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Reporting Format for Partners
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Name of Reporter:	Arnau GUTIERREZ-CAMPS
Event title/number:	Basic Services for All in an Urbanizing World (code: 83925)
Date:	April 9, 2014
Venue:	Urban Library
Time:	12:15h – 13:15h
Name of Organizing Institution(s):	DIPUTACIO DE BARCELONA
Country/City where Organizing Institution(s) is/are based:	Barcelona
Approximate number of participants:	40

Summary of the Event (max: 300 words):

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

“Basic Services for All in an Urbanizing World” is the title of the Third Global Report on Decentralization and Local Democracy (GOLD III). The Diputacio de Barcelona (Barcelona Provincial Council), as Chair of the UCLG Committee on Decentralisation and Local Self-Government, organized an event aimed at presenting the main findings and conclusions of this publication. The GOLD Report, one of the main sources of information about local governments in the world, is in its third edition focused on access to basic services and the process of global urbanization, analyzing the role of local governments in the provision of services.

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

The content of the GOLD 3 report is directly related to the main theme of the World Urban Forum 7, as urban equity is based on the ability of local governments to provide basic services to citizens. Getting a better quality of life and improving local democracy and well-being are the main goals of this publication.

- **URBAN LAND, LEGISLATION & GOVERNANCE** *Land & GLTN, Urban Legislation, Urban and Community Management & Governance, Safety*
- **URBAN BASIC SERVICES** *Water & Sanitation, Urban Energy, Urban Mobility, Urban Waste Management*

All reports received will be included in the WUF7 final report to be published after the closing of the Forum. We kindly urge you to send the report of your session to us **before 30 April 2014** following this format. Please be aware that not delivering the report within the deadline will be taken into consideration when applying for future events at the World Urban Forum.





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

1. Outline of the discussion/debates

The speakers focused on the importance of local governments as providers of basic services, thus playing an important role both in the welfare of people and in the development capabilities of any given territory.

GOLD III shows that ten years after the adoption of the Millennium Development Goals, people's access to basic services (water, sanitation, waste management, energy, transport, etc.) has improved. However, it also finds that the degree of progress varies. This is especially problematic in slums, where access to basic services is, at best, limited.

GOLD III shows that the main problems relating to access to basic services are concentrated in the marginal neighbourhoods on the outskirts of urban areas. In most of the regions studied, local authorities are directly or indirectly responsible for managing basic services, but they do not all have the real powers and the necessary resources to provide these services.

There has been significant progress on the acknowledgement of local governments as strategic partners for development (4th High Level Forum, Busan), and yet the capacities of these actors are not fully exploited.

In the coming 20 years, population growth will be concentrated in cities. Thus, our future will depend on the abilities of governments —especially local governments— to provide basic services in an urbanising world.

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

Habitat III/ A New Urban Agenda

Gold III reveals the distinct challenges of basic service provision in urban areas, particularly those that are expanding rapidly. When basic service infrastructure planning and investment does not keep pace with **urbanization**, the result is informal settlements, poverty and social exclusion.

With this in mind, the report recommends the use of strategic long term **planning**, to allow city governments to benefit from agglomeration economies in infrastructure and service provision. Priorities should include building and maintaining capacities to reduce disaster risk and improving the resilience of basic services to natural disasters and climate change.

The report also demonstrates the importance of urban **governance** in basic service provision. Mechanisms such as participatory budgeting, complaints and feedback procedures, and transparent accounting and procurement can improve accountability and make sure that services are targeted at the needs and priorities of citizens.

GOLD III highlights the enormous gap between necessary **investments** in waater/sanitation infrastructure and current resources (e.g. US\$14.3 billion in Africa, US\$8.1 billion in Latin America). It calls for increased fiscal autonomy





for cities to generate local revenues, set service tariffs target subsidies to the poor, and experiment with innovative financing models. It also highlights the potential of land value capture schemes to finance urban infrastructures and recommends opening up access to global financing mechanisms such as the Clean Development Mechanism to sub-national governments.

Post-2015

Gold III demonstrates that basic service provision is best where **empowered local governments** have the authority, resources, and capacity to fulfill their responsibilities in delivery. Where substantive progress is being made on the MDGs, it is often due to local governments.

The report also reveals the inadequacy of national MDG targets and indicators for many local contexts. For example, the definition of ‘improved sanitation’ used in the MDGs is far from appropriate for densely populated urban settlements. This is why it is vital to **‘localize’** the post-2015 agenda with a stand-alone goal on sustainable urbanization and localized targets across all other goals. Only by doing this will goals and targets be relevant to local needs and contexts.

The report also recommends localizing indicators in order to measure and tackle sub-national disparities in the achievement of goals and targets and to make sure that no region or city is left behind.

3. Recommendations made during the discussion

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

- 1st ECOSOC Integration Segment to focus on SUSTAINABLE URBANIZATION (May 2014).
- Key role of local governments in reaching global development goals (Busan Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation 4th High Level Panel).
- Habitat III National Dialogues with strong implication of local governments.
- Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments for Post-2015 Development Agenda towards Habitat III.
- UCLG Campaign “Stand Alone Goal on Urban Sustainability”.
- 4th UCLG Global Report on Decentralisation and Local Democracy (forthcoming 2016).

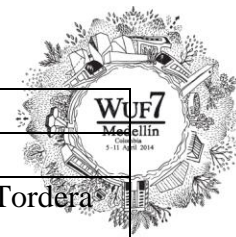
4. Building partnerships, network and synergies with UN-Habitat

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

- Global taskforce of Local and Regional Governments for Post-2015 Development Agenda (Collaboration of international networks of local and regional governments with the UN system).
- Collaboration between UCLG and UN-Habitat on the elaboration of the 4th Global Report on Decentralisation and Local Democracy (forthcoming 2016).

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