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SUMMARY OF THE WORKSHOP ON FINANCING URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT IN AFRICA

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Dear Committee Members,

We would like first of all to thank all those who participated in our workshop on “financing urban infrastructure investment in Africa” in Rabat, Morocco, on the occasion of the UCLG Executive Bureau. Below you will find, for your information, the minutes of this meeting.

The main objective of the workshop was to consider ways to facilitate and expand the cities access to finance and meet the growing need of infrastructure in Africa. This workshop focused on five roundtables on: indirect lending to local authorities, direct lending to local authorities, national institutions specialized in lending to local authorities, the access to financial markets and the mobilization of own resources. The sixth and final roundtable was a synthesis and presented the lessons for a sustainable development of the African cities.

At the end of the workshop, the participants adopted a final declaration which underlines the irreversibility of the urbanization in Africa and the need to prioritize the financing of urban investment to fight against poverty and ensure the competitiveness of cities that became one of the motors of economic development in Africa.

To meet this challenge, it was proposed to organize, in collaboration with the World Bank and Cities Alliance, an international debate on the management and financing of cities. This meeting will bring together the States, international institutions, local governments, NGOs and private sector.

The Secretariat remains at your disposal to receive further comments or suggestions and disseminate them among the members of the Committee.

Sincerely,

The UCLG World Secretariat,

on behalf of the Committee on Local Finance and Development

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[Report of the workshop on financing urban infrastructure investment in Africa](#)

[Final Declaration of the workshop on financing urban infrastructure investment in Africa.](#)