

9.30-10.00 OPENING SESSION

Wolfgang Schuster, Mayor of Stuttgart, Germany, President of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions*

Keynote addresses: Strengthening local governance - a crucial issue for development, a shared challenge for local/regional authorities and civil society organisations

- Cheikh Mamadou Abdboulaye Dieye, MP and Mayor of Saint Louis, Senegal
- Joséphine Ouedraogo, Executive Director of the NGO Enda Third World*

10.00-11.00 LOCAL/REGIONAL AUTHORITIES' RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE STRUCTURED DIALOGUE: WHAT HAVE WE PROPOSED AND HOW HAVE WE BEEN HEARD?

Moderated by: Peter Knip, Director, VNG International, Netherlands*

Introduction: Angelo Baglio, Head of Unit, DG DEVCO

- Hamisi Mboga, Secretary General, Association of Local Government Authorities of Kenya (ALGAK)
- Elected representative from a region of Brazil
- Hubert Julien-Laferrrière, Vice-President of Greater Lyon, France

Exchange with the participants

11.00-11.20 COFFEE BREAK

**11.20-12.30 LOCAL/REGIONAL AUTHORITIES' POLITICAL PRIORITIES IN THE EUROPEAN AGENDA VIS-A-VIS THE EXPECTATIONS AND CHALLENGES OF THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS
DEBATE WITH THE PARLIAMENT AND THE COMMISSION**

Moderated by: Hegel Goutier, Editor-in-Chief of the Courier

Representing local/regional authorities:

- Pierre Schapira, Deputy Mayor of Paris, France, in charge of international cooperation
- Roser Clavell, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Regional government of Catalonia

Representing the Institutions:

- Charles Goerens, Member of the Development Committee, European Parliament
- Andris Piebalgs, Commissioner for Development*

Exchange with the participants

12.30-12.45 CONCLUDING REMARKS

Cllr Dave Wilcox, Derbyshire County Council, Chairman of the European and International Programme board, Local Government Association of England and Wales

CLOSING, with information on the Assises

Mercedes Bresso, President of the Committee of the Regions

12.45 Lunch at the invitation of PLATFORMA

**: speaker to be confirmed*

