneous nature of the presidential college, this formula has allowed the World Council to ensure that the Presidency would work collegiately and to accomplish its mission effectively. Moreover, this system favours stability, which is important as the organisation is still in its early years.

The Presidency, comprising the President and up to 5 Co-Presidents, is elected by the World Council from among UCLG members for a renewable term of three years, between two ordinary sessions of the General Assembly. At least one of its members must come from a local authority which holds individual membership of UCLG; at least one must come from a national association and at least one must come from a member of the Metropolitan Section. It is strongly encouraged to take the principle of gender balance into account.

Eligibility Criteria

- Candidates should represent a paying member of UCLG^[1].
- The members of the Presidency shall hold a local electoral mandate; they must also be at the head of a) a local government or b) a national association of local governments.
- The member (Local or Regional Authority or Association) headed by the candidate will be up to date with the payment of their membership fees.
- Female participation is strongly encouraged.

Candidacies must include:

- Manifesto or motivation letter
- Short biography
- Statements of support from at least 6 members from at least 3 different Sections

Candidacies for the Presidency must be presented by **30 September 2010** and will then be posted on the website of United Cities and Local Governments: www.cities-localgovernments.org.

Candidacies may be sent by email to e.gateau@cities-localgovernments.org, with a copy by post, to:

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Cc: to the Secretary General of the relevant UCLG Section

Any questions concerning the above can be addressed to the Secretary General.

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- ^[1] The UCLG Constitution recognises two types of local government members:
- a) Individual cities and local governments, meaning: cities, counties, provinces, regional authorities and other forms of governments which are direct members of the World Organization.
 - b) National associations of local and/or regional governments.

Please click on the following link to access:

- [UCLG Constitution](#)
- [Website of UCLG](#)