The Launch Event for Connective Cities Network in the MENA region

Date: 15 June 2021

Time: 11:30- 13:50 CEST

Languages: Arabic and English

Notes:

- Meeting room: https://giz.meet-modular.com/b/cc_-qbn-ola
- Use the latest version of Chrome, Microsoft Edge.
- You need a very stable internet connection especially if you are presenting.
- Use a headset.
- The room will be open half hour earlier therefore, login 15 minutes in advance for check in.
- Note that the time is in **CEST**. Remember to synchronize your calendar accordingly.

Description of the Launch Event

Over the past 21 months, Connective Cities has established a vibrant core network in the MENA region. To showcase the accomplishments and pave the way for the growth of the network, Connective Cities is holding this launch event that will bring together a diverse range of stakeholders including representatives of municipalities in MENA, regional city associations and development agencies.

The objectives of the Connective Cities Launch Event for the regional network in MENA include:

- Showcasing accomplishments and activities of the network including partnerships between municipalities
- Discussing good practice examples and project proposal in MENA that are supported by Connective Cities
- Present the roadmap of the network activities till the end of the year
- Developing the network's Charter, membership, objectives and action plan
- Announce Connective Cities Loyalty Award to committed members
- Pave the way for cooperation agreements with regional urban development actors and city associations

Time (CEST)	Agenda	Speaker/moderator
11:20-11:30	Signing in	
11:30-11:35	Technical check-in	Connective Cities- Tech Host
11:35-11:50	Welcome remarks & introductions Opening Remark	Ms. Hanane Haber Ms. Ricarda Meissner Connective Cities network project manager
11:50-12:10	Keynote Speech I Keynote Speech II *video display of Connective Cities achievements in MENA*	Mr. Bouraoui Limam- ambassador of Tunisia in Lebanon Prof. Dr. Nouha Ghoussaini, Lebanese University and Former Mayor of Baakline & Former President of the Federation of Chouf Souayjani Municipalities
12:10- 12:30	Roundtable discussion with representatives of city associations and regional actors	Ms. Hanane Haber Dr. Muna Shalan
12:30-13:20	Developing the network's Charter, membership, objectives and action plan	Working **Group A**: Muna Shalan Working **Group B**: Hanane Haber Working **Group C**: Haneen Hassouneh
13:20-13:35	Presentation of working groups results	
12:35-12:45	Cross-cutting issue: Digital municipality pitch	Muna Shalan Rami Kanaan
13:45- 13:50	Announce Connective Cities Day (29th October) & Loyalty Award to committed members	Hanane Haber Muna Shalan