Call for participation to the comparative statistical study on local finance at the global level

As the result of the collaboration between UCLG, through its Committee on Local Finance for Development, and the OECD Directorate for Public Governance and Territorial Development, this study aims at gathering, at the global level, the comparative statistical data related to the state of local finances of local governments.

This study will enable us to provide comparative data at the global scale, which in turn can serve as a tool for the analysis and positioning of countries in terms of institutional organization and fiscal decentralization, thereby enriching the inputs of local and national stakeholders on the reforms to be undertaken.

We are honored to invite you to participate to this study.

Your participation is crucial if you want your country to take part to the project.
Why participate?

- A worldwide database on local finances: a key instrument for the follow-up of decentralization processes;

- The transparency of information on the financial data of local governments: a gateway to instruments for access to external resources (public-private partnerships, access to loans);

- Comparing data: for approaching the diversity of national contexts and situations, the similarities and differences;

- Sharing data: for getting richer from international experiences.

How participate?

By answering the questionnaire that will be sent to you by the Committee on Local Finance for Development, in March 2015, at this email: clfd@uclg.org
Expected Outcomes

The collection of reliable and exhaustive data, a first step towards the constitution of a global observatory on local finances

- Country profiles gathering data and short comments;
- A comparative synthesis sorted by main indicators;
- In appendix, a methodological note for the follow-up of the project of observatory (updating, reliability and data comparability).

**March 2015 - April 2015**
- Sending and collection of questionnaires

**April 2015 - May 2015**
- Compilation and harmonization of country profiles
- Submission of country profiles to local representatives

**June 2015 - September 2015**
- Redaction of comparative analysis
- Completion of the study

Final report
- Data base
Created in 2006, the Committee on Local Finance for Development is currently chaired by M. Fathallah Oualalou, Mayor of the City of Rabat – Morocco. Based at UCLG World Secretary in Barcelona, the CLFD is expanding its activities to all the regional sections.

In the framework of its mandate of supporting the exchanges of information and experiences in the key sector of local finance and fiscal decentralization, the CLFD is working on optimizing the three main sources of local governments’ financial resources: structural local resources, land valuation and access to external resources (loans and public-private partnerships).

Together with its technical and financial partners, the CLFD is deploying various activities: the animation of a network of Chiefs Financial Officers of local governments; a study dedicated to the conditions for mobilization of financial resources by local governments, in preparation for the Habitat III Summit; the project of global observatory on local finances, that will constitute a major instrument for the animation of the debate about local finance.

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