



# I Conference of European and African Regional Assemblies

## Agenda

17<sup>th</sup> of September

**8: 30** Participants' Registration

**9:30** Welcome and Opening Remarks

**Leonardo Domenici**, *Mayor of Florence and President of the ANCI, National Association of Italian Municipalities*

**Riccardo Nencini**, *President of the Regional Assembly of Tuscany and President of CALRE, Conference of European Regional Legislative Assemblies*

Speech

**Luisa Morgantini**, *Chairwoman, Committee on Development, European Parliament, Strasbourg*

Opening Remarks and Overview of the Agenda

**Enrico Cecchetti**, *Vice-President of the Regional Assembly of Tuscany*

**10:30**

**Decentralized Governance for Peace, Democracy and Development**

**Guido Bertucci**, *Director, Division for Public Administration and Development Management, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations, New York*

**10:45** Coffee break

### I Session: Decentralization and Democracy

**11:00** Speech

**Abbé Apollinaire Muholongu Malumalu**, *President, Independent Electoral Commission, Democratic Republic of Congo*

President:

**Mauro Tippolotti**, *President, Regional Assembly of Umbria*

**11:10**

**Overview of the European Experiences on the Decentralization Process**

**Chris Game**, *Professor, University of Birmingham, United Kingdom*

**Paolo Bianchi**, *Professor, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa*

**11:30**

**Decentralization in Africa**

**George Matovu**, *Regional Director, Municipal Development Partnership, Zimbabwe*

**11:45**

**Political Decentralization**

**John-Mary Kauzya**, *Chief, Governance and Public Administration Branch,*

and Democratic  
Participation

*Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations, New York*

**12:00**

Decentralization and  
Gender

**Kwasi Ameyaw Cheremeh**, *Secretary-General, National Association of Local Authorities of Ghana*

**12:10** Open Discussion

**13:00**

**Claudio Martini**, *President of the Region of Tuscany*

Lunch break

## II Session: Decentralization and Development

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**14:30** Speech

**Angelo Pollina**, *President, Commission on the relations with the European Union, Regional Assembly of Tuscany*

President:

**Tarsis Kabwegyere**, *Minister, Ministry of Local Government, Uganda (invited)*

**14:40**

Decentralization and  
Development,  
Introductory Remarks

**Kadmiel Wekwete**, *Director, Local Governance Unit, United Nations Capital Development Fund, New York*

**14:55**

Decentralization and  
Service Delivery

**Edward Mugabi**, *Director, Decentralization Secretariat, Ministry of Local government, Uganda*

**Alfredo De Girolamo**, *President, CISPEL Toscana*

**15:05**

Fiscal Decentralization

**Paul Smoke**, *Professor, Robert F. Wagner School of Public Policy, New York University*

**15:20**

Decentralization and  
Management of Natural  
Resources

**Alice Perlini**, *Director, Istituto Agronomico d'Oltremare*

**15:35**

Integrated Economic  
Development, the  
Experience of Louga

**Moustapha Ndiaye**, *President, Regional Council of Louga, Senegal*

**15:45** Open Discussion

**16:30** Speech

**Alessandro Plotti**, *Archbishop of Pisa, Vice President, Conference of Bishops of Italy*

**18<sup>th</sup> of September**

## III Session: Decentralization and Peace

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President:

**Sir Ron Watson CBE**, *Committee of the Regions, Bruxelles*

**9:00**

**Decentralization and Peace, Introductory Remarks**

**Protais Musoni**, *Minister of State in Charge of Good Governance, Rwanda*

**9:20**

**Decentralization and Social Peace, the Case of South Africa**

**Jimmy Mohlala**, *Council Chairman, Mbombela Local Municipality, South Africa*

**09:35**

**Delivery of Services in Post Conflict Situation: the Case of Sudan**

**Luigi Tessori** , *Decentralization & Local Governance Policy Advisor, CEASURF, UNDP, Ethiopia*

**09:50 Open Discussion**

**10:40 Speech**

**Honorat Aguessy**, *Coordinator, Institut de développement et d'échanges endogènes (IDEE), Benin*

**11:00 Coffee Break**

#### **IV Session: Decentralization and Decentralized Cooperation**

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**President:**

**Silvano Granchi**, *Africa Coordination Table, Region of Tuscany, Florence*

**11:15**

**Decentralization and Decentralized Cooperation: Round Table**

**Gabriel Mato Adrover**, *President, Regional Assembly of Canarias, Spain*

**Charles Katiza** , *Secretary General, African Union of Local Authorities (AULA), Zimbabwe*

**Tullia Caretoni**, *President , Istituto Italiano per l'Africa e l'Oriente, Rome (invited)*

**Case Studies**

**Juan Maria Atutxa Mendiola**, *President, Basque Parliament, Bilbao*

**Josu Ocariz**, *Director, CIFAL (International Centre for Training of Local Agents) Bilbao*

**Alain Clerc**, *Secretary, Digital Solidarity Fund, Geneva*

**Stefano Fusi**, *Mayor of Tavernelle Val di Pesa, Italy*

**Speech**

**Giovanni Di Stasi**, *President, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, Strasbourg*

**12:45 Open Discussion**

**13:30 Lunch Break**

## V Session: Final remarks and closing ceremony

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- President:** **Riccardo Nencini**, *President of the Regional Assembly of Tuscany and President of CALRE, Conference of European Regional Legislative Assemblies*
- 15:00 Video Message** **Romano Prodi**, *President, European Commission, Bruxelles*
- 15:15**  
**Decentralized Governance: A Structural Dimension for Peace, Democracy and Development in Africa. Final Remarks** **Enrico Cecchetti**, *Vice-President of the Regional Assembly of Tuscany*
- 15:30 Open Discussion**
- 16:00 Remarks** **Guido Bertucci**, *Director, Division for Public Administration and Development Management, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations, New York*
- 16:15 Closing Remarks** **Riccardo Nencini**, *President of the Regional Assembly of Tuscany and President of CALRE, Conference of European Regional Legislative Assemblies*