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Main Missions

1. Intensifying actions in defense of urgent municipal reforms in Latin America and the Caribbean
2. Planning coordination and promotion of actions related to urban growth and urban development
3. Stimulating the process of convergence within the Latin American municipal movement, strengthening existing networks and the coordination among them
4. Strengthening policies of gender equity in local governments in Latin America and the Caribbean

Scope of work

Decentralization & local democracy
Decentralized cooperation
Peer learning & exchange of experiences
Gender equality
Sustainable development

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