



## Good Governance and Training of local councilors and Members of Parliament International Conference, 6-7 February 2013 in Fes, Morocco

The South North Centre organizes in collaboration with the University of Fès, the Wilaya of Fès, and the Council of the City of Fès and with the support of the Foundation Hanns Seidel an international conference on the theme "Good Governance and Training of Local Councils and Members of Parliament" on 6-7 February 2013 at the Palais des Congrès in Fez.

The conference will discuss the importance of the training of local officials, parliamentarians and territorial governance and good management of local and national affairs. It will be geared to all new local councils and parliamentarians, but also people who are concerned with public administration and who want to refresh their knowledge in any field, respectively, in the light of recent legislative developments in the Maghreb region.

In his speech of November 6, 2008, His Majesty King Mohammed VI had decided "to initiate a process of gradual and advanced regionalization", which takes into account the specific imperatives of Morocco. This conference will take place a few months after the adoption of regionalization and the new constitution, and shortly after the 2011 parliamentary elections and the installation of the new government in the aftermath of the Arab Spring.

The aim of this symposium is to inform and educate elected officials about the importance of training in order to manage budgetary control and understand the functioning of institutions and develop mechanisms to fight against corruption. The conference also aims to help politicians to enhance their knowledge concerning the management of local and national affairs.

The conference also aims to discuss the development, implementation, and monitoring of the national and local budgets. Management of public affairs cannot be improvised. It requires more skills to be acquired by the new elected as well as for the more experienced ones, which will serve the interests of the community.

The following areas will be discussed:

- the latest legislative developments in the Maghreb

- planning and local development
- issues of Taxation
- control of local and national finances
- Management skills
- information technology and communication
- territorial management and public policy

The conference will be followed by a series of training workshops for local officials in various fields such as: finance, local planning, sustainable development, city management, territorial management, education, housing, etc.. **We will make available all information necessary to assist elected councils and MPs in achieving their missions and projects. A set of training by experts will later be available to train interested elected officials.**

**This training will allow elected officials to supplement their expertise, improve their action, develop their capacity for action and initiative in their community. These courses also aim to improve the knowledge and skills of elected officials. They are a management tool that serves both the interests of the community and elected officials.**

A number of experts, academics and representatives of civil society will participate in this preliminary conference

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