NOVEMBER 12, 2014, WEDNESDAY

All day event – Arrival of the participants to İzmir, welcoming at the airport, transfers to the hotel
* Accommodations at Hilton Hotel İzmir

NOVEMBER 13, 2014, THURSDAY

08:30  Registration (Hilton Hotel İzmir, Barbaros Paşa Conference Room, 1st Floor)

09:00  2014 MedCities General Assembly Opening Ceremony
- İzmir promotion film
- Welcome speech by the narrator
- “My İzmir” cooperation opportunities film
- Presentment of the speakers:
  Mr. Aziz KOCAOĞLU, Mayor of İzmir Metropolitan Municipality
  Mr. Mohamed IDAOMAR, Mayor of Tetouan, President of MedCities
  Mr. Jordi Portabella i Calvete, Vice-President of the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona, General Secretariat of MedCities.

09:40  Report by MedCities Secretary General:
  Activity Report since the last Assembly
  Economic report. Fees and budget 2015
  Discussion

11:00  Coffee Break

11:30  Report by Secretary General (continuation):
  Presentation of the Action Plan proposal for next year
  General Assembly 2015

12:30  Other issues and questions

13:00  Closing of the Assembly

13:30  Lunch (Hilton Hotel İzmir, 31st floor)
WORKSHOP
* Round table format. No simultaneous translation.

15:00 Opening of the Workshop
  Secretary General of MedCities Mr. Joan PARPAL

15:05 The role of the Union for the Mediterranean in promoting urban sustainable development:
  Mr. Guy Fleuret, Senior Advisor, Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean

15:15 Session I: The key role of the strategic approach in project definition and design. Round table with mayors or representatives from the cities:
  Mr. Barış Karci, Head of Strategy Development Department of the İzmir Metropolitan Municipality
  Mr. Mohamed Al Seoudi, Mayor of Saida
  Mr. Mohamed Mokni, President of Special Delegation of Sousse
  Mr. Mohamed Idaomar, Mayor of Tetouan
  Mr. Andreas Karakatsanis, Chief Engineer of the Municipality of Larnaka

16:30 Session II: MedCities instruments to promote the implementation of projects:
  Mr. Oriol Barba, MedCities - Metropolitan Area of Barcelona

The role of the Knowledge Transfer Centres:
  Mr. Mabrouk Kossentini, President of Special Delegation of Sfax
  Mr. Nader Ghazal, President of Urban Community of Al Fayhaa
  Mrs. Maria del Carmen García Peña, Director of CIEDES Foundation, Málaga

P2P work between the members of the network. The experiences of the cities of Marseille and Barcelona with Al Fayhaa, Sousse and Saida:
  Mr. Khaled Ben Abdessalem, International Relations Department, Municipality of Sousse
  Mr. Antonio Romero Barcos, International Relations Department, Municipality of Barcelona

17:45 Session III: The international work of the network. Relationship with AVITEM and the CMI:
  Mr. Jean-Claude Tourret, Director of AVITEM
  Mrs. Janette Uhlmann, Senior Operations Officer, CMI – World Bank

18:30 Closing of the session

20:00 Gala Dinner hosted by the Mayor of İzmir Metropolitan Municipality for the honor of the participants of “MedCities General Assembly and Workshop”; and “Sustainable Urban Transportation Closing Seminar”
  Venue: Historical Coal Gas Factory Culture Center
NOVEMBER 14, 2014, FRIDAY

WORKSHOP

09:00 Introduction. MedCities networking in 2015 on the preparation of project proposals:
Secretary General of MedCities Mr. Joan PARPAL

09:10 Session IV: The key strategic lines and programs of the European Union in the Mediterranean region for 2014-2020 (ENI, DCI, IPA, etc.):
Mr. Albert Sorrosal, international expert.
Discussion

10:30 Coffee Break

11.00 Session V: Presentation of ideas of future multi-partner project proposals and thematic working groups:

13:00 Final session. Conclusions of the working groups.

13:30 Closing of the Assembly
Mr. S. Sirri AYDOĞAN, Deputy Mayor of İzmir Metropolitan Municipality
Mr. Mohammed IDAOMAR, Mayor of Tetuan and President of MedCities
Mr. Jordi Portabella i Calvete, Vice-President of the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona, General Secretariat of MedCities.

14:00 Lunch (Hilton Hotel İzmir, 9th floor)

15:00 – 17:30 Cultural tour
Ancient City of Ephesus, Selçuk