



UCLG COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

COMMITTEE ON URBAN STRATEGIC PLANNING [City learning initiatives – from Naples and Barcelona to Dakar]

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Dear colleagues, members and partners,

We are pleased to inform you that after a dynamic September agenda of city exchange activities, first in Naples at the WUF IV, then to our Strategic Learning Meeting in Barcelona in coordination with Metropolis, we are advancing to define a role for the World Secretariat in terms of learning initiatives between cities in the context of decentralized cooperation.

With the inputs of Tim Campbell, expert on city to city learning, and the contributions gathered during the activities mentioned above, we are preparing a document to present to the Executive Bureau for determining a learning agenda for UCLG in the upcoming years.

The occasion for us to discuss this document and to communicate updates on the committee's activities will be at the Africities event in Dakar in December 2012.

In addition, the committee is planning a special session entitled: "**Peer learning and local leadership: a way for changing our cities?**". The contribution of international partners such as Cities Alliance, Norway Foreign Ministry, UCLGA, ANAMM, associated networks such as: Sustainable Cities Initiative, Architects without Borders, Intermediate Cities (CIMES) as well as African and Brazilian cities is foreseen for evaluating the present partnerships, identifying challenges and proposing upcoming activities in terms of peer learning initiatives.

We encourage you to participate in these activities and stay up to date with these interesting experiences either by joining this session or staying tuned through our communication channels.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat of the Committee/Working Group at: For the World Secretariat: s.hoeflich@uclg.org, For the Co-presidency and Committee agenda: kerrc@durban.gov.za

Kind regards,

The UCLG World Secretariat,
on behalf of the Committee of Urban Strategic Planning