



REPORTING FORMAT FOR PARTNERS

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Reporting Format for Partners
(Networking Events, Side Events, Training Events, City Changer Room, One UN Room, Urban Library, and Agora Room)

Name of Reporter:	Daniel Elisé NTYE NTYE
Event title/number:	« Financing the future city: what contributions for Financial Institutions specialized in the Post 2015 Development Agenda »
Date:	8 April 2014
Venue:	Plaza Mayor, Yellow Pavillon, Room 1
Time:	14H- 16 H (2 hours)
Name of Organizing Institution(s):	FEICOM
Country/City where Organizing Institution(s) is/are based:	CAMEROON-YAOUNDE
Approximate number of participants:	56 participants

Summary of the Event (max: 300 words):

FEICOM which has been coordinating African institutions and programmes financing local development since 2011 organized this special session in order to prepare the contribution of African specialized institutions to the 3rd United Nations Human Settlement Conference (HABITAT III). This session had three specific objectives: to contribute to the ongoing reflections on the content of future development agendas as concerns the financing of cities; to arouse a debate between Specialized Financial Institutions, local authorities, States and experts on the financing of the future city; and to propose a synergy of actions between institutions specialized in the financing of urban investment. This session tackled matters relating to the financing of urban development with regard to the alarming urban demographic growth in Africa and the increasing needs in services through four presentations, notably: « *The principles and conditions for financing urban investment in Africa: realities and prospects of evolution* ». (Jean Pierre ELONG MBASSI), « *The financing of urban infrastructures in the three-year programme of FEICOM: logic, constraints, opportunities and prospects* » (Philippe Camille AKOA, « *The financing of local investment within the context of post-conflict reconstruction* » (Mrs. NJEBARIKANUYE) « *Building the capacities of local actors and the challenges of the Training Programme on City Trades*» Anicet AKOA.

At the end of the presentations, participants expressed their concerns on the decline of the pessimism presented in the situation of urbanization in Africa and the will to better share experiences. The session was closed by Mr ALIOUNE BADIANE who pointed out



the necessity for public SFI to organize a formal and more open meeting on the continent in order to benefit from experiences and add more voices to their concerns.



Summary of the Discussion (max: total 500 words):

As an introduction, the moderator pointed out the necessity to reflect on the financing of urban development with regard to the alarming urban demographic growth in Africa and the ever increasing needs for services.

The presentation on the «*principles and conditions for financing urban investment in Africa: realities and prospects of evolution*» allowed Jean Pierre ELONG MBASSI, Secretary General of UCLGA, to present alarming photography of the non structured urbanization in Africa and its disastrous consequences. **The presenter** drew the attention of the audience to the necessity of avoiding the increasing concentration of population in cities which would strengthen iniquity and inequalities, before noting that Africa needs a new vision of urban mutation.

The paper on «*The financing of urban infrastructures within the three-year programme of FEICOM: logic, constraints, opportunities and prospects*», presented by Philippe Camille AKOA, General Manager of FEICOM/Cameroun, allowed the participants to learn about the logic of financing cities such as provided by FEICOM within the framework of its three-year (2013-2015) programme. The speaker called on the participants to reflect on the status of public financial institutions devoted to financing urban development, the most appropriate mechanisms for supplying resources to public financial institutions and the support to provide to cities in order for them to be able to reinforce the effect of financing received.

The presentation on «*The financing of local investment within post-conflict reconstruction context*» allowed Mrs. NJEBARIKANUYE, General Manager of FONIC/Burundi to open the debate on the type of council needs within the post-conflict environment. After having raised the major constraints of the environment within which FONIC comes in, the speaker concluded her talk by calling for a better coordination of assistance as concerns the financing of local investments, the strengthening of the decentralization process to the intensification of technical and financial cooperation between financing institutions.

The paper presented by Anicet AKOA, Mayor of the Ngoulemakong Council, Cameroon dwelled on «*The capacity building for local actors and the challenges of the Training Programme for City Trades*». The speaker pointed out that the low financial resources of LAs and the non transfer of resources to LAs by the State; concomitantly with the devolution of powers are the major causes for the lack of qualified human resources in local authorities. It is to remedy these shortcomings that the speaker presented the National Training Programme for City Trades of which the implementation should allow the LAs to appropriate the powers devolved to them by the State.

