

Subject: Invitation to participate in the annual meeting of the UCLG Capacity and Institution Building (CIB) Working Group, 17-18 June, Tunis (Tunisia).

Dear member of CIB,

It is my pleasure, on behalf of the International Development Centre for Innovative Local Governance (CILG) and UCLG's Capacity and Institution Building (CIB) Working Group Leadership and Secretariat, to invite you to participate in the **CIB annual meeting, on 17 & 18 June, 2025, in Tunis, Tunisia.**

Building on our valued tradition, this year's meeting will take the form of a "dedicated retreat"—a space for deep reflection, meaningful exchange, and collective learning within our network. As professionals of Local Government Associations (LGAs) and individual local governments engaged in capacity development and development cooperation, we will come together to address what truly matters, share knowledge, and support each other in navigating the increasing complexity of our work.

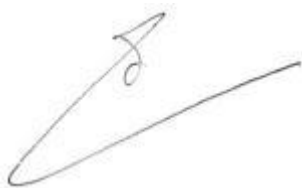
At a time when decentralised cooperation is facing growing challenges, this meeting will provide us with the opportunity to step back, reflect, and refine our strategies. We will engage in peer-led discussions, world cafés, and interactive exchanges, fostering creative thinking and collective problem-solving. Our conversations will be rooted in the realities of urban community dynamics, ensuring that our reflections are grounded in tangible experiences and inspire new ways of working together. The meeting will take place in the heart of local communities in the "Medina" of Tunis, immersing us in their energy and perspectives to create a memorable and impactful experience.

Through this setting, we will reaffirm our shared values of democracy, peace, resilience, and international municipal cooperation, while finding innovative ways to adapt, strengthen our collaboration, and contribute shape the future of our work.

Should you need any further information, please feel free to contact the CIB Working Group Secretariat (Finn Speulman) via uclg.cib@vng.nl.

We hope to welcome you at our meeting in Tunis.

Yours sincerely,



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