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« Building local coalitions for effective implementation of the Millennium Goals in African Local Governments »

DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

BUSINESS AND FINANCE COMMUNITY

Preamble

The MDGs cannot be achieved without adequate and sustainable funding. Funds are needed for the prosecution of all development projects most especially those dealing with social issues (poverty, education, gender, infantile mortality, maternal health, HIV/AIDS and sustainable environment). It is, therefore, very important for business and finance Community to be involved as partners in achieving the MDGs.

In order to achieve the above, it is recommended that;

***To the Ministers**

1. Central Governments must make efforts at the national level to promote a legally and lawfully attractive environment, for banking development activities and financial support for the achievement of the MDGs;
2. Provide favourable conditions must be set up to enhance the development of Public and Private Partnership (3P);
3. Accelerate decentralization particularly for the financial autonomy of the municipalities to ensure direct provision of municipalities with financial resources granted in the national budget.;
4. Establish internal and external assessment control mechanisms for the municipalities' financial management;
5. Give Social projects bonus on the interest rate through private banking and financial activities;
6. Establish a system of incentive rewarding to encourage urban development financing by the private sector;
7. Facilitate access for local authorities to benefit from the international public and private financing, and
8. Give institutional support to banks that contribute to the local investments financing to mitigate poverty adequately;

To the Mayors

1. The Local Governments should constitute the footbridge to the creation of ongoing experiences sharing networks in different countries on the involvement of local private investor;
2. Promote entrepreneurship culture at local levels;
3. Establish an attractive regulatory framework at local levels in order to facilitate private sector investments for populations, of municipalities;
4. Encourage sustainable public-private partnership at local levels to be a driving force of local development by financing performing production companies and providers of employment, and
5. Support should be given at the local level to sustainable job. Citizen-minded companies should be established with a powerful social participating policy of the local authority (poverty mitigation).

To the Development Partners

1. Development Partners must support the local private economic sector the creation of strong and sustainable SME/SMI which will contribute to the empowerment of local financial resources;
2. Give financial and technical support to the informal sector to progressively guide them through a conscious mutation to the structural economic sector;
3. Encourage participation in urban development financing through the merchant equipment, income generating and economic value-added investments;
4. Make contributions to the functioning charges of the local authorities through a win-win partnership between the municipalities and local investors, and
5. Develop a functional relationship between the business and financing corporation and the microfinance sector to reach better wide poor world by financing local and traditional micro-enterprise