At the end of the presentations, participants expressed their concerns on the decline of pessimism in the urbanization situation in Africa and the will to better share experiences.





2. Major emerging issues and position documents/declarations towards:

- **Habitat III**

- *Strengthening of the resources of public SFI with regard to the increase in the needs of LAs ;*
- *Strengthening the financial intermediation function of SFI in view of a better coordination in the use of public resources intended for LAs ;*
- *Organizing a special conference for SFI in order to allow them discuss their challenges and make recommendations to governments.*

- **POST2015**

- *Revising the status of public Specialized Financial Institutions in order to make them more flexible to mobilize resources and meet financing needs;*
- *Committing local authorities towards a pledge for efficiency using SFI as transit for financial resources to put at the disposal of LAs ;*
- *Strengthening technical cooperation among SFI within the framework of South-South cooperation.*

- **A New Urban Agenda**

- *strengthening the powers of local authorities in order to promote the inclusive city;*
- *building the capacities of all the urban development and decentralization actors;*
- *Supporting cities through SFI in order to allow them to be able to efficiently absorb the financial resources put at their disposal.*

3. Recommendations made during the discussion

To central governments :

- The imbalance in the repartition of resources with regard to the missions between local governments and the central government should be reduced;
- More voices should be given to cities in order to promote the inclusive city;
- The status of Specialized Financial Institutions should be revised to allow them more flexibility to mobilize resources to meet financial needs;
- Resources of public SFI should be strengthened by States with regard to the needs of LAs that they should satisfy;
- The development of secondary cities should be organized to reduce pressure on big cities to better curb rural exodus;
- Building the capacities of urban development and decentralization turns out to be necessary;

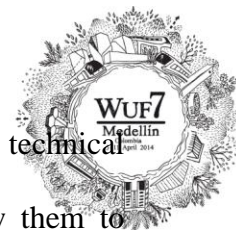
To local governments:

- In spite of its non structured character, the present form of urban development should be the entry point of a new way of thinking about the new city in Africa;
- Local authorities should undertake a pledge in order for the logic of efficiency, the financial resources to put at their disposal transit through the SFI;

To technical and financial partners:

- The function of financial intermediation for SFI should be strengthened for a better coordination in the use of public resources intended for LAs;





To Specialized Financial Institutions:

- Within the framework of South-South cooperation, a technical cooperation should be established among SFI;
- A special conference for SFI should be organized to allow them to discuss their challenges and make recommendations to governments;
- Cities should be supported to be able to efficiently absorb the financial resources put at their disposal.

4. Building partnerships, networks and synergies with UN-HABITAT

(e.g. agreements or Memorandum of Understanding committed/signed, amounts and number of pledged contributions and partnerships/networks, etc.)

A Memorandum of Understanding between FEICOM and UN-HABITAT has been revised and is in the final phase.

Detail Information on Speakers/Presenters/Moderators:

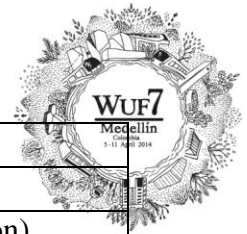
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If there were more speakers/presenters/moderators in your events, please feel free to add the above tables.

UN-Habitat Thematic areas

All events are identified by UN-HABITAT priority substantive areas as below.

URBAN LAND, LEGISLATION & GOVERNANCE

Land & GLTN, Urban Legislation, Urban and Community Management & Governance, Safety

URBAN PLANNING & DESIGN

Regional & Metropolitan Planning, City Extensions & Enlargements, Market Town & Intermediate City Planning

URBAN ECONOMY

Urban & Municipal Finance, Urban Productivity, Youth and Job Creation

URBAN BASIC SERVICES

Water & Sanitation, Urban Energy, Urban Mobility, Urban Waste Management

HOUSING & SLUM UPGRADING

Housing, Slum Upgrading, Shelter Rehabilitation

RISK REDUCTION & REHABILITATION

Urban Risk Reduction, Infrastructure Rehabilitation, Climate Change Mitigation & Adaptation, Resilience

RESEARCH & CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

Global Urban Observatory, Flagship Reports, Capacity Development

Cross-cutting issues:

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