



## **FIRST TIME IN AFRICA HON. KATRINA SHIMBULU A WOMAN BEHIND THE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN NAMIBIA (ALAN) GETS BOTH**

An unprecedented participation of 8300 participants representing more than 77 countries, including 53 African countries and nearly 3,000 local elected representatives, mayors and other leaders of local and subnational governments. The Africities Summit 2018 in Marrakech has proven once more to be the most important democratic gathering in Africa.

The 8th Edition of the Africities Summit that was hosted in the city of Marrakesh, Morocco, on 20 to 24 November 2018. As you may be aware, United Cities and Local Government of Africa (UCLG Africa) organizes in collaboration with the Association of Local Governments of Morocco (AMPCC) and the association of the Regions of Morocco (ARM), the 8th edition of the Africities Summit. Under the Theme of the Summit is: ***"Transition towards***

***sustainable and resilient cities and territories in Africa: role of local and regional governments"***

The invitees to the ceremony include Ministers members of the African Union Specialized Technical Committee on Public Service, Urban Development, Decentralization and Local Governments; Chairpersons of associations of local and regional governments; Mayors and Governors of Metropolitan cities of Africa; Members of the UCLG Africa Pan African Council of local governments; Members of the network of female mayors and local elected officials of Africa (REFELA); representatives of the diplomatic corps and international organizations present in Morocco; representatives of the Moroccan government, parliament, civil society organizations, and private sector.

We are pleased to our members that **Hon Cllr Katrina Shimbulu** has been elected to the Board of REFELA the Network of Women Elected officials in Subnational and Local Government as Vice President of Africa.

Equally the **Association for Local Authorities in Namibia (ALAN)** has been elected to the Pan African Council of United Cities and Local Government of Africa (UCLG Africa) for the year 2019 to 2021 under the Leadership of **Hon Cllr. Katrina Shimbulu**. One of the key duties members of the members of the Pan African Council of UCLG Africa is to populate the vision and objectives of UCLG Africa in their respective regions, namely, recognize the contribution of subnational and local governments to the development, integration and unity of Africa; and for this reason, promote decentralization and the involvement of subnational and local governments on the continent in all development and cooperation development policies and strategies in Africa.

The members of the Pan African Council of UCLG Africa are finally solicited to disseminate the services offer of UCLG Africa in their respective regions and the access conditions to those services. They should consequently have a good knowledge of this offer which development was done in respect of the organization's long term perspective adopted in October 2007 in Dakar for a 15-year period from 2008 to 2021, also known as GADDEPA (Governance, Advocacy, Decentralized Development for Africa), They should also contribute to the implementation of the resolutions and recommendations of the Africities Summits, in this case the last Africities Summit held in Marrakesh from 20 to 24 November 2018.

The Association has also entered into a memorandum of Understanding with United Cities and Local Government of Africa and its African Local Governments Academy to achieve inter alia the Promotion of Decentralization and the Recognition of Local Governance and Authorities as a level of governance with a legal personality and political and financial autonomy; Contribute to the strengthening the managerial capacities and skills of elected/appointed officials and improving the professionalism of Senior Staff of African Local Governments.

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