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**« Evolution of local authorities' partnerships for sustainable urban development in
the Mediterranean region »**

**MAHDIA, Friday 17 October 2008
International Conference at Mahdia Palace**

8h30 Registration of Participants

9.00 Opening speeches

- A representative of the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MEDD)
- A representative of the Ministry of Interior and Local Development
- A representative of the Government of the Brussels Capital Region
- A representative of the Governorate of Mahdia
- Mohamed Mehdi Sfar Gandoura, Mayor of Mahdia

10.00 Session 1 : Sustainable development – what international and national support for local authorities (chair : Joan Parpal, MEDCITES)

- The European programs in favor of sustainable urban development in the Mediterranean region (The Union for the Mediterranean), by a **representative of the European Commission**
- The regional environment programs and the local Agenda 21 in Tunisia, by a **representative of the MEDD**
- The role of the Regional Research Centre for biological horticulture and agriculture and its experience in the framework of the SHAMS project in Mahdia, **Néji Tarchoun**
- The role of the Technical Centre for biological agriculture and its experience in the framework of the SHAMS project in Mahdia, **Mohamed Ben Kheder**

11.00 Coffee break

11.30 Session 2 : Sustainable tourism –what challenges for local authorities (chair : Emad Al Moukdad, Ville de Bosra - Syrie)

- The sustainable tourism label, by a **representative of the European Commission**
- The experience of Malaga, **Begoña Oliva Pérez**, Ayuntamiento de Málaga (Espagne)
- The new tourist development project of Mahdia

12.30 Lunch

14.30 Session 3 : Producers responsibility as one of the pillars of sustainable development (chair : Paul Deffontaine, Lille Métropole - France)

- Producers responsibility mechanisms in Europe, **Jean-Pierre Hannequart**, ACR+ (Belgique)
- The experience of Belgium on producers responsibility, **William Vermeir**, Fost Plus (Belgique)
- The experience of Tunisia on producers responsibility, **Mounir Ferchichi**, ANGED (Tunisie)

15.30 Coffee break





16.00 Session 4 : Sensibilisation for cleanliness, selective collections and sustainable consumption – what role for local authorities (chair : Roberto Cavallo, AICA - Italy)

- The pilot project SHAMS in Mahdia.....
- The pilot project SHAMS in Sousse, **Lamjed Ammar (Tunisie)**
- The experience of Kairouan, **Ameur Jeridi, APNEK (Tunisie)**
- The experience of Istanbul, **Leyla Derya (Turquie)**
- The experience of Budapest, **Annamaria Batari (Hongrie)**

17.00 Final Session : « Perspectives for strengthening partnerships in the field of sustainable urban development »

- Barbara Dewulf, coordination SHAMS project, (Belgique)
- M. Mohamed Mehdi Sfar Gandoura, Mayor of Mahdia (**Tunisie**)

17.30 Closure of the first day

**MAHDIA and SOUSSE, Saturday 18 october 2008
Field visits to the SHAMS pilot projects**

- 8.30 Welcome of participants
- 9.00 Visit of the composting project in Mahdia
- 10.00 Transfer to Sousse
- 11.30 Visit of the pilot project in Sousse
- 12.30 Closure and conclusions in the city hall of Sousse

PRACTICAL DETAILS

Registration :

This seminar is being organised with the financial support of the programme Med-pact of the European Union. There are no registrations fees but registration before the conference is mandatory. Please send us the registration form that you find at http://www.acrplus.org/Mahdia_2008_EN

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