A NEW FINANCIAL ARCHITECTURE FOR LOCALIZING FfD: A CRITICAL DIMENSION TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POST-2015 DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

Monday, 13 July 2015, 6.15 pm – 7.45 pm, Intercontinental Hotel, room Warka

“Many of the investments to achieve the SDGs will take place at the sub-national level and be led by local authorities.” (UNSG Synthesis Report).

The global organizations of local and regional authorities, together with the governments of France, have been working on mechanisms for mobilizing funding for local governments to provide infrastructure and services, and unlocking the economic potential of urban areas and territories. The side event aims to enhance the need of local development resources through fiscal reforms and access to long term financing. Different examples of domestic resources mobilization mechanisms at local levels will be presented.

This side event will focus on solutions and funding mechanisms at local levels to make the SDGs a reality. It will put the emphasis on the need of strong legal and institutional framework especially in term of fiscal reforms. Access to alternative sources of funding for long-term investments (loans, financial markets, public private partnerships...) will also be discussed as long as capacities buildings issues. A greater access of local governments to capacity building programs and to a wide range of financing instruments, as well as global facilities such as the global environmental and resilient funds, or domestic capital markets, is crucial to make sustainable local financing a reality at a scale and complexity that the new urban century demands. The panelists invited for the side event will represent local and national governments and financial institutions to generate constructive dialogue towards path for action and reform.

Organizing partners: the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments and the French Government
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Chair: Jacqueline Moustache Belle, Mayor of Victoria (Seychelles) and Co-President of UCLG, on behalf of the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments

Introductory speakers:

- Annick Girardin, Secretary of State for Development and Francophony, France
- Angeles Gonzales Miranda, Chief of International Affairs, Secretary of Finance and Public Credit, Mexico
- Dominik Ziller, Deputy Director General Directorate 41, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany (tbc)

Discussion:

- Park Tau, Mayor of Johannesburg, South Africa
- Rev Mpho Moruakgomo, Member of the Board of the Commonwealth Local Governments Forum, President of the Botswana Association of Local Authorities, Botswana
- Jean-Jacques Moineville, Deputy Director of the French Development Agency
- François Albert Amichia, Mayor of Treichville and President of the Committee of Local Governments (CCT) UEMOA/WAEMU, Ivory Coast (tbc)
- Ronan Dantec, French Senator, Chair of the climate negotiating group of UCLG and City Councilor from Nantes, France

Open Debate

Conclusion: Aisa Kirabo Kacyira, Deputy Executive Director, UN-Habitat (tbc)