

Dear friend,

The Union of Communities Armenia is the unified voice of all communities of Armenia. Since its foundation in 1997 it has brought together all local authorities of Armenia and has been the advocate of the interests of its members striving to have a more powerful, efficient and independent local government in Armenia. So far the Union has made a significant contribution to the development of local democracy in Armenia working closely with the Government of Armenia, other state bodies, civil society and international organisations.

During the last two decades the Union has:

- brought together all communities of Armenia to discuss common issues and in cooperation with experts in the field to formulate joint positions;
- advocated the interests of local governments, in Armenia and beyond, for adoption of regulations and strategic documents in line with the needs and interests of its members;
- trained hundreds of municipal servants, mayors and councillors, building their skills and capacities;
- provided advisory services to members, informing on issues relevant to local government and latest developments in the field; regularly responded to legal, financial and administrative queries made by member communities;
- implemented projects relevant for development of local democracy in Armenia.

Through its activities the Union is striving to ensure that the Armenian local authorities have a vocal voice in country's political system, are able to jointly influence and set the political agenda and cooperate with the Government to the benefit of the citizens and communities of Armenia.

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