

Networking Event

Empowering Cities to Mobilize Domestic Capital: Enabling Framework and City Level Actions

Day / Time:	Friday, June 23, 2006 / 08.30 - 10.30
Venue:	Vancouver Convention and Exhibition Centre, Room MR 13
Event Description	Strengthening the link between domestic capital and city infrastructure needs - what can be done? This session focuses on opportunities for action by way of partnerships between cities, national governments and their development partners. From the cities' standpoint, identifying a set of agreed internal actions and demonstrating a clear revenue stream would provide greater voice when negotiating with higher levels of governments for greater devolution of powers to match increased responsibilities. At the same time, national level policy actions are necessary to enable a new market for private capital to finance public infrastructure. Bringing together representatives from national governments, cities, lenders and development partners, this session aims at a better understanding of access to finance.
Session Language:	English
Speakers:	Prof. George Gyan-Baffour, Deputy Minister of Finance, Ghana Mr. Jason Ngobeni, Treasurer, City of Johannesburg, South Africa Ms. Swaminathan Malathi, Commissioner of Economics and Statistics, Government of Tamil Nadu, India Mr. Mindia Gadaevi, Executive Director, Municipal Development Fund, Georgia Ms. Cornelia Richter, Director General, Planning and Development Department, GTZ, Germany Mr. Anwar Hussein, Managing Director, Municipal Fund, Bangladesh
Host Organisation:	The Cities Alliance
Host Organisation Description:	The Cities Alliance is a global coalition of cities and their development partners committed to scaling up successful approaches to poverty reduction. The Alliance brings cities together in a direct dialogue with bilateral and multilateral agencies as well as financial institutions and helps local authorities plan and prepare for future growth.
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