

# Cities Alliance

Cities Without Slums



The Cities Alliance will be hosting a session titled, “Building Cities and Citizenship” as part of the **Third World Summit of Local and Regional Leaders**, being organised by the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) in conjunction with the municipality of Mexico City, where it will take place from November 16 to 20, 2010. This, for us at Cities Alliance presents an excellent opportunity to meet with, learn from and share knowledge with over 2,000 Mayors.

Our session on Building Cities and Citizenship is being billed as the fourth under the sub-theme, “Innovating in a cold economic climate,” and is scheduled to be held on the afternoon of Thursday, November 18, 2010. This session will focus on the Latin American experience of enabling the rights of all citizens to the city, the political will and the participatory urban reform processes that enable this, with a particular focus on the City Statute of Brazil, one of the most far reaching urban policy reform measures introduced in recent years. Invited Speakers will be asked to present lessons learned and recommendations from their own local experiences of these processes. The overarching goal is to promote key messages on the rights of all citizenry to a safe, sound and equitable urban life, and on the role of municipalities in drawing up the requisite urban policies and programmes that will ensure this.

**Date:** Thursday, November 18, 2010

**Venue:** Colegio de San Ildefonso

**Room:** TBD

**Time:** 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM

**William Cobbett**, Cities Alliance Manager will make some welcoming remarks.

The session itself will be **moderated** by **Jean-Pierre Elong-Mbassi**, Secretary General of United Cities and Local Governments of Africa. An experienced practitioner in urban management and slum upgrading, Mr. Elong-Mbassi previously served as Coordinator of the Municipal Development Programme for West and Central Africa based in Cotonou, Benin. A native of Douala, Cameroon, Mr. Elong-Mbassi holds a Masters degree in Geographic Science from the University of Yaoundé and a postgraduate diploma in Urban Planning from the University of Paris.

Other Invited Speakers are:

**Mr. Luis Nhaca**, Councillor for Urban Planning and Environment in Maputo Municipal Council Municipality of Maputo. An architect and urban planner with more than 18 years of experience, Mr. Nhaca is responsible for the land use and environmental planning and management of Maputo city.

**Ms. Inês Magalhães**, National Secretary of Housing for the Ministry of Cities, Brazil. Prior to joining the Ministry of Cities in 2003, Ms. Magalhães served at the municipal level and as an advisor on strategic planning for participatory municipal management. A sociologist and expert on management planning, she has developed several initiatives in the areas of housing and urban development.

**Mr. Mário Reali** is Mayor of Diadema, Brazil. Prior to his election as Mayor, Mr. Reali served as State Deputy for the State of São Paulo from 2003-2008. An architect and city planner, he holds a Masters degree in Architecture and Urbanism from the University of São Paulo.

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