

Proposal Summary

Joint Work Programme - AFTUW - Supporting Africa's Urban Transition

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| Summary | <p>The proposed program is part of a broader action plan of the Cities Alliance and its members for scaling up support for the urban sector in SSA, as endorsed at the November 2010 meeting of the CA Consultative Group. As a member of the CA, the AFTUW program would leverage CA Secretariat to engage with CA members ensuring that CA members/partners are included in the knowledge and information exchange, and that members active in priority and other countries both inform and are informed by the process. As part of this process the proposed program will actively link to an annual knowledge event organized by the CA to ensure that CA members and partners are meaningfully engaged in the emerging policy discussions.</p> |
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| Objectives | Activities |
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| <p>In the context of Africa's historic urban transition, the objectives of the proposed program are to (i) catalyze and strengthen the focus on urban development and city management in particular in national policy making across countries in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA); (ii) support countries in SSA to develop and implement policies and investments that will ensure a successful transition towards an urban system of economic and political governance; and (iii) capture and strengthen synergies between African governments and their local and international development partners to improve the quality of urban development cooperation and urban operations.</p> | <p>A. Policy Analysis & Advocacy – (i) Raise the profile and importance of urbanization and city/urban development issues among national policy-makers in the region (ii) catalyze an active policy dialogue between urban-municipal and national policy leaders on urban policy and financing and (iii) provide targeted analytic and advisory assistance on specific urban issues at both the national and municipal level.</p> <p>B. Capacity Building / Peer-Peer Learning – (i) Facilitating peer-peer learning for national and municipal leaders and other client stakeholders on strategic, policy and other matters; (ii) Develop and design different approaches to capacity building for urban local governments; (iii) Harmonizing & integrating training and other capacity building activities of World Bank Institute and other Bank units and CA member organizations, focused around on-going policy and investment programs of IDA and other development partners;</p> <p>C. Targeted Operational Assistance – Support the development, design, financing and implementation of national and city level policy and investment programs to support SSA's transition to an urban economic and political system.</p> |

| Submission | | Implementation | Budget and Time | |
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| <p>Submitted by: World Bank</p> | <p>CA Sponsor: World Bank</p> | <p>Implemented by: World Bank CA Monitor: Julian Baskin</p> | <p>Request to CA: \$ 920,000 Co-Financing: \$ 7,000,000 Total Budget: \$ 7,920,000</p> | <p>Duration: 36 months</p> |

| Expected Impacts |
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| <p>• Policy and legislative changes • Public finance reforms in fiscal transfers to the urban sector and in local revenue systems • Shifts in national budgetary allocations to the urban sector • Changes in the institutions of urban governance and service delivery • Introduction and strengthening of mechanisms for protecting the urban poor • Policies, institutional change and investments to support adaptation and mitigation to climate change • Increased World Bank and donor support to the urban sector • Monitoring and evaluation systems introduced and strengthened</p> |

