



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:	Yossi Offer
Event title/number:	Regional support system for peripheral municipalities as a tool to reduce national and regional inequalities
Date:	April 8 th
Venue:	Yellow Pavilion room 12
Time:	1400-1600
Name of Organizing Institution(s):	MIFAM
Country/City where Organizing Institution(s) is/are based:	Israel
Approximate number of participants:	20

Summary of the Event (max: 300 words):

The event was organized to present the MIFAM – a unique "resident" support system for local authorities in Israel – as a means to empower local authorities that are identified as the key local player in the local development arena. In the first part of the session, participants discussed background trends reshaping the local arena in developing regions – mainly rapid urbanization, globalization and decentralization – and identified professional and institutional municipal capacities as a key issue.

The second part was focused on the Israeli MIFAM model and its unique characteristics as a resident, proactive and innovative support system; that integrates institutional and capacity building with strategic planning. Examples from the field of how the MIFAM takes a comprehensive rather than "technical" approach to capacity building; how it brings knowledge in addition to money; develops partnership instead of internal competition and how policymakers rather than just technical staff are included in the activities – were presented.

The final part of the event was facilitated as a practical workshop that demonstrated the AI (Appreciative Inquiry) technique as one of the utilized by MIFAM to identify and harness assets and successes to empower local authorities. The participants worked in small groups to identify the keys for successful capacity and institutional development at local level.

Relevant Focus Areas: URBAN LAND, LEGISLATION &

GOVERNANCE: ~~Land & GLTN, Urban Legislation, Urban and Community Management & Governance, Safety~~





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

1. Outline of the discussion/debates

Key points aroused in the discussions:

- Local authorities are required to:
 - acquire and assimilate innovative planning and income generation capacities to address the service delivery and infrastructure challenges derived from rapid urbanization
 - develop capacities to increase local competitiveness in light of the challenges generated by globalization
 - develop capacities to lead and coordinate local processes as a result of the variety of players in the local arena
- based on the discussed MIFAM model, local capacity and institutional development efforts should be led and coordinated by A RESIDENT institution and focused on:
 - constant presence and intimate knowledge of the local authorities in the region
 - professionalism of a small, skillful and committed team
 - interventions address core issues and geared towards a sustainable process of change from within and transfer of responsibility
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2. Major emerging issues and position documents/declarations towards:

- *Habitat III*

- *POST2015*

As experience continues to show that without financially, politically and professionally empowered and capable local authorities it would be impossible to achieve development at local level, it is critical to integrate in the post-2015 agenda, indicators regarding the capacities of local authorities to initiate, manage, implement and sustain local development process. **This requires new strategies and tools for professional and institutional capacity development at local level – then put an accent on municipal income generation, integration of efforts at local level and proactive local management of projects and programs**

- *A New Urban Agenda*

3. Recommendations made during the discussion

(e.g. policy direction, good/best practices, resource mobilization, innovative funding mechanism, etc.)

- Local capacity and institutional development should be based on resident dedicated and capable institutions, as an alternative to disintegrated and externally generated efforts that characterize the arena currently
- New techniques and tools – that are based on the existing capacities and assets that exists at local level - are required





- Capacity development should be integrated and based on horizontal and vertical partnerships
- Local authorities are generally not aware of innovative existing tools and mechanisms to generate municipal income and other funding mechanisms.

4. Building partnerships, network and synergies with UN-Habitat (*e.g. agreements or Memorandum of Understanding committed/signed, amounts and number of pledged contributions and partnerships/networks, etc.*) Unfortunately, no specific partnerships were developed as a result of this specific event

Detail Information of 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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