

NOVEMBER 13 – 14, 2014
MedCités GENERAL ASSEMBLY and WORKSHOP, İZMİR
PROGRAMME

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 MedCités 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 MedCités
 Mr. Jordi Portabella i Calvete, Vice-President of the Metropolitan Area
 of Barcelona, General Secretariat of MedCités.

09:40 Report by MedCités Secretary General:
 Activity Report since the last Assembly
 Constitution process of the Association. Cities formally adhered.
 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 Karçı, 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 Turret, 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. Sırrı 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

