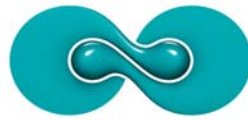


5th WORLD WATER FORUM
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will be discussed in

UCLG World Council Meeting

27-30 November 2008, ISTANBUL

United Cities and Local Government (UCLG) has a democratic and inclusive governance structure led by the following governing bodies:

- *The General Assembly comprising all members of United Cities and Local Governments*
- *The World Council comprising 324 local government representatives*
- *The Executive Bureau comprising 115 local government representatives from within the members of the World Council*

The World Council and Executive Bureau are constituted following elections in each world region, in an effort to ensure a fair geographical balance. Kadir Topbaş, Mayor of Istanbul, serves as one of four Co-President on UCLG's Executive Bureau. UCLG's World Council, represented by 300 mayors and presidents of local governments from different regions of the world, will convene on November, 27-30th in Istanbul.

A special UCLG session is scheduled from 4:00 to 5:30 in the afternoon of 27th November to discuss the Istanbul Urban Water Consensus (IUWC) and constitute a task force of champion cities to promote the IUWC, the primary output of the Local Authorities Political Process in preparation for the 5th World Water Forum. The UCLG World Council participants are requested to notify their associated members and constituents to provide comments and recommendations on the IUWC.

Under the leadership of host Mayor Topbas, the UCLG World Council's meeting is a significant event for the city of Istanbul, and another opportunity for creating innovative solutions to critical issues like climate change, population growth, water security and rapid urbanization, which the world is facing today.

You may find the programme on the homepage of UCLG www.cities-localgovernments.org