



Cities Alliance Policy Advisory Forum 2011

FINANCING AFRICAN CITIES

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Joaquim Chissano Conference Centre, Maputo

Financing the investments needed to promote economic growth, provision of basic services and the implementation of strategic plans is a key challenge facing cities of all sizes throughout Africa. It is also an opportunity to better leverage the ideas, resources and capacities of the private sector, community organizations and other partners to strengthen the roles of cities in poverty reduction and in sustainable development.

The 2011 Public Policy Forum serves to conclude a joint AfD/Cities Alliance four-year period of research and analysis to address issues of financing the urban growth in Africa, culminating in the publication of a report, *Financing African Cities*, in January 2012. The Forum also serves as the beginning of Cities Alliance efforts to increase and improve the support provided to the cities of Africa to better plan, finance and implement strategies that capture the opportunities that urbanization provides.

This one-day Forum will focus on two important dimensions of the broad topic of financing:

- Improving the “enabling environment” – including fiscal decentralization policies and the capacities of local governments -- to enable cities to better mobilize private and public partners and investments for economic and social development.
- Lessons, programs and instruments available to support African cities.

The morning session will draw upon experiences from Mozambique, and the afternoon session on regional and international perspectives.

The Forum will be moderated by the Chair of the Policy Advisory Forum -- the Hon. Clare Short, former Member of Parliament and Secretary of State for International Development of the United Kingdom.

PROGRAMME

- 08:00 Registration
- 09:00 Opening Ceremonies, hosted by Mayor of Maputo
- 10:00 Morning Session – Fiscal decentralization and strengthening local government capacities
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Keynote Remarks – Financing African Cities (Dr. Thierry Paulais, AfD)
- 14:30 Afternoon Session – Financing urban investments
- 17:00 Closing Ceremonies