



GLOBAL TASKFORCE
OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS
FOR **POST-2015** DEVELOPMENT AGENDA
TOWARDS **HABITAT III**



Draft programme for consultation

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Policy Dialogue with Local and Regional Governments
13 April 2015 – 10:00-13:30 // Conference room 1
United Nations Office in Nairobi, Gigiri, Nairobi

In Habitat II, local governments were recognized as one of the main partners of UN Habitat in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda. Habitat II was also an important step forward in the recognition of the relevance of the networks of local authorities. As a result of the 1st World Assembly of Cities and Local Authorities organized in the framework of Habitat II in 1996, local authorities engaged in the building of a "single voice for local governments and their associations". The Global Taskforce was born in 2012 of the same will to gather all main major networks of local and regional governments and ensure a joint advocacy towards Post 2015 development agenda and Habitat III.

The partnership between local authorities and UN Habitat over the last 20 years has been enlarged and reinforced. Habitat III should be the opportunity to assess this partnership and realize a qualitative leap in the relations between the UN and local governments, recognizing them with a special status including a more direct role and responsibilities in the governing bodies of UN Habitat.

This session will aim at looking into a *Global Agenda of Local and Regional Governments*, building on membership priorities, expectations and concerns, challenging some of the assumptions that exist concerning the limitations of Local and Regional Governments as transformative actors. It will also discuss the priorities that local and regional governments want to see addressed in the Habitat III agenda such as equality and accountability from the bottom up, joint ownership and good and transparent governance, participatory decision-making, and a clear division of responsibilities between the different levels of governance.

10:00 - WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Facilitator/Master of Ceremony tbc

- **Dr. Joan Clos**, Executive Director of UN-Habitat
- **Dr. Kadir Topbaş**, Mayor of Istanbul (Turkey), President of UCLG
- **Member of the Bureau of the Habitat III Conference**

10:30-12:00

PRIORITIES FOR THE NEW URBAN AGENDA

Facilitator: Mr. Jean-Pierre Elong Mbassi, Secretary General of UCLGA

- **Dr. Mauricio Rodas**, Mayor of Quito (Ecuador), Co-President of UCLG
- **Ms. Annemarie Jorritsma-Lebbink**, Mayor of Almere (the Netherlands), Vice President of UCLG, Chair of VNG

- **Ms. Jacqueline Moustache-Belle**, Mayor of Victoria (Seychelles), Co-President of UCLG
- **Rev. Mpho Moruakgomo**, President of Botswana Association of Local Authorities (BALA), Vice-President of UCLG, Bureau Member of CLGF
- **Mr. Syed Ali Zahir Moulana**, Mayor of Eravun City Council, Sri Lanka, President of the Federation of Sri Lankan Local Government Authorities

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- **Ms. Catherine Cullen**, President of the UCLG Committee on Culture
- **Ms. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi**, Secretary General of UCLG ASPAC
- **Ms. Janice Peterson**, Chair, Huairou Commission
- **Mr. Davinder Lamba**, Director, Mazingra Institute, former President of the Habitat International Coalition (HIC)
- **Mr. Yunus Arikan**, Head of Global Policy and Advocacy, ICLEI
- Representative of **Cities Alliance**

12:00-13:30

FINANCING URBANIZATION: IMPLICATIONS FOR HABITAT III

Facilitator: Ms. Lucy Slack, Deputy Secretary General of CLGF

- **Mr. Patrick Braouezec**, President of the Agglomeration of Plaine-Commune, Councilor of Saint-Denis (France)
- **Mr. Geoffrey Makhubo**, Member of Mayoral Committee for Finance, City of Johannesburg (South Africa)
- **Mr. Khalifa Sall**, Mayor of Dakar (Senegal), President of UCLGA

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- **Ms. Eugenie Birch**, President of the World Urban Campaign (WUC)
- **Mr. Amiri Nondo**, Mayor of Morogoro, Tanzania, UCLG Champion for Development Cooperation
- **Mr. Frédéric Vallier**, Secretary General of CEMR
- **Ms. Nomveliso Nyukwana**, Mayor of Emalahleni, South Africa, UCLG Champion for Development Cooperation
- Representative of **SDI**

13:30 Closing

