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UCLG-MEWA Ambassador for Governance Information Note

UCLG-MEWA is represented by distinguished Ambassadors serving in key thematic areas, including Climate, Culture, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These Ambassadors embody our collective mission by strengthening representation, advancing leadership, and amplifying the voice of local and regional governments across the MEWA region.

The decision to appoint the ambassadors was made during the UCLG-MEWA Congress in October 2025, following requests from several members. UCLG-MEWA is pleased to appoint an Ambassador for Governance, who will further strengthen leadership and representation in this priority area of UCLG-MEWA's work.

The appointed UCLG-MEWA Ambassador for Governance is expected to contribute to advancing good governance, strengthening local democracy, promoting inclusive and participatory decision-making, and fostering cooperation and knowledge exchange among local and regional governments. The Ambassador will also contribute to enhancing the visibility and dissemination of governance-related practices, initiatives, and experiences at both regional and international levels.

Who Can Apply?

Mayors, governors, and local government leaders from UCLG-MEWA member institutions.

Nominations may be submitted by member institutions or by candidates themselves, with institutional endorsement.

Candidates must have no outstanding membership fees. All membership fee obligations must be fully settled at the time of nomination.

Expectations from the Ambassador for Governance

The Ambassador for Governance is expected to:

- Promote good governance in the MEWA region through inclusive, transparent, accountable, and participatory approaches;
- Disseminate examples of good governance practices and facilitate the exchange of knowledge and experiences among UCLG-MEWA members;
- Lead the establishment of collaborations in the field of governance among local and regional governments and relevant stakeholders;
- Develop and strengthen regional cooperation on governance, including peer-to-peer learning and knowledge exchange;
- Work in coordination with relevant UCLG-MEWA bodies and committees on governance-related priorities and activities;
- Contribute to the development of an action plan with a focus on governance and the role of local and regional governments;
- Promote activities and initiatives covering the UCLG-MEWA region that support local democracy, citizen participation, institutional strengthening, and effective governance;
- Represent and promote UCLG-MEWA's governance priorities on relevant regional and international platforms; and
- Demonstrate proficiency in English.

Required Information

Applicants are requested to provide the following:

- A comprehensive CV highlighting experience relevant to the expectations and responsibilities of the Ambassador for Governance.
- Statement of Purpose

Applicants are requested to address the following questions in their Statement of Purpose:

- What are your thoughts and proposed initiatives regarding strengthening good governance and the role of local and regional governments in the MEWA region?
 - What activities and initiatives would you propose as a Governance Ambassador?
 - What efforts should be undertaken to strengthen cooperation and knowledge exchange in the field of governance within the MEWA region?
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- Please describe your previous experience in the field of governance, including relevant leadership, institutional, policy, cooperation, or local government experience.

Appointment of the Ambassador for Governance

Eligible candidates will be evaluated during the upcoming UCLG-MEWA Forum on Resilience, alongside the UCLG-MEWA Council and Executive Bureau Joint Meeting, planned for 21–22 December 2026 in Trabzon, Türkiye.

The position will be refreshed every three years through the same nomination and selection process.

Application Deadline

The application deadline is 2 November 2026 at 17:00 (Istanbul Time, UTC+3).

How to Apply

Please submit your application to the UCLG-MEWA Secretariat in English through the designated application channel communicated in the Call for Nominations.

Applicants are requested to review this Information Note carefully before completing and submitting the Application Form.