

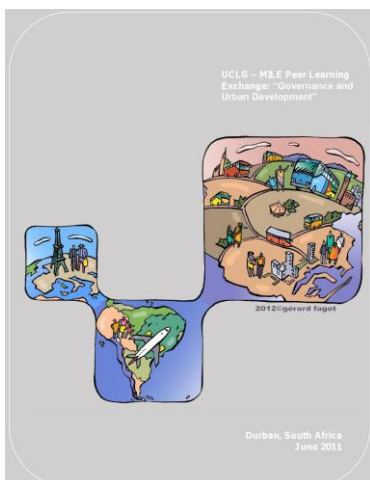
We are pleased to present you with the latest news of the UCLG's Committee on Urban Strategic Planning, with an emphasis on learning

**Included in the update are the following**

1. **Recent publication:** MILE Learning exchange: "Governance and Urban development"
2. **Carolyn Kerr**, Chief Policy Analyst of MILE for an exchange in UCLG headquarters in Barcelona
3. **Mission to Namibia and eThekweni:** MILE/ALAN/NALAO mentoring workshop in the City of Swakopmund, project review Namibia on 20-26 June.
4. Participation of the USP Committee in the **WUF VI** in Naples
5. **UCLG and Metropolis: Connecting with a world of learners:** Outcomes of City to City Learning exchange in Barcelona. September 2012
6. **Funding assured for 3<sup>rd</sup> phase City Future**
7. **Upcoming activities:**
  - Africities, Dakar 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> of September
  - Intermediary cities agenda
  - Peer learning in Africa
  - Outlook on Rabat congress, October 2013

**RECENT PUBLICATION: Learning exchange: "Governance and Urban development"**

Discover the insights on the relationship between governance and urban development explored from the perspective of diverse cities in this Learning note publication.



In collaboration with the eThekweni municipality and the Municipal Institute of Learning (MILE), we have gathered impressions and key points of the past exchange hosted by the eThekweni municipality and organized by UCLG strategic planning committee in coordination with MILE. **Enjoy reading !**

Find the Learning note [here](#).

Carolyn Kerr, Chief Policy Analyst of MILE in UCLG World Secretariat headquarters in Barcelona for a professional exchange (May-June)

We had the pleasure of hosting Ms. Carolyn Kerr for one month for a professional exchange that allowed her to understand UCLG working dynamics and allowed the world secretariat to benefit of her experience.

She is in charge of following up with committee secretariat issues and newsletters. We thank to the Durban co- president for this operational support.

**Mission to Namibia and eThekweni: MILE/ALAN/NALAO mentoring workshop in Swakopmund, 21-26 June. Follow-up on Sao Paulo-Durban mentorship on informal settlements upgrading**



Sites and services in Swakopmund source: Sara Hoeflich

On the past month of June, a mission to Namibia and eThekweni municipality took place. Parallel, a mentoring workshop was held in Swakopmund, the first debt free town of Namibia. A **city changer** story will soon be published for you to know & share the experience of this town in relation to the provision of basic services.

**The highlights of this mission are:**

- A very impressive South African experience for Namibian local authorities is performance management. However, the most immediate knowledge demand is on budget planning support, as budget goes hand in hand with performance management.

- Swakopmund is interested in sharing the experience and build up a municipal learning institute (MILE) and possibly developing SMILE (Swakopmund municipal institute for learning).
- Progress on the Sao Paulo-eThekweni mentorship delivers important lessons and establishes new directives for the continuing activities. More information: [here](#)

## Participation of the USP Committee in the WUF VI in Naples

Networking event: “Peer exchange of city leaders at World Urban Forum - Tailoring global tools to foster local identities”

**Peer exchange of city leaders: tailoring global tools to foster local identities**

Does strategic planning acknowledge local identities and cultural assets? How can these be strengthened and become a reference for city dynamics? What does this imply for the city leadership? How do cities learn, what are the most important lessons to be extracted from daily city management?

