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Event title/number:	9411 - Mesa de Intercambio de Prácticas de Asociaciones de Gobiernos Locales en el fomento de la Equidad en el Territorio Local Government Associations from Latin America Exchange Effective Practices to Create Conditions in support of cities that enable the delivery of basic services to all.
Date:	Tuesday April 8, 2014
Venue:	Networking – Room 15
Time:	14h00
Name of Organizing Institution(s):	Association of Ecuadorian Municipalities (AME)
Country/City where Organizing Institution(s) is/are based:	Ecuador/Quito
Approximate number of participants:	100

Summary of the Event (max: 300 words):

Associations of Local Governments (LGA) represent and serve the interest of their members – lobbying on their behalf to national government and in some cases working to strengthen their administrative and managerial capacities while acting as a local government knowledge repository. LGAs have an important role to play in the strengthening of national and sub-national policies, institutions and normative frameworks in support of local governance.

The Association of Ecuadorean Municipalities (AME) is conscious that knowledge sharing places a value on learning from the practices of peers. We believe that if we pool our individual knowledge and experience so that it becomes collective knowledge; we will be able to move forward more effectively in our work. To strengthen linkages between LGAs in Latin America and improve our effectiveness, we invited the presidents of the Federation of Colombian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Chilean Municipalities (AChM) and the Federation of Dominican Municipalities (FEDOMU) to exchange successful practices in creating conditions conducive to the sustainable provision of services for all.





The general proposed objectives were:

1. Provide the forum for and knowledge exchange between presidents and/or executive directors of Associations of Local Governments in Latin America on the role of an AGL in creating national conditions and building local capacities enabling the adequate provision of local services.
2. To increase the knowledge of successful practices of Associations of Local Government.

The practices highlighted by the representatives of the Associations during the Networking event were related specifically to ways in which the associations had created national climates conducive to the provision of urban basic services such as water & sanitation, urban waste management and urban energy.

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

1. Outline of the discussion/debates

Mr. Gilberto Toro the Executive Director of the Federation of Colombian Municipalities presented the Network of Significant InterMunicipal Experiences (RIES for its acronym in Spanish). RIES is a forum for academic and practical experiential learning permitting the transfer and use of knowledge and technologies, while bringing together the efforts of local, regional, national and international entities by identifying, recording, sharing and exchanging innovative ideas and best practices of the municipalities in the country.

The **members** of the Network are the 1101 Colombian municipalities; they offer or receive best practices. The Network is a market for knowledge, where you exchange best practices between interested peers through a training or technical assistance (on a municipality needs basis). Mr. Toro highlighted a successful partnership to transfer knowledge between the municipalities Tibasosa and Boyacá.

Mr. Christian Vittori, the president of the Association of Chilean Municipalities (AChM) and the mayor of the municipality of Maipu presented a practical solution to effectively deliver potable water and sewer systems. Mr. Vittori presented the work of a public company Municipal Service of Potable Water and Sewers (SMAPA for its acronym in Spanish).

SMAPA charges significantly less to its users in some cases 20 % less than what a larger company charged in Gran Santiago. In terms of coverage SMAPA had the same or better coverage than all the other major providers within its area of operation. Furthermore, the citizens have more direct control of the company leading more transparent operations. The proceeds above what is used to provide the service go towards the creation of green spaces, citizen awareness raising programs, and others.

Mr. Juan de los Santos the president of the Federation of Dominican Municipalities (FEDOMU) presented the Agreement for Municipal Reform and Local Sustainable Development. The agreement is a joint strategy between the





national government and FEDOMU with the objective of promoting a policy of decentralization nation-wide and strengthening local government. The Agreement included working to strengthen local municipal finances, planning, citizen participation, local transparency, the provision of municipal services. It is expected that the agreement will improve the quality of services offered by municipalities while improving citizen perception of elected authorities and promote participation and social cohesion.

Maria Fernanda Maldonado, Executive Director of the Association of Municipalities of Ecuador (AME), highlighted the representation role which resulted in the signing of a National Agreement for "Living Well" to increase the coverage of potable water, sewer systems and waste management.

The components of the agreement include financing pre-investment, creating accessible streams of credit, local government capacity building and simplifying national administrative processes. Coverage of water is expected to increase from 57,2% to 70,11% and sewer systems from 42,17% to 53,52% by 2015. The agreement also seeks to increase the coverage of waste collection nationally by almost 40%. AME and the Ministry of the Environment (MAE the acronym in Spanish) invested \$42,6 Million US in the design of the projects in its first phase until December 2013 and will invest another 47\$ Million US until the first quarter of 2014.

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

- *POST2015*

A clear goal to make cities socially inclusive, economically productive, environmentally sustainable, and secure and resilient to climate change is essential.

The goal should have different targets for countries with different levels of development encouraging investment at different scales to solve issues particular to the type of city involved. For example, targets for sustainable transport in China should promote the creation of fast electric rail where as in medium cities of Latin America the same target should promote electric bus rapid systems. Furthermore, in the targets should be prioritized encouraging countries to invest in basic services before expensive transit systems placing a focus on changes that will improve equality and generate the well-being of all.

3. Recommendations made during the discussion

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

Not applicable.

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.)

Not applicable.





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