



International Conference of capital cities of the Council of Europe Member States

“Making the metropolis citizen-friendly: a challenge for public authorities”

Yerevan, Armenia, 11 October 2013

DRAFT PROGRAMME

14.00-14.25 REGISTRATION

14.30 OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE

Welcome address by Mr. Armen GEVORGYAN, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Territorial Administration of Armenia

Welcome address by Mr. Taron MARGARYAN, Mayor of Yerevan

Opening remarks by Mr. John WARMISHAM, Vice-President of the Congress

15.00 PART I: “THE GROWING ROLE OF CAPITAL CITIES AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE”

Moderator

Andreas KIEFER, Secretary General of the Congress

Keynote speakers

- Nils USAKOVŠ - Chairman of the Riga City Council
- George UGULAVA – Mayor of Tbilisi

Speakers

- Hovhannes TOKMAJIAN – Member of Yerevan Avagani
- Tigran BARSEGHYAN – Chief Architect of Yerevan

Discussion – possible issues:

Metropolis as an engine for [social/economic/local] development

Metropolitan growth: cost of living vs. urban sprawl

Urban security: towards inclusive and tolerant society

Green Initiatives for sustainable city

15.50 - 16.20 Coffee break

16.20 – 17.20 PART II: “THE [INSTITUTIONAL] CAPACITY OF CAPITAL CITIES TO ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE”

Moderator

Kamo AREYAN, First Deputy Mayor of Yerevan

Keynote Speakers:

- Jean Yves CAMUS, Head of the Service for international relations of Paris City Hall
- John WARMISHAM, (L, SOC), United Kingdom, Vice-President of the Congress Chamber of Local Authorities and Congress Rapporteur on Roma

Speakers:

- Vladimir PETROSSIAN, Minister of Moscow Government, Head of the Social protection department
- Miroslavas MONKEVIČIUS, Secretary of the Vilnius City Council
- Naira NAHAPETYAN, Chairperson of the Standing committee on finances, credits and economy

Discussion – possible issues:

Institutional role of capital cities

Metropolis and civic participation: active citizens, a source of strength for the city

Metropolis and diversity: how to guarantee equal opportunities in a [modern] cosmopolitan city

Metropolis in the time of austerity: how to maintain the quality of public services and social assistance

17.15-17.30 CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE

Conclusions by Mr. John WARMISHAM, Vice-President of the Congress

Closing remarks by Mr. Kamo AREYAN, First Deputy Mayor of Yerevan