Dear members of the Committee,

The City of Rabat has chaired the UCLG Committee on Local Finance and Development over the period 2009 - 2010. During its one and a half year mandate, the City of Rabat has tried to give a new impulse to the work of the Committee in order to deepen the debate on local financing within our World Organization and also in order to strengthen its position on local authorities’ financing towards international organizations.

The mandate of the Committee will come to an end in November 2010, on the occasion of the UCLG III World Congress in Mexico City. The new governing bodies elected in Mexico will have to renew the mandate of UCLG Committees and Working Groups for the 2010-2013 period.

In the face of the impact of the world crisis and the challenges that local governments are confronting, the City of Rabat, with the support of UCLG Africa, wishes to continue to develop the work of the Committee on Local Finance and Development, with the idea that strengthening the access of the world’s local governments to financing is one of the greatest stakes that lies ahead of us.

We are counting on your support to renew the mandate of the Committee and its governing bodies.

In order to support this renewal request, you will find attached a letter from Mr. Fathallah Oualalou, Mayor of Rabat and President of the Committee, as well as a brief on the achievements for the former period 2008-2010 and the foreseen actions for the 2010-2013 period. You will also find attached a template for the letter of support.

We would be grateful if you could send this support letter back to the Committee Secretariat via e-mail (info@cities-localgovernments.org and cfd.rabat@gmail.com) before 24 September 2010 so that we can build the candidacy application that we will submit to the decision-making bodies of UCLG.
We hope your local government or association will continue supporting the work of the UCLG Committee on Local Finance and Development for 2010-2013. We thank you in advance and remain at your disposal, should you need any further information.

Sincerely,

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