



## Strengthening Urban-Rural Linkages through Integrated Territorial Development

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**Mr. Alfonso Abdo, Executive Director CONQUITO, Quito**

**Ms. Maruxa Cardama, Executive Coordinator and Founder, Communitas - Moderator**

Practitioner of sustainable integrated urban and territorial development, Maruxa's 14-year career spans strategic policy analysis & advocacy, multi-stakeholder partnerships and capacity building initiatives with multilateral institutions and with national and subnational governments from both developed and developing countries. Prolific public speaker and analyst, Maruxa is the Founder & Coordinator of Communitas; an international, philanthropy-funded multi-stakeholder project which pioneered knowledge-based advocacy for the inclusion of sustainable urban development in the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda with SDG 11; and coordinated the input of a coalition of practitioners into United Nations intergovernmental processes. Besides, Maruxa is Associate Fellow at the Tellus Institute and External Cooperation Adviser to the Conference of European Peripheral Maritime Regions CPMR.

In 2014 Maruxa served as Drafting Co-Chair of the 65th Annual Conference for NGOs of the UN Department for Public Information. In 2010-2012, when she ran nrg4SD - an international network of subnational governments - Maruxa co-facilitated the engagement of subnational and local authorities in the UN Rio +20 Conference. Previously she was Deputy Director at the Representation of the South West of England to the European Union, where she led on the sustainability portfolio for a partnership of regional authorities, academia and private sector.

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### **Mr. Mike Falke, Head of Section, Good Governance and Human Rights, GIZ, Government of Germany**

Mike Falke is Head of the “Governance and Human Rights” section at Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) in Bonn, a position he has held since September 2015. He manages a broad portfolio of advisory services ranging from classical governance and human rights programmes to sector-specific projects in areas such as communal and urban development and climate-resilient cities.

Mike Falke graduated from Law School at the Technical University of Dresden and obtained his master’s degree at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) in London on “Law and Development”, a topic he pursued with his dissertation at Humboldt University Berlin in 2003. After his studies he gained experience at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and in an international law firm in Berlin. In 2005 he joined GIZ headquarters in Eschborn working for International Services and for the Corporate Development Unit. In 2009 he was seconded to the Policy Division of BMZ in Bonn. From 2010 to 2015 Mike Falke was head of the GIZ Program ‘Legal and Judicial Reform Serbia’, focusing on the intended accession of Serbia to the EU and the related requirements for the Serbian legal and judicial system.

### **Ms. Aimée Gauthier, Chief Programme Officer, Institute for Transportation and Development Policy**

Aimée has been working at ITDP since 2003. Currently, she manages global projects, communications, and monitoring and evaluation. She began working on Sub-Saharan Africa transport projects in Ghana, Senegal, South Africa, and Tanzania. In that capacity, she worked on non-motorized transportation, developing private sector small bicycle businesses and examining the intersection between health care service delivery and transport. She also worked on promotion of bus rapid transit projects in Accra and Dakar, as well as BRT planning in Dar es Salaam and Johannesburg.

Before joining ITDP, Aimée worked at the Moriah Fund as the grants and office manager. Aimée holds a master’s degree in urban planning from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and has dual bachelor’s degrees in anthropology and political & social thought from the University of Virginia.

### **Mr. Abel Langsi, Mayor of the Council of Bafur, Cameroon**

### **Mr. Hilmar von Lojewski, Councillor for Urban Development, Building, Housing and Traffic, German Association of Cities**

Since July 2012, Mr. von Lojewski has been the Councillor for Urban Development, Building, Housing and Traffic with the German Association of Cities (DST). From 2010-2012, he was the Head of Department of building affairs and building control of the Senate Department of Urban Development, State of Berlin. From 2007-2010, he was the Program Director Urban Development Program, GTZ Damascus, Syria. In 2000-2007, he was the Head of Department of urban planning and projects of the

Senate Department of Urban Development, State of Berlin. From 1994-2000, he was the Head of Division for legal planning and planning contracts of the city planning department in Dresden. From 1992-1994, he was the Planning advisor to His Majesty's Government of Nepal, Ministry of Housing and Physical Planning in an urban development planning project supported by German Technical Cooperation. He studied in Dortmund and Ankara, Turkey, with a diploma at Technical University Dortmund, Faculty of Spatial Planning.

### **Mr. Joaquim Oliveira Martins, Head of Regional Development Policy Division, OECD**

Joaquim Oliveira Martins is the Head of the OECD Regional Development Policy Division. Current projects cover regional growth, urban development, regional governance issues, and the determinants of health expenditures. He was former Head of the Structural Economic Statistics Division, focusing on Trade & Globalisation indicators, Productivity measurement and Business statistics. Previously, he was Senior Economist at the Economics Department heading projects on the Economics of Education, Ageing and Growth, and Health Systems. He was also Head of Desk for emerging markets, where he was in charge of the first Economic Surveys of Brazil, Chile and several transition countries. Other OECD monographs focused on Competition, Regulation and Performance and Policy Response to the Threat of Global Warming. He was also Research Fellow at the CEPII (Centre d'Etudes Prospectives et d'Informations Internationales, Paris). He is Associate Professor at the University of Paris-Dauphine. He holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Paris-I, Panthéon-Sorbonne.

### **Mr. Javier Pérez Burgos, Director for Sustainable Territorial Development, National Planning Department, Government of Colombia**

### **Ms. Christine Platt, Honorary Vice-President & Former President, Commonwealth Association of Planners | Chair, Working Group on the International Guidelines on Integrated Urban & Territorial Planning**

Christine is Honorary Vice-President of the Commonwealth Association of Planners and in the period 2006-2014 she served as its President and CEO. She has extensive experience in planning ranging from the local government level to the international level; working at grass roots with local communities and with international stakeholders at the global level, including around the reform of the global planning agenda. Christine led the preparation of the first Integrated Development Plan for the Mandeni Municipality. She has been actively engaged in rebuilding the South African Planning profession in the Post-Apartheid era, convening the Planning Africa conferences, initiating the formation of the African Planning Association and leading the Commonwealth Association of Planners in a time of strong growth and achievement.

Appointments held by Christine include Chair of the Ministerial Advisory Panel for the Minister of Human Settlements of Government of South Africa; Director and Vice Chairman of the Board of the South African Housing Development Agency; Chair of the UN Habitat Expert Group on International Guidelines for Urban and Territorial Planning; Member of the UN Habitat International Advisory Board on Palestine; Member of the UN Habitat International Advisory Board for the World Cities Report 2015; Member of UN Habitat World Urban Campaign Steering Committee; Member of the UN ISDR Resilient Cities Campaign Advisory Board; President of the South African Planning Institute in

2002-2006; Vice-Chairman and member of KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Planning and Development Commission; Member DFA Development Tribunal for KwaZulu-Natal; representative of the Common Association of Planners and the African Planning Association in the UN Habitat Professionals Forum; Member of the Habitat III Policy Unit 6.

Christine holds a Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in Economics, and a Masters degree in Town and Regional Planning, both from the University of Natal.

### **Mr. Henk Renting, Programme Officer, RUA Foundation**

Henk Renting is Senior Programme Officer. He has large professional experience in social science research, short food chains and logistics, local procurement and social business models. Henk currently coordinates research on city region food system assessment and, with Marielle, forms part of a technical team that supports cities and city networks on urban food systems.

### **Dr. Tania H. Rödiger-Vorwerk**

Dr. Tania Rödiger-Vorwerk is currently the Deputy Director General at Directorate 31 – Sustainable Development; Natural Resources; Economic Policy and Infrastructure; and Director of Strategy and Policy planning in the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). She studied Law and Northern Languages at the University of Freiburg and Munich, going on to earn a degree in law from the University of Munich, and her PhD in European Environmental Law. Formerly, she was the Head of the Policy Planning Staff at the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Head of the Department of General Personnel Matters and Personnel Development, and Deputy Head of the South Asia Department at the BMZ. Prior to her work at the BMZ, she was Deputy Head of the Department of International Affairs and Protocol of the City of Bonn as well as a senior consultant at the international management consultancy Kienbaum. She is a research fellow at the Faculty of Law in the University of Bonn