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Dear members of the UCLG Commission on Urban Strategic Planning, Dear partners,

We would like to present you the latest news on City Development Strategies and the recent progress on the Policy Paper on Urban Strategic Planning.

The UCLG USP Committee was in Rosario at the end of April for the 17th CIDEU Congress focusing on “employment strategies at the local level”. This meeting was the occasion to discuss the objectives of the policy paper and to start analyzing the inputs already collected. The strength of the policy paper is the active participation of members of all regions. We welcome very much any comment to the draft we prepare and update continuously on our website.

Along with that, the city of Rosario recently sent to the European Commission the full application of the project on urban strategic planning. Members of Asia and Africa have associated and dedicated resources and time to the proposal. Under this scheme, networking, knowledge sharing and mentoring partnerships are key activities and we would like to point out their usefulness, for example in the case of Mozambique.
Please find attached the latest Newsletter on CDS and a set of documents showing the advancements on the policy paper. Other material on mentoring programs will soon be uploaded on our website.

We also would like to remind you to fill the questionnaire on USP, available in English, French and Spanish in our website.

We welcome any suggestions you may have and remain at your full disposal.

Please send your recommendations to s.hoeflich@cities-localgovernments.org

Please click on the following links to open the documents attached:
- CDS Newsletter 4
- The minutes of the Rosario meeting on the policy paper
- The draft introduction of the policy paper
- The compilation of the 12 questionnaires completed

Your UCLG Committee team