

The Cocody 2020 Declaration, drafted in a participatory and consensual manner during the IOPD General Assembly, will be adopted and read at the closing ceremony.

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Expected results

The participants will have to draft, in a consensual and participatory manner, a final declaration, known as the "Cocody 2020 Declaration", which will be approved during the IOPD General Assembly and read at the closing session. This declaration will be a strong commitment of Local Governments to defend, strengthen and promote participatory democracy as strategic axes in the Sustainable Development processes of Municipalities and Regions.

Target Audience

The Cocody 2020 conference is expecting the participation of about 300 people, including natural or legal persons, from countries all over the world, interested in the practice and improvement of participatory democracy at the local level, representatives of Governments and Legislative Assemblies, Mayors, Presidents of Regions and Districts, Officials of autonomous organizations, Officials and members of international organizations and municipal networks, Activists and people involved in social movements, members of civil society organizations and the private sector, Researchers and members of research centers from different countries and geographical areas.

Main partners

- Union of Cities and Municipalities of Côte d'Ivoire (UVICOCI)
- Assembly of Regions and Districts of Côte d'Ivoire (ARDCI)
- Sector Ministries
- United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)
- International Observatory for Participatory Democracy (IOPD)

Languages of the Conference

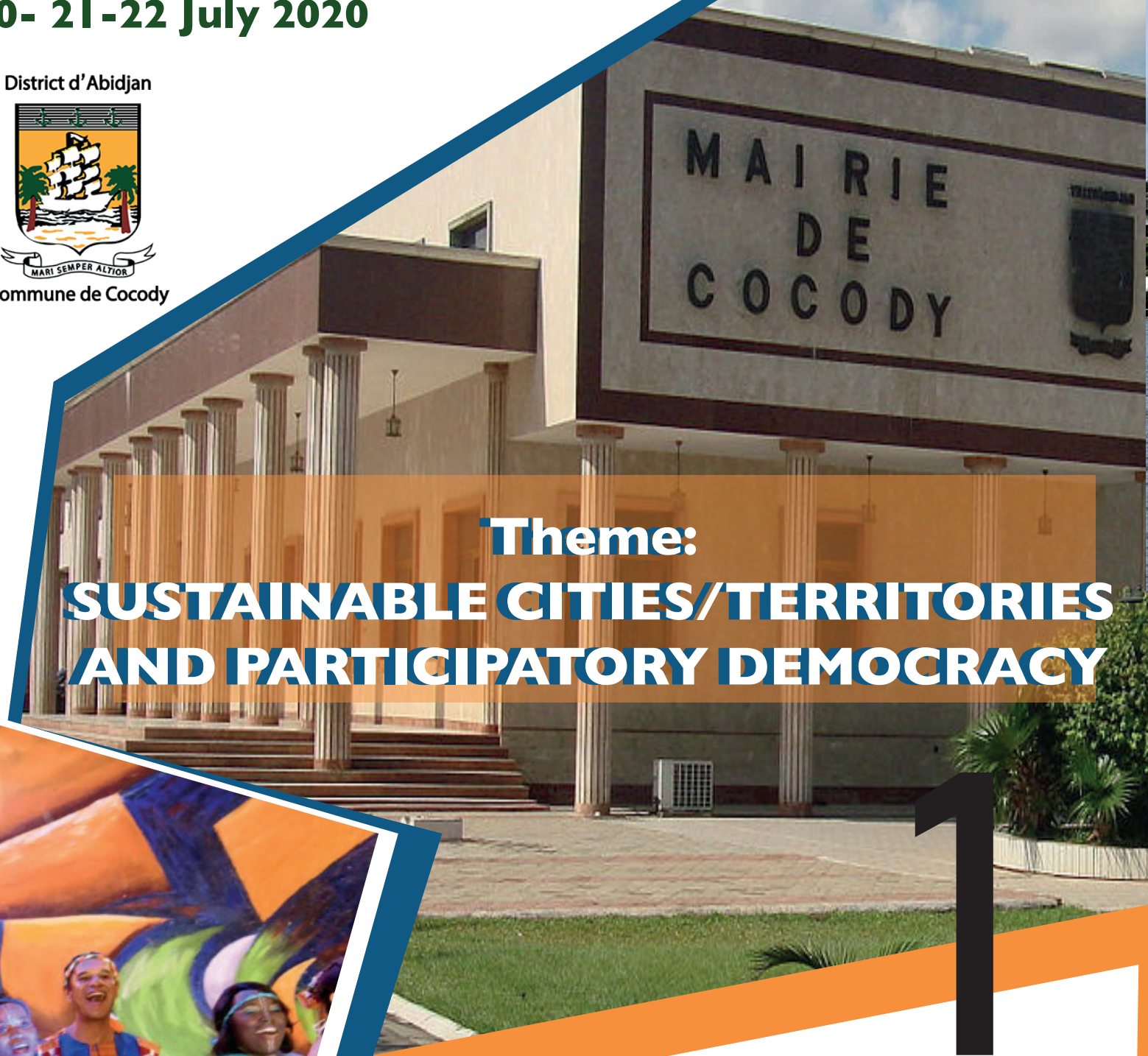
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SITUATION

The IOPD Annual Conference is the flagship event for participatory democracy around the world. It remains the annual meeting point for political leaders and experts to promote the role of citizens and local governments in strengthening democracy. It also provides an opportunity to encourage cooperation between cities and international organizations in the field of democratic, socio-economic and technological innovations.

This year, the 20th IOPD Conference scheduled for 20-22 July 2020 is being held in the Commune of Cocody/Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire).

The Commune of Cocody covers an area of 132 km² and has an estimated population of 800,000 inhabitants, with 46.39% of men and 53.61% of women. It has enormous potential at all levels and has several assets, including its great hotel capacity to host ceremonies of small and great importance, its high level of security, the diversity of its cultural and tourist heritage, etc. The Commune of Cocody is par excellence, the prestigious, peaceful city where most of the highest authorities of the country reside. Jean - Marc YACE, Mayor of the IOPD for the period 2020 - 2021



THE CONFERENCE

Thematic

SDO No. 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities. "To ensure that cities and human settlements are inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable".

Subtitle

Participatory democracy, a guarantee to sustainable urban development

Objective of the Conference

The purpose of the Conference is to promote debates and reflections on the importance and key role played by citizens and local governments applying participatory democracy in changing harmful and negative trends in the management of cities and regions. It also aims to position cities and regions engaged in this process to ensure participatory, inclusive and sustainable development.

Emphasis will be placed on the issue of participation, further more on the role of women and the youth in the development of cities.

Demonstrate and value the role of participatory democracy as a strategic axis for change in local governance for the co-creation of safe, inclusive, sustainable and resilient cities.

Conference format

The Conference is divided into keynote speeches with discussion groups organized by thematic areas, territorial round tables for the exchange of experiences and thematic debates, public meetings in the neighbourhoods of the municipality, workshops during which the exchange between participants is encouraged. Parallel and networking activities are proposed and organized by IOPD members, academia, political and municipal organizations.