Proposal Summary
JWP: Creating enabling environments for sustainable urbanization

Global

Summary	The Cities Alliance has committed to increasing its impacts in Sub-Saharan Africa, focusing in particular on secondary cities that are bearing the brunt of rapid urbanization, and which will become cities with slums unless Governments in the region take action to promote and strengthen the role of cities for poverty reduction and sustainable development. In response, the CA Secretariat is engaging with CA members to build an Action Plan to achieve this objective. The plan aims to improve the efficiency and efficacy of on-going and future CA-funded activities in the region, identify and address key strategic gaps in assistance where the Alliance has comparative advantages to deliver, and mobilize and support CA members to fill these gaps.

Objectives	Activities
The overall objective of this 2012 joint work program is twofold: 1) To catalyze a policy debate on creating effective environments that will enable cities to become productive, sustainable, inclusive and bankable. The debate will constitute a core component of the Cities Alliance's advocacy campaign in Africa supported by a diagnostic description of the state of decentralization in Africa. 2) The analysis would provide an evidence base to define CA support for sustainable urban transformation using its partnership platform to package tailored advocacy, knowledge and technical advisory support over the course of the next 10 to 20 years.	Key activities and tasks will be carried out under this initiative and include: Component 1: Measuring Progress toward Well-Functioning African Cities Implementing an analytical framework that categorizes key aspects of national enabling environments for well-functioning cities in 50 African countries. Component 2: Knowledge Dissemination> Reviving communications and outreach with key stakeholders in cities and national agencies in 50 African countries; and Packaging and supplying knowledge generated by CA and other partners to these stakeholders and developing UCLGA's knowledge management capacity and strategy with an initial focus on country programs and email dissemination regionally. Component 3: Joint CA/UCLGA event on Financing African Cities High-level ministers conference of UEMOA countries on Financing African Cities. Component 4: Africities 2012 Delivering a major joint presence at AfriCities in Dakar, December 2012

Submission		Implementation	Budget and Time		
Submitted by: UCLGA	**CA Sponsor:** Cities Alliance Secretariat; UCLGA	**Implemented by:** Cities Alliance Secretariat; UCLGA **CA Monitor:** Kevin Milroy	**Request to CA:** **Co-Financing:** **Total Budget:**	$ 244,000 $ 262,000 $ 506,000	**Duration:** 12 months

Expected Impacts

1) Improved evidence based dialogue on decentralization and sustainable urbanization in Africa 2) A strengthened UCLGA Secretariat with enhanced capability to assess and respond to their members needs for tailored services with a particular emphasis on knowledge dissemination and information sharing 3) Improved knowledge, advocacy and information services tailored to the needs of the UCLGA member base 4) A comprehensive database of UCLGA members and partners that can be used for a variety of advocacy and capacity building purposes 5) Improved awareness among African policymakers on the benefits of creating city enabling environments for sustainable urbanization