

Ceremonial Conference Appointing New Membership of the Consultative Council for Communities

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On 3 March 2010, at a ceremonial conference in the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo, President Fatmir Sejdiu officially appointed the new membership of the Consultative Council for Communities (CCC). Members will serve for a term of two years.

Established by Presidential Decree on the 15 September 2008, and located within the Office of the President of Kosovo, the CCC serves simultaneously as a forum for government consultation with communities on relevant issues, and as a

mechanism for facilitating inter-community dialogue and enhancing intra-community cohesion. Composed of community representatives from both civil society and political parties, along with key government officials, it enables members of communities to influence the legislative process and to advance their needs and interests within government programmes and policies.

After the appointments were confirmed, President Sejdiu spoke about the role and relevance of the Council, praising its accomplishments to date and attributing these to the dedication and hard work of its members. The President reaffirmed his support for the institution, and looked forward to its future successes.

In addition to President Sejdiu, Council members, and the Secretary General of the CCC, Ms. Nafiye Gaş, the conference was also attended by representatives from the International Civilian Office, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the Swiss and UK embassies and the European Centre for Minority Issues. A full list of the new membership of the Council is included as an annex below.

The event was covered by local and national media.

Annex Council membership 2010-2012

Community membership

Member	Community	Political representative/ Civil society representative
Muhamet Arifi	Ashkali	Civil society
Osman Emini	Ashkali	Civil society
Ćerim Bajrami	Bosniak	Civil society
Sahit Kandić	Bosniak	Civil society
Špresa Murati	Bosniak	Political
Veton Berisha	Egyptian	Civil society
Bashkim Kurti	Egyptian	Civil society
Murselj Haljili	Gorani	Civil society
Veis Šerifi	Gorani	Civil society
Snezana Karadzic	Montenegrin	Civil society
Kujtim Paçaku	Roma	Civil society
Daut Qulangjiu	Roma	Civil society
Petar Miletic	Serb	Political
Branislav Grbić	Serb	Political
Jelena Nedeljković	Serb	Civil society
Bojana Zdraković	Serb	Civil society
Slaviša Antić	Serb	Civil society
Tahir Luma	Turk	Civil society
Ercan Kasap	Turk	Civil society
Cengiz Çesko	Turk	Civil society

Government membership

Member	Office/Ministry
Xhafer Tahiri	Office of the President
Srdjan Sentić	Office of the Prime Minister
Mehmet Hajrizi	Assembly of Kosovo
Staniša Petrović	Ministry for Communities and Returns
Usmen Baldzi	Ministry for Education, Science and Technology
Fatmire Sahiti	Ministry for Culture and Sport
Raif Elezi	Ministry for Local Government Administration
Ćemalj Smailji	Ministry for Labour and Social Welfare