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UCLG-MEWA Caucus

Date: Monday 22 June 2026

Time: 10:00 - 11:30

Location: Palace of Arts and Culture / Room A (1st floor)

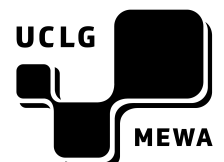
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Background

The UCLG World Congress is the highest decision-making gathering of the World Organization of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG). Convened every three years, the Congress brings together local leaders from across the globe to reflect on the achievements of the organization, define strategic priorities for the coming term, **and elect the governing bodies that will lead the World Organization for the next three-year mandate.**

In preparation for the Congress, the UCLG-MEWA Caucus serves as a dedicated space for members from the Middle East and West Asia Region to exchange views, discuss key priorities, and coordinate their participation in the Congress proceedings. **The Caucus aims to facilitate a common regional understanding and draw a regional roadmap for the Congress,** including discussions related to governance matters, elections, regional representation, and strategic priorities for the 2026–2029 term.

Through an open and constructive dialogue, members will have the opportunity to share perspectives, raise concerns, and contribute to a coordinated regional approach that reflects the aspirations and diversity of the MEWA Region within the global UCLG network.





Agenda

Time	Item
	<p style="text-align: center;">Opening Remarks by UCLG-MEWA Presidency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dr. Mehmet Duman, UCLG-MEWA Secretary General ● Wael Zmerly, President of Union of Al Fayhaa Municipalities, UCLG-MEWA Co-President ● Mohamad Reza Qalandar Sharif, Mayor of Mashhad, UCLG-MEWA Co-President ● Mohamad Saadie, UCLG-MEWA Honorary President, UCLG-MEWA Ambassador for SDGs ● Ahmet Akin, Mayor of Balıkesir, UCLG-MEWA Co-President, UCLG-MEWA Ambassador for Climate, UCLG Vice President for MEWA (2022-2026) ● Abdulkarim Al Zubaidi, President of the Association of Palestinian Local Authorities (APLA), UCLG-MEWA Co-President ● Mehmet Kasım Gülpınar, Mayor of Şanlıurfa, UCLG-MEWA Co-President, UCLG-MEWA Ambassador for Culture ● Dr. Yousef Al Shawarbeh, Mayor of Amman, UCLG-MEWA Co-President, UCLG Vice-President for MEWA (2026-2029) ● Youssef Al Jabari, Mayor of Al-Khalil, UCLG-MEWA President
	<p style="text-align: center;">Candidate for the UCLG Presidency from MEWA Region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Uğur İbrahim Altay, Mayor of Konya, Member of the UCLG Executive Presidency (2022–2026)
	<p style="text-align: center;">Open Discussion</p> <p><i>All participating members are warmly invited to take the floor should they wish to raise any questions, share comments, or make statements.</i></p>