



REPORTING FORMAT FOR PARTNERS
Networking event

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Event title/number:	NE8
Date:	8 th April 2014
Venue:	Yellow Pavilion, Room 8
Time:	14:00 – 16:00
Name of Organizing Institution(s):	French Alliance for Cities and Territorial Development (PFVT)
Country/City where Organizing Institution(s) is/are based:	France/Paris
Approximate number of participants:	80

Summary of the Event (max: 300 words):

- *Brief background of the event, including overall objectives and purposes*

Referring to prospects estimating that half of the urban areas in developing countries which will exist in 2030 does not exist yet, the question of anticipation of a sustainable and inclusive urban development is a major issue.

In light of this, the PFVT, platform of French urban actors for international action, puts the principle of strategic urban planning at the centre of its approach. The objective is to support the elaboration of a shared vision of the territorial development, on the basis of a large dialogue with all the social actors. Urban planning should allow an access for all inhabitants to employment, housing, basic services, education, etc. Adoption of this integrated vision means involvement of all, including the most impoverished populations, in the processes of diagnosis and decision making conducted by a local public authority in the service of common interest.

Thus, the debate focused on the main issue: “Which modalities and institutional tools must be put in place, around the local authority, to associate all the stakeholders to define the urban policies and the city’s evolution project in the short, medium and long terms?”

- *Relevant Focus Areas (Refer to below: UN-Habitat’s thematic areas) and cross-cutting issues*

Reporting Format for Partners
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URBAN PLANNING & DESIGN / URBAN BASIC SERVICES

The networking event aims to identify adapted strategies to support cities to generate sustainable living conditions, with an appropriate urban planning. Aware of the necessity to develop specific capacities to carry out the transition from a spontaneous urbanisation to a spatial organisation, the required norms to lead the action have been discussed: operational principles, organizational structures or institutional and societal relations.

Cross-cutting issues (gender, youth, human rights)

- Adequate spatial planning enables to take specific assistance into account, such as youth and women, in the construction of public policies by local authorities.
- The issue of essential services gives the opportunity to think about the reduction of inequality access in terms of age and gender and to promote inclusive development for the whole population.

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

1. Outline of the discussion/debates

Referring to the “French Guidelines on local public project contracting” elaborated in a working group of the PFVT, debates were centred on the strategic role of local authorities which have been defined as the legitimate and relevant actors for providing innovative responses tailored to the needs of populations.

It was outlined that the local authority, referring to both the elected local authorities and the decentralized services of the State, performs a function of general interest: it assumes a responsibility for which it is liable and which it cannot abandon.

Thus, the event proposed various answers, which can be adapted to specific contexts, to help local authorities passing from a vision to operational propositions for action:

- Examples of multi-actors consultation framework such as quadrilogue involving all stakeholders in Togo,
- Tools for assistance to the project contracting such as urban agencies,
- Expertise exchanges in the frame of decentralized cooperation,
- Delegation of public services.

The discussions allowed giving food to pragmatic responses in order to encourage local authorities to assume their responsibilities according to a democratic, inclusive, multi-partner and transparent process.

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

- *Habitat III : French Guidelines on local public contracting – PFVT / MAEDI, 2014*





<http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/>

- *POST2015 : French Guidelines on local public contracting – PFVT/MAEDI, 2014*
<http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/>
- *A New Urban Agenda : French Guidelines on local public contracting – PFVT/MAEDI, 2014*
<http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/>

3. Recommendations made during the discussion

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

Speakers' interventions all converged to an essential point: the importance of the political vision to lead powerful local governance. This political vision should be translated into needs, shared with a large public.

This vision of local public project contracting, supported by the PFVT, is the most adapted to lead to a sustainable urban development. Indeed, because it associates all actors around local authorities to define urban policies and the city's evolution project, this process guarantees provision of responses tailored to the needs of inhabitants.

To meet the challenges facing local authorities in effectively exercising the powers delegated to them, the speakers particularly recommend:

- Supporting the financial capacities of local public project contracting;
- Strengthening the capacities and participation of all actors in strategic urban planning;
- Developing knowledge of the territory;
- Consolidating the skills of local authorities in utilities management.

Then, the challenge to formalize an offer, in response to this demand of assistance to the project contracting, has been strongly highlighted. It supposes capacities of comprehension and adaptation to specific contexts.

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.)

Following the UN-Habitat Governing Council resolution 24/3 in April 2013 on "Inclusive and sustainable urban planning and elaboration of international guidelines on urban and territorial planning", the PFVT underlines the importance of territorial policies co-produced by all actors around local authorities and the need to ensure participation of communities in planning and establishing the proximity of services.



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UN-Habitat Thematic areas

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

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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:

GENDER

YOUTH

HUMAN RIGHTS

