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

Professionals of Central and Local Administrations

DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

Preamble

In view of the realization that cities are normally committed to the provision and maintenance of a wide range of services to their inhabitants in order to enhance their standard of living in under taking the tasks, the role of professionals at both central and local levels is very critical. It is therefore recommended that:

***To the Ministers**

1. Central Governments should show political will in assisting professionals to eradicate slum dwelling through appropriate urban renewal programmes;
2. Demonstrate commitment to dialogue with professionals of local authorities on how best to address the issue of poverty in local authorities.;
3. Assist in providing capacity to local authorities though skills training needed for appropriate development planning and evaluation thereof, and
4. Formulate appropriate policies to holistically address issues pertinent to local authorities and challenges

***To the Mayors**

1. Local Governments should increase investments to attract professionals so as to ensure effective community mobilization for the purposes of information-sharing;
2. Initiate partnership with local authorities at both national and international levels.
3. Facilitate sharing of best practices on settlement plans at different levels of government;
4. Employ prudent financial management as one of the ways to alleviate poverty, and

5. Empower the local communities to deal with issues that facilitate local development.

To the Development Partners

1. Development Partners should foster an enabling environment to attract foreign investment to local communities;
2. Encourage NGOs to participate in local initiatives to discuss development issues;
3. Provide assistance to local authorities without attaching unnecessary strings but insist that utilization of resources be done accountably and transparently, and
4. Provide Local communities themselves with opportunities to drive the development processes.