MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL MANAGER LOOK FORWARD TO IMPLEMENTING BEST PRACTICE FOR THE BENEFIT OF BLM RESIDENTS AS UCLG CONGRESS CONCLUDES

Blouberg Local Municipality Mayor Her Worship Cllr Maria Thamaga and Municipal Manager, Mr Refilwe Ramothwala

are headed back home from South Korea to implement some of the best practices learned to improve the lives of Blouberg citizenry for the better following their participation in a 5-day United Cities and Local Governments(UCLG) 7th Congress, the World Summit of Local and Regional leaders held from Monday, October 10 to Friday, October 14 (Saturday, October 15, 1am South African Standard Time- SAST) in Daejeon City.

The World Summit of Local and Regional Leaders and World Congress is the largest

gathering of mayors, presidents of associations, local elected officers, and practitioners from around the world. The congress also gathered critical partners from international organizations and civil society driving forward the decision-making of city and community life.

The highlights of the program included preparatory meetings of UCLG sections on Monday 10th and the kick-off of the Networking Hub, a series of innovative inperson

sessions to dive into the World Organization, on Tuesday 11th. Following the official opening of the World Summit, on Wednesday 12th, the programme featured high-level

political events connected to the UCLG Pact for the Future of Humanity, which continued

throughout Thursday 13th and Friday 14th.

The summit was indorsed by the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) which is another body making up the UCLG and made presentations. Some of the topics of importance featured during Networking Hub included; Local Government Finance, The Future of Public Service: Impact on Local Economic Development and the Generation of Quality Employment in the locality.





