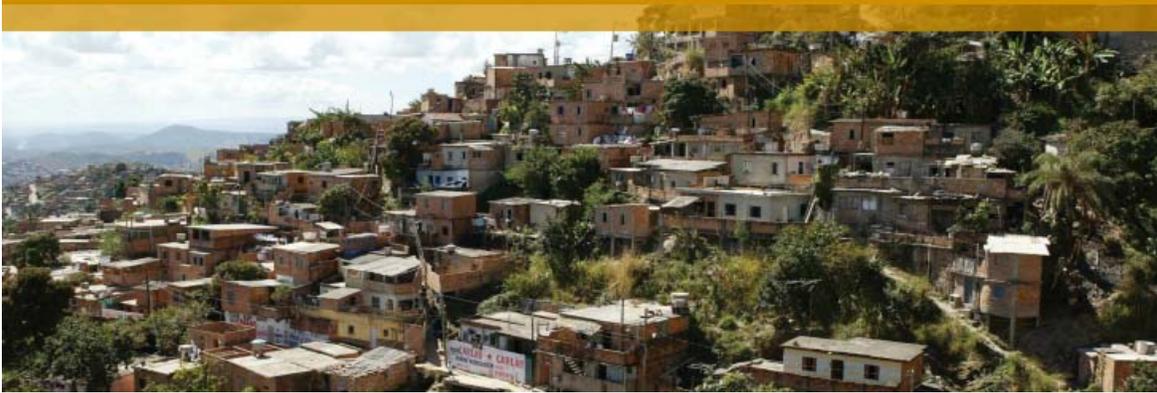


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Cities Alliance to host a parallel session at Third Congress of United Cities and Local Governments, Mexico City, 18 November, 2010

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, taking place from November 16 to 20, 2010.

This session will focus on 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 present lessons learned and recommendations from their own local experiences of these processes, with a view to promoting key messages on the rights of all citizenry to a safe, sound and equitable urban life, and on the important role of municipalities in drawing up the requisite urban policies and programmes that will ensure this.

Date: Thursday, November 18, 2010

Venue: Antigo Colegio de San Ildefonso” [Calle Justo Sierra (Street), No. 16, Centro Histórico]

Time: 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Speakers will include:

William Cobbett, Manager, Cities Alliance

Mr. Luis Nhaca , Councillor for Urban Planning and Environment in Maputo Municipal Council, Maputo, Mozambique. 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. A sociologist and expert on management planning, she has developed several initiatives in the areas of housing and urban development.

Mr. Mário Reali, 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.

The session itself will be **moderated** by **M. 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.

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