Find out the answers in our networking event organized by the UCLG Committees on Urban Strategic Planning and Culture:

**Tuesday, 4 September** - 2:00 - 4:00 pm  
Mostra d'Oltremare - Pavilion 6 - Room 4  
Viale J. F. Kennedy 54, 80124, Napoli  
Find us on our stand at the WUF Exhibition

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In the past edition of the WUF6, the UCLG Committees of Urban Strategic planning and Culture gathered city leaders, development partners and networks to debate on management practices and peer learning around different challenges:

- **Can strategic planning acknowledge local identities and cultural assets?**
- **How can these be strengthened and become a reference for city dynamics?**
- **What does this imply for the city leadership? How do cities learn, what are the most important lessons to be extracted from daily city management?**



We thank all the participants for their commitment and great insights on interesting experiences. For information about highlights and outcomes, please click [here](#).

## UCLG and Metropolis: Connecting with a world of learners: Outcomes of City to City Learning exchange in Barcelona. September 2012



From the 12th to the 14th of September, UCLG and Metropolis gathered city leaders, development partners, experts and networks to debate on learning practices in diverse urban frameworks in order to plan their agendas on City-to-City Learning. This first joint meeting brought together 60 high-level urban thinkers and experts from around the world.

The expert on City Learning, Tim Campbell introduced the subject building on his research compiled in his recently published book.

### Tim Campbell's "Smart Cities and beyond"

With the active and committed participation of the diverse attendants, great insights were obtained to build a collective overview on the three main questions that unlocked the deliberations:

- **How are networks and cities learning?**
- **What is being learned and**
- **Who needs to learn?**

Insights on expectations and demands from UCLG and Metropolis members as well as associate networks helped to define a roadmap that will contribute to define a role for both associations in learning in the upcoming years and establish priorities.

For more information, find the outcomes of this three-day strategic meeting here:

- [web news link](#)
- [Full written summaries of all the sessions](#)
- [Selected photos](#)

## Approved funding for the continuation of the City Future phase III



We are happy to communicate that funding has been ensured by the Norwegian ministry and Cities Alliance and we count on approximately 200.000 \$ to continue with activities related to city learning and policy development, with a focus on Mozambique and Intermediary cities.

### Upcoming activities:

#### Africities, Dakar 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> of September

The African Summit of local authorities- **Africités VI** is to be held in Dakar from the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> of December, 2012 focusing on the themes of: **"Governance, capacity building and local finance"**



UCLG with members and sections as well as partnering networks previews a special session (3-4 hours) to review experiences on peer exchanges and learning of members and partners in the past 2 years.

Session title: **"Peer learning and local leadership: a way for changing our cities?"**

We would like to know if you envisage coming to Africités and if you would like to participate actively in this session.

- We would appreciate a short written input ( max. 200 words ) with your proposal, specifying the contact person and the key messages to deliver.

#### Mentoring and Peer learning in Africa

Malawi exit strategy workshop for the South African and Malawian mentorships will take place at the end of October.

The cities of Lilongwe, Blantyre and Mzuzu had been supported by the South African cities Johannesburg, Ekurhuleni and eThekweni (Durban)

This partnership delivers rich lessons learnt, understanding context and obstacles as well as friendships and personal commitments.

We regret the passing away of the **CDS manager Lilongwe Kalimujiso Banda, who died too young.**

**The next peer learning** is envisaged for the 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> of November in Maputo and will focus on local economic development with special attention to street food vendors. Our recent partnership with ILO will be brought into practice. This is a promising South South peer work between Belo Horizonte, Durban and Maputo and fits into our support to Mozambique.

#### Intermediate cities agenda:

The committee on urban strategic planning is currently establishing a working group on this topic. Currently the cities of **Mzuzu, Malawi, Xai Xai, Lichinga, Manhisa-Mozambique, Swakopmund- Namibia, Richardsbay - South Africa, Lerida- Spain and Solo - Indonesia**, are interested to join this group of cities that is expected to grow once the agenda is disseminated.

It will prepare 2 workshops and discuss strengths, weaknesses and opportunities of this group of cities.

#### More updates on this initiative in our next newsletter!



**4<sup>th</sup> UCLG CONGRESS**  
**World Summit of Local and Regional Leaders**  
**Rabat, 1-4 October 2013**

We work towards most useful inputs and debates in the **IV UCLG Congress, Rabat 1<sup>st</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> of October, 2013. SAVE the Date!!!** More info [here](#)