



REPORTING FORMAT FOR PARTNERS

Networking – Side – Training events

City Changer Room – Urban Library – Agora – One UN events

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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:	Mr. Stephen Hammer
Event title/number:	Low-Carbon Livable Cities — Getting Cities Ready and Getting Finance Flowing for Climate Action
Date:	April 10, 2014
Venue:	One UN Room
Time:	12:15 – 2:15pm
Name of Organizing Institution(s):	The World Bank
Country/City where Organizing Institution(s) is/are based:	Washington, DC, USA
Approximate number of participants:	60+

Summary of the Event (max: 300 words):

- *Brief background of the event, including overall objectives and purposes*
Rapid urbanization, particularly in developing countries, presents one of the biggest development challenges of this century. There is a tremendous opportunity to empower cities as agents of change in the shift towards a sustainable future – by creating low-carbon planning capacity and enabling access to the necessary financing. This event provided an opportunity for city officials, private sector representatives and World Bank Group representatives to discuss how investing in climate smart cities can reduce emissions, foster competitiveness, and help cities and their citizens reap the benefits of sustainable growth. Cities at the forefront of low-carbon development highlighted the transformational potential of investments in energy efficiency and drew lessons to be shared with other cities around the world. The World Bank Group presented its new initiatives to support cities as they plan their low-carbon, liveable future — the Low-Carbon Liveable Cities (LC2) Initiative.
- *Relevant Focus Areas (Refer to below: UN-Habitat’s thematic areas) and cross-cutting issues*
 - URBAN PLANNING & DESIGN
 - URBAN ECONOMY
 - RISK REDUCTION & REHABILITATION

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

1. Outline of the discussion/debates

The session provided context for the World Bank's engagement on urban climate issues, and the components of the LC2 initiative. It primarily focused on introducing the audience to the city credit worthiness initiative and the city climate planner certification initiative. A panel discussion involving representatives of the C40, WRI, the City of Durban, and the City of Kampala followed the presentation, and panellists offered their perspective on the relevance of the programs and how they link to their own work. Patrick Musoke from the City of Kampala, who had participated in the October City Creditworthiness Academy in Nairobi, offered particularly compelling evidence of the academy's value, highlighting several steps they had taken in recent months that had resulted in an 86% improvement in own-source-revenues. Because the city's borrowing cap is limited to 10% of own-source-revenues, the revenue increases had also effectively doubled their borrowing cap.

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

None.

- *Habitat III*
- *POST2015*
- *A New Urban Agenda*

3. Recommendations made during the discussion

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

Innovation can take the form of going back and focusing on financial fundamentals, which improve the prospects of direct payment for climate investments or improved access to private capital.

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.)

None.





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