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Subject: Support for Adana's 2019 UNESCO Creative Cities Network Application for Gastronomy

Zeydan Karalar
Mayor of Adana
Adana, TURKEY

Distinguished Zeydan Karalar,

It is obvious that Adana is one of the few cities in the world in terms of gastronomy with its unique culinary culture. Your city, Adana contains contents that will enrich the gastronomic history from past to present and continues this culture in today's city life.

As one of the nine sections of UCLG World Organization, representing more than 100 years of experience in building cooperation among local governments and gathering the local governments of the world under one roof; United Cities and Local Governments Middle East and West Asia Section (UCLG-MEWA) is continuing its efforts to ensure the effective representation our local governments at international platforms, to establish strong governance structures and to follow up the localization of international agendas in the MEWA region.

Our aim as UCLG-MEWA is to establish multi-tier partnerships and to be the international voice and advocate of local governments in our region, transcending the national borders, by protecting the values, goals and interests of local governments.

As one of the member of us, we support your application to UNESCO Creative Cities Network 2019 for Gastronomy City.

We believe that, this application will contribute to preserve, maintain and promote the unique culinary culture of Adana.

Kind regards,

Mehmet DUMAN

UCLG-MEWA Secretary General