Dear members,

As we have previously mentioned, the work of the Committee on Local Finance and Development has increased in 2012 in order to deploy on a larger scale its expertise, advocacy and support to the members of UCLG.

We would like to use the opportunity of the Dakar Africities Summit and the UCLG World Council this December, to organize a meeting of the members of our Committee. During this session, we will be addressing current and future projects and analyze how to better diffuse our actions (until now mainly focused on Africa) towards other regions of the world.

The meeting will take place on December 5th from 10h30 – 11h15 in Almadies hotel, Club room. The following issues will be treated:

- The significant advances made in our partnership with the African Development Bank, and how to promote dialogue with other regional banks. We would be grateful if you could share issues of collaboration with regional development banks of your regions;
- Launching of an international observatory on local finance: the Commission has just begun a feasibility study. A proposal on qualitative and quantitative indicators will be presented for debate;
- Strengthening the network of experts in local finance: in the framework of the Africities summit, a meeting of the Chief Financial Officers (CFOs) from large African cities will be held.

We would like to draw your attention to the fact that many subjects of common interest will be discussed with the Committee on Decentralization and Local Self-Government, for which the meeting will take place in the same venue, beginning at 9:00. We invite you to join us
for the full morning.

In parallel, two workshops will be organized on:
  a) Strengthening of capacity building on financial management and performance, the 6 December at 14.00, in the Club room of Hotel Almadies
  b) Financing development and land management, the 6 December at 9.00, also in the Club room of Hotel Almadies

In anticipation of seeing you during this important meeting and the Africities Summit, the Secretariat of the Committee on Local Finance and Development will share your feedbacks and suggestions and will help you to ensure your presence at the meeting.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat of the Committee: Nathalie LE DENMAT, ledenmatn@gmail.com, 22 rue Essaadyines, Hassan, 10000 Rabat – Morocco. Phone: (+ 212) 537 260 062 / 063 - Fax: (+ 212) 537 260 060

Kind regards,

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