



## **AFRICITIES SUMMIT**

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

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#### **GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS**

##### DRAFT RECOMMENDATION

Preamble

In view of the global quest for collaboration in the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, participants at this session focused on local possibilities for collaboration at the grassroots level and came to the realisation that Community Based Organisation (CBOs) should be galvanised by Local Authorities and Development Partners. It is therefore recommend that:

#### **To the Ministers**

1. The Central Governments should push for the reform of international trade, increased and qualitative aid and debt cancellation for poor countries;
2. Put in place structures that build hierarchies of fruitful partnerships with different stakeholders i.e. international financial institutions, research centres, ICT organizations, NGOs and governments;
3. Increase the financing of local authority programmes at the local level to foster the attainment of MDGs;
4. Urgently addresses the issue of massive urbanisation and growth of slums in Africa, through conducive policies and strategies, and
5. Carry out infrastructure development and remove policies that impede development processes e.g. visa requirements.

#### **To Mayors**

1. Local Authorities should develop concrete plans for localising the MDGs and prioritising the implementation of programmes that would lead to the achievement of MDGs;
2. Develop new bottom-up structures with accountability frameworks that allows citizens to hold their leaders accountable;
3. Foster greater solidarity and building of genuine partnerships between local governments and various stakeholders with a view to fast-tracking the attainment of MDGs;
4. Create structures that include community stakeholders and especially slum dwellers as critical partners for City governments in the achievement of the MDG's;

5. Put in place structures to increase accountability and transparency with a view to rooting out corruption and redirecting resources to MDG-related programmes;
6. Enhance citizen participation in local government development programmes and ensure greater inclusivity in decision-making. Need to engage communities as equal partners and deal with issue of marginalisation of urban poor during key decision processes such as the Africities;
6. Build capacity of local government through strengthening their governance institutions and knowledge-base to improve their service delivery;
7. Need to develop a peer review mechanism to foster good governance and improve leadership skills amongst Mayors and local government leaders;
8. Put in place a results-based framework to monitor, assess and evaluate the contribution of local authorities towards the attainment of MDGs;
9. Need to provide more opportunities for learning and sharing best practices between local governments;
10. Push for National Governments to improve infrastructure development and remove retrogressive policies e.g. visa requirements;
11. Need to take advantage of existing funding opportunities by international donors such as the EU Africa Caribbean Pacific Local Government Platform;
12. Need to focus on and strengthen existing structures instead of creating new platforms;
13. Strengthen linkages between national plans and local implementation capacity;
14. Move from words to concrete actions through MDGs, and
15. Initiate labour intensive programmes to create employment opportunities especially for youths.

#### **To Development Partners**

1. Development Partners should substitute Debt for appropriate investments in the social services (Education, Health and Water and Sanitation) ;
2. Ensure that money from the Debt swaps should be directed to go into investimants that increase the efficiency and quality of the services delivered ;
3. Reduce stringent conditionalities to allow for home grown solutions;
4. Need for donors to show more commitment by supporting local authorities in concrete terms;
5. Meet their aid targets by 2015 so that the target of US\$130 Million is met by 2010, and
6. Support clamour that WTO quota regimes should be revamped in favour of the developing countries