

Supporting the Urban Dimension of Development Cooperation: Enhancing financial positions of cities in developing countries to achieve sustainable urban development

Cities and Experts meeting
“Strengthening the Financing Position and Investment in the Cities of Developing Countries”

Friday, 28 Feb 2020, Dakar, Senegal

As requested by the European Parliament, European Commission and UN-Habitat are working on an initiative that seeks identifying relevant measures to advance viable models for mobilizing finance for urban development at all levels of government.

The initiative pursues several goals:

Improve knowledge of policy makers in the field of access to finance and integrated investment planning (integrating financial, spatial and legal dimensions), particularly in cities.

Determine gaps and bottlenecks in instruments and tools and practices for funding urban development in the developing countries vis-à-vis good European experiences of the financial capacities of municipalities to deliver prosperous and sustainable urban development.

Envisage and qualify capacities needed both at the cities in the developing countries and at the international institutions for empowering them to deliver sustainable urban development using new planning and financial instruments, including blending grants and loans.

Improve capacities of cities in the developing world in the field of access to finance and sustainable integrated investment planning.

Formulate recommendations to strengthen institutional and financial framework enabling such models of finance.

AGENDA

08:30 Registration at Conference Centre of Radisson Blu Hotel, Dakar Sea Plaza

09:00 Welcome – Mme Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Director of UN-Habitat

09:10 Welcome from other partners (tbd)

09:20 Opening: Plan for the day – Oumar Sylla, Regional Representative for Africa, UN-Habitat

Session 1 – Chaired and moderated by Lars Gronvald, Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development European Commission

09:30 Introduction of the initiative and its first findings

Astrid Haas, Policy Director, the International Growth Centre – results from city missions 20 min

Paulius Kulikauskas, UN-Habitat – first steps to conclusions 20 min

Q&A and moderated debate – 20 min

10:30 *Coffee break and registration for afternoon breakaway sessions*

Session 2 – Moderated by Dr. Xing-Quan Zhang, Senior Adviser, UN-Habitat

10:45 Inspiring examples: (20 min each) and Q&A

“The growth rate and the factors- the case of self-government in Poland”

Mr. Olgierd Roman Dziekoński, fmr. State Secretary of Poland and fmr. Vice-Mayor of Warsaw

“Financing Zenata Eco-city”

Mrs. Ilhame Maaroufi, Finance, HR and Administrative Director, Zenata Eco-city, Morocco



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Session 3 - Moderated by Ishaku Maitumbi, Senior Human Settlements Officer, UN-Habitat

11:45 Round Table of Governors/Mayors/City Directors: obstacles for investment in sustainable urban development (Moderator leads in with 5 min status on known obstacles; Mayors comment 10 min each, and the rest for debate and moderator’s conclusion)

- Yvonne AKI-SAWYERR, Mayor of Freetown, Sierra Leone
- Peter ANYANG' NYONG'O, Governor of Kisumu, Kenya
- Abdirahman Mohamed AYIDID, Mayor of Hargeisa, Somaliland, Somalia
- Takele UMA BANTI, Mayor of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (tbc)
- Brian Kondwani NYASULU, Mayor of Mzuzu, Malawi
- Samuel SSERUNKUUMA, Ag. Executive Director, Kampala Capital City Authority, Uganda
- Mourade DIEYE GUEYE, Secretary Général, Dakar Municipality, Senegal

Guiding questions - choose one theme A, B, or C to fit into a 10 min intervention and include references to your own experience:

A: To advance viable urban financing models, and to remove constraints for access to finance, what would be the core national and subnational responsibilities that would need to be better defined, differently structured, or reassigned to subnational level? Some examples:

- (i) Fiscal authority: decide on collecting and/or spending own revenue and government transfers?
 - (ii) Dealing and negotiating with development partners (donors, international financial institutions, private investors)?
 - (iii) Land use and spatial planning?
- Other elements?

B: Cities have to pursue a multitude of development objectives, for example:

- (i) Delivering more productivity in economy of your city and – among other – attract more firms and create employment opportunities;
 - (ii) Improve the environment in the city by better public utilities and resilient infrastructure: energy, mobility/public transport, water and sanitation, waste management;
 - (iii) Improve housing and real estate development;
- and other goals.

How can we reconcile some of these goals that sometimes look as if conflicting, for example environmental improvements versus economic growth? How can they go hand in hand?

C: What do you see as the most important obstacles for advancing urban financing models in practice, and how should cities seek to overcome them? Some examples:

- (i) Lack of Integrated urban development strategies?
 - (ii) Poor collection of Own revenues and other financial management issues?
 - (iii) Dealing with PPPs, procurement and other involvement and investment coordination of the private sector?
- Other issues?

13:30 Lunch

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Breakaway sessions

14:30 Tasks for breakaway (will be adjusted depending on the results of the Round Table)

14:35 2x2 breakaway sessions 1h each

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| | <i>Urban development policies and strategies to guide public expenditure and investment</i> Moderated by Mathias Spaliviero, Senior Human Settlements Officer; UN-Habitat | <i>Focus on finance and investment ecosystem</i> Moderated by David Jackson, Director; Local finance; UNCDF |
| <i>Multi-level governance: Which goals are most important, and how to achieve synergies between the goals?</i> | A. What urban development policies, goals and strategies should be provided at the national level, and what goals and strategies should be determined and managed locally? | C. Coordinating revenues, public expenditure and external investment – roles of national and subnational levels? |
| 15:40 – 15:55 | <i>Coffee break</i> Presentation “Urban regeneration of the centre of Dakar to support new mobility solutions” by Alioune Badiane, President The Urban Think Tank Africa-TUTTA | |
| <i>Obstacles to be overcome at local level</i> | B. For the well-coordinated urban development at the local level, what obstacles need to be removed for the local authorities, and what long-term institutional solutions are needed? | D. What needs to be improved to achieve complete financial ecosystem: e.g. Government transfers, Land value capture, Own revenues collection, Procurement, PPPs and other private sector involvement; interacting with development partners? |

Session 4 – Moderated by EIB

17:00 Reports from breakaway sessions (breakaway moderators 10 min each session)

17:40 Closing debate, moderator tbd

18:00 End

19:00 Dinner



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