

International Seminar
“Strengthening citizens' democratic participation in decision making at local level”

Hotel Tirana International (Abret)
5 October 2012

09.00-09.30 Registration of participants

09.30-10.00 **Welcome speeches**

- **Mr. Lulzim Basha**, Mayor of Tirana
- **Mr. Ferdinand Poni**, Deputy Minister of Interior
- **H.E Mr. Alexander A. Arvizu**, U.S. Ambassador to Albania (tbc)
- **Mr. John Warmisham**, Political Coordinator of the ELDW, Congress Member and Salford Councilor, UK :
“Involving citizens in public life for more inclusive communities”
- **Mrs. Zineb Touimi-Benjelloun**, UNDP Resident Representative and UN Resident Coordinator
- **Mrs. Maria Baroni**, Project manager of the ELDW:
“The ELDW: its added value and impact on the community life”

10.00-11.0 **Working session I**

Moderator: **Mrs. Afrida Domnori, Ministry of Interior**

- *“Gender equality and local governance , Mrs. Semia Tapia, UN Women Representative*

11.00-11.30 *Coffee Break*

11.30-13.30 **Working session II**

“Best practices on citizen’s participation on local government.”

Moderator: **Mrs Jorida Tabaku**, Deputy Mayor of Tirana

- *“Tirana for citizens”, Mr. Etion Kapedani, General Administrator of Tirana Municipality*

- *“Urban Planning process for a greater Tirana”*, **Mr. Besnik Aliaj**, Member of Tirana City Hall/**Mr. Tahsim Mema**, Chairman of Tirana Regional Council
- *“The good practices of participatory budgeting”* **Mr. Niko Peleshi**, Mayor of Korça/**Mr. Viktor Tusha**, Mayor of Lezha/ **Mr. Fadil Naufi**, Mayor of Berat
- *“European Local Democracy Week in Albania”*, **Mrs. Mimoza Hasekiu**, Director of Local Policies, Ministry of Interior

Comments, Discussions

13:00 -14:00 Conclusions

Mr. John Warmisham , Political Coordinator of the ELDW, Congress Member
Mr. Ferdinand Poni, Deputy Minister of Interior
Mr. Lulzim Basha, Mayor of Tirana