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

TRADE UNIONS AND PEASANT ORGANIZATIONS

DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

Preamble

Taking cognizance of innate abilities of trade unions to build coalitions, and the necessity to involve peasants and other socially alienated and economically disempowered segments of the society in order to involve the ultimate beneficiaries of the Millennium Development Goals in the formulation of strategies to achieve the set goals, participants from these segments of local communities conferred at Africities 4 Summit and therefore recommended that :

***To the Ministers**

1. Central Governments must adopt a political and legislative framework for the promotion of the autonomy of local authorities, their management capacity building and their democratic legitimacy;
2. Adopt national policies that enable local authorities to design and implement policies aiming at developing access to basic services;
3. Increase the tempo of regional integration in order to help countries in managing the forces that act at the world level, and
4. Strengthen social objectives in regional integration should through deepening democracy and social dialogue

***To the Mayors**

1. Local Governments should involve trade unions, cooperatives and peasant organizations in the implementation of MDGs;
2. Recognize the legitimacy of union and peasant organizations in participating and in intervening in the definition of local policies;
3. Formulate policies on decent employment and labor market including vis à vis its own employees, in the policies of local development;
4. Support local development and social protection initiatives for all, and

5. Implement ambitious local policies for the purpose of organizing the satisfaction of basic needs guaranteeing the access of all to basic services.

***To the Development Partners**

1. Development partners should endeavour to respect the voice of community based organizations in programme development and empower local communities to take own initiatives;
2. Global concerns on good governance should be based on local institutions through regional integration;
3. Enhance the stake of local communities in the exploitation of natural resources and management of the environment;