



***AFRICITIES 2006: Rethinking local strategies in order to meeting the MDGs***

**Thematic Session:  
Rethinking Planning and Programming Processes**

**I) General Information**

**Date:** Tuesday, September 19  
**Time:** 9.00 – 12.30  
**Venue:** Room 2

**Chairperson:**

- Mr. Colin Bruce, Director, Kenya Country Office, World Bank

**Panelists:**

- Ms. Patricia Appiagyei, Mayor, City of Kumasi, Ghana
- Ms. Jane Weru, Executive Director, Pamoja Trust, Kenya
- Ms. Catherine Farvacque, Lead Urban Specialist, Africa Region, World Bank
- Mr. Sithole Mbanga, Chief Executive Officer, South African Cities Network (SACN)
- Mr. Benedict Bennett, Mayor, City of Mbabane, Swaziland
- Mr. Pelle Persson, Senior Programme Officer, Cities Alliance Secretariat

**Facilitator:**

- Mr. Murad Rayani, Journalist and editor at Mediacenter

**II) Description of the Event**

Alleviating urban poverty – through sound planning and programming processes

Many cities in Africa face considerable uncertainty. Mayors and municipal authorities are confronted with the tasks of managing unprecedented population growth rates and must prove their ability as crisis managers on a daily basis. As the numbers of urban poor grow, inequalities in opportunity and income deepen – nearly three-quarters of Africa's urban population reside in slums. Better strategising, incorporating anticipation and foresight, is indispensable to tap the full potential of cities as a driving force of economic growth and poverty alleviation.

This session will address the following key questions:

- How can mayors and city managers take the lead in planning for future growth?
- Which planning tools and implementation strategies have proved their viability in the complex environment of African cities?
- What role can civil society play in urban planning and programming? How can active participation and contribution of the citizens be fostered?
- Can appropriate planning tools help the fulfilment of the Millennium Development Goals, particularly in the areas of housing, security of land and service delivery?

Cities need to plan ahead in order to make more informed choices about the future. A city development strategy supports cities in this critical decision making process. It is a long-term action plan for equitable growth in cities and their surrounding regions, developed and sustained through participation, to improve the quality of life for all citizens. As a second step, the city contract-approach focuses on the actual implementation and shared responsibilities between the stakeholders. A city contract is a concrete implementation plan which determines mutual commitments and expected results over a five-year period.

This event will provide an opportunity to exchange views and discuss tools and best practices on how to organize and effectively implement long term strategic planning of cities. Building on the experience of city practitioners, development partners and the research community, the challenge is to identify a path towards well governed, environmentally sustainable, productive and socially inclusive cities.

### **III) Documents to be presented and/or distributed:**

Cities Alliance; Guide to City Development Strategies – Improving Urban Performance; June 2006

Weblink: <http://www.citiesalliance.org/publications/whats-new/cds-guidelines.html>

South African Cities Network; State of the Cities Report 2006; July 2006

Weblink: [http://www.sacities.net/2006/state\\_of\\_cities\\_2006.stm](http://www.sacities.net/2006/state_of_cities_2006.stm)

Material on 'Contrat de Ville'

### **IV) Proposed Programme:**

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