

### Session 3.5

## “Cities Without Slums – Strategic Responses in Fast Growing Cities”

Session organised by Cities Alliance and United Cities & Local Governments (UCLG)

To prevent rapid slum formation, countries, donors, and cities need to realise the potential of cities for economic growth and poverty alleviation. Positive and streamlined responses have been possible through city development strategy (CDS) processes to identify strategies to create well-governed, sustainable, productive, and socially inclusive cities.

This session will focus on the experiences of local governments in using city development strategy and slum upgrading tools in cities where Cities Alliance members have financed interventions, and will promote cities as partners of international cooperation. The presentations will offer concrete experiences (lessons learnt) and evidence-based policy recommendations. The core issues to be explored include:

- The ability of cities to meet urbanisation challenges and create resources to improve the living standards of the poor.
- Main features of city development strategies, economic development, environmental considerations, and slum upgrading.
- Key factors behind successful strategies related to: good governance, inclusion, productivity, sustainability, and spatial organisation.
- Indicators related to impacts on poverty reduction and economic vibrancy.
- Scaling up of local strategies through networking and inter-governmental cooperation.

**Day / Time:** Wednesday, 31 October 2007 / 11:00 - 12:30

**Venue:** International Convention Center, Jeju, Halla-A Hall

**Program:** Welcome and Opening

*Chair: William Cobbett, Manager, Cities Alliance*

#### Key Address

*Jean-Pierre Elong Mbassi, Secretary General, United Cities & Local Governments of Africa (UCLGA)*

Challenging the delegates on the role of cities in a global context to promote effective economic growth and poverty reduction.

#### Strategic Urban Planning in Vietnam to Meet Urbanization Challenge

*Mme. Chi, representing the Peoples Committee, Nam Dinh, Vietnam; and Dr. Michael Paddon, Professor, University of Sydney*

Lessons from the evaluation of the use of city development strategies from Vietnam, including practical examples from Nam Dinh.

#### Scaling Up City Development Strategies in the Philippines

*Mayor Mel Sarmiento, Mayor of Calbayog City, the Philippines*

Role and impacts of city development strategies in the Philippines, major challenges, and how to go to scale.

#### Implementing a Strategy over Ten Years in Argentina - Latin America

*Mayor Miguel Lifschitz, Rosario, Argentina*

Maximise local potential as with impacts on poverty reduction and the economy, city development strategies, networking, and municipal movements.

#### Discussion

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