

SO-09: Local Governance and the role of Inclusive Partnerships for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda (Habitat III)

A joint open session of DeLoG and the Cities Alliance Joint Work Programme in support of the preparation process for the Post 2015 Agenda/ Sustainable Development Goals towards the Third United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)

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Venue: Ballroom 1B

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About the Event

2015 is a pivotal year for sustainable development. The outcomes of the 3rd International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD), the United Nations Summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda, as well as the UNFCCC COP 21 will significantly shape the global development agenda for the coming decades. The SDGs have the most direct relevance for Habitat III due to the inclusion of a stand-alone urban SDG (SDG 11), and the recognition of the importance of the local level in several targets of a multitude of SDG goals. Against this background, Habitat III is often referred to as the first implementation conference of the post-2015 agenda and the new climate agreement. In this context, the open session will shed light on the role of decentralisation and local governance – i.e. as actors and enabling national frameworks – within the NUA to successfully implement the SDGs at the local level. This open session will discuss the role of local governance within the NUA to implement the SDGs at the local level. The discussion is centered on four key issues, the NUA should take into consideration: i.e. (a) embedding urban development into an enabling environment (national frameworks), (b) strengthening municipal capacities (including financing), (c) promoting participatory, inclusive and accountable governance and (d) designing monitoring, reporting and review mechanisms.

Key questions will comprise:

- How to create an enabling national frameworks for decentralisation and local governance and sustainable urban development, defining actors' roles, mandates, responsibilities and intergovernmental structures?
- By which means can municipal capacities best be strengthened? How to mobilize and develop know how, capacities and funding at the local level?
- Who demands and who organises participatory, inclusive and accountable local governance mechanisms? How to include a variety of stakeholder in the development of the city?
- How can monitoring, reporting, and review processes for the new urban agenda be aligned to the SDG processes and structures?

The session will provide a number of inputs to generate recommendations for the Habitat III preparation process and the formulation of New Urban Agenda in particular.

About the Cities Alliance Joint Work Programme Habitat III

The Cities Alliance has set up a Joint Work Programme to prepare inputs to the Habitat III Conference while discussing priorities and messages key to the Post-2015 Agenda. Outcomes from this side event will contribute to the discussion within the Habitat III preparatory process towards a New Urban Agenda and especially its implementation. Members of the JWP are Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development (MFA), German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI), ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability, Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS), Shack/Slum Dwellers International (SDI), Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO); UN-Habitat, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), UK Department for International Development (DFID).

About DeLoG

DeLoG, the Development Partners Network on Decentralisation and Local Governance, has been created in 2006 and comprises 29 bi- and multilateral development partners. DeLoG acts as a platform for the exchange of experiences and knowledge amongst development practitioners. It aims at improving development effectiveness in the field of decentralisation and local governance (DLG) through the promotion of more harmonised and aligned interventions.

Working Agenda

TIME	ITEMS AND SPEAKERS	KEY QUESTIONS/ FOCUS OF INTERVENTION
1. OPENING AND INTRODUCTIONS (15:00-15:15)		
15 Min	Welcoming by the Master of Ceremony Jean Pierre Mbassi, UCLGA	
2. The Sustainable Development Goals and their Implications for Cities in the New Urban Agenda (15:15-15:40)		
15 min	Philipp Misselwitz , Institute of Technology, TU Berlin	An analysis of the urban dimension of the SDGs and its implications for the New Urban Agenda
3. How to create favorable national frameworks for decentralisation and local governance and sustainable urban development, defining actors' roles, mandates, responsibilities and intergovernmental structures? How can support and review processes be aligned to the SDG processes and structures? (15:40-16:30)		
Facilitated by William Cobbett, Director of Cities Alliance		
Rapporteur: Jochen Mattern, Coordinator, DeLoG Secretariat		
5 Min	Joseph Mbong Iyawa , Head of Coordination Unit, African Union STC8 - Subcommittee Decentralization and Local Governance	
5 Min	Hon. Emmanuel K. Agyekum , Deputy Minister, Ministry for Local Governance and Rural Development (MLGRD), Ghana	
5 Min	Jean de la Harpe , Executive Director: Municipal Infrastructure Services, SALGA, South Africa	
5 Min	Henry DE CAZOTTE , Deputy Head Development Policy and Special Representative for Habitat III, French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development (MFA)	
25 Min	Question from the floor and Answers from the panel	
5 Min	Wrap up of the Session by the Rapporteur	
Coffee and Tea break (16:30-17:00)		
4. How to mobilize know how, capacities and funding to strengthen management and accountability in the city? (17:00-17:55)		
Facilitated by Doudou Mbye, UN Habitat		
Rapporteur: Alexander Carius, adelphi		
7 Min	Hon. Issac Odamtten , Mayor of Tema (Ghana)	
7 Min	Tamzin Hudson , Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI)	
7 Min	Rose Molokoane , South African Federation of the Urban Poor (FEDUP/ Slum Dwellers International)	
30 Min	Question from the floor and Answers from the panel	
5 Min	Wrap up of the Session by the Rapporteur	
5. Closing of the session (17:55-18:00)		