



## THE MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP FOR EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA (MDP-ESA)

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**Session on: Participatory Budgeting: Building Inclusiveness in Policy Making and  
Municipal Finance (September 20, 2006)**

### **Objectives**

MDP-ESA and its partners seek to conduct a session on Participatory Budgeting: Building Inclusiveness in Policy Making and Municipal Finance during the period of Special Sessions. The specific objectives of the session are to: (i) enhance awareness regarding the potential of participatory budgeting in deepening democracy and increasing accountability in local administration; (ii) share country experiences on the practice of participatory budgeting; and (iii) create a network of various stakeholders on participatory budgeting.

### **Participants**

The session will be attended by elected officials, civil servants, technical professionals, representatives from universities, NGOs, local government associations, civic groups and other organizations involved in participatory budgeting

### **Format of session**

- Experiences from practitioners (mayors, treasurers, civil society, minister) followed by questions and comments from floor.
- Presentations on recent trends and initiatives in Africa followed by questions and comments from the floor.
- Brainstorming session
- Resolutions and way forward.

### **Description of event**

Presentation of on-going initiatives and current trends (networking, training, transfer of experiences):

- Outcomes from the Ministerial Conference on Participatory Budgeting coordinated by MDP-ESA and UNDESA
- Regional support to Participatory Budgeting in Africa by MDP-ESA and ENDA Senegal and CIGU in Latin America
- Presentation of a selected number of experiences from Africa (to include local authority leaders and civil society networks) and critical review of lessons and perspective.
- Launching the Book on “Enhancing Local Government Capacity for Effective Service Delivery and Poverty Reduction in Africa” supported by the Government of the Netherlands (to be confirmed).

### **Expected Outputs**

It is anticipated that by the end of the session, participants will be:

- Better informed on issues pertaining to participatory budgeting
- Torch bearers in the promotion of participatory budgeting



- Able to participate effectively in other forums concerning improvement of municipal finance and inclusion
- Able to evolve strategies for enhancing and supporting the practice of participatory budgeting at local level
- Able to create potential networking and coalitions across national boundaries through Africa Social Accountability Action Forum (ASAAF).

### **Partner organizations**

- World Bank Social Development Department (SDV) Community Empowerment and Social Inclusion (CESI); and World Bank Institute.
- UN-HABITAT Governance Section, Good Governance Global Campaign and Training and Capacity Building Branch
- UNDESA of the United Nations Division for Public Administration and Development Management
- Partner cities: Dondo (Mozambique), Matam (Senegal); Durban (South Africa) Entebbe (Uganda) together with civic organizations and institutions from the PB network

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### **Part I: Short presentations to share experiences (50 minutes).**

On going experiences and current challenges at local level (50 minutes, 10 for each).

- Mr. Manuel Cambezo, Mayor of Dondo Municipality, Mozambique
- Mr. Abdoulaye Drame, Mayor of Matama, Senegal
- Mr. Oscar Nyakudanga Chairperson of Mutoko Rural District Council, Zimbabwe
- Ms. Margaret Tuhumwire, Director, Empowerment Women Association, Entebbe, Uganda
- Mr. George Matovu MDP-ESA PB Action Support Facility,

### **Part II: Presentations to introduce current trends, context and experiences (30 minutes).**

The current context (30 minutes )

- Dr. Takawira Mumvami and Mr. Justus Mika: PB in Africa: Recent Trends and Challenges (15 minutes)
- Professor Giovanni Allegretti and Dr. Jaime Vascones, PB in the Developed World: Recent Trends and Challenges (15 minutes).

### **Part III: Brainstorming as well as furthers questions and comments from the floor, with answers from panellists (90 minutes)**

Interaction between the floor and the panellists.

### **Part IV: Synthesis of resolutions, recommendations and possible way forward (10 minutes)**

- Summary by Rapporteur