Dear members,

Rapid urban growth currently faced by developing countries, which has long been perceived negatively, now appears as a positive factor in reducing poverty and improving living standards.

However, trends show that it is also generating inequality, as well as exclusion with regard to informal settlements. Promoting inclusive urban growth implies rethinking the city in all its components, and to make significant investments in various sectors such as housing, sanitation, water, energy and transport.

The local governments are at the heart of these issues but the weakness of their local finances hardly allows them to meet the challenges. How to bridge the gap between the huge financing needs and the means effectively mobilized?

How to mobilize sufficient national wealth and distribute it equitably enough among the various levels of government? How to exploit effectively the urban pension to support the economic and social development of territories? Under what conditions can private investment be mobilized? Many questions that professionals and local elected officials will try to deepen in this networking event that will be held:

Tuesday 8 April from 16H30 to 18H30  
Room 1: yellow pavilion (NE 24)  
In partnership with the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and FMDV

Session chair: Jean-Marie Tétart, French elected official  
Speakers:  
- M.CHISENGA, Mayor of Lusaka, Zambia;  
- C.BUSATTO, Local governance secretary of Porto-Alegre, Brazil;
Dr E. AMADOR, Finances secretary of Mexico city;
M. TROUYET, French Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
D. ALBRECHT, expert, Brazil;
F. YATTA, expert, Niger;
H. VALADE, Suez-environment;
A. ODIC, AFD;
F. PEREZ, Director of “Agua de Cartagena”, Colombia;
D. VALDERRAMA, Director of “ACI” Medellin, Colombia.

Sincerely,

The UCLG World Secretariat
on behalf of the Committee on Local Finance and Development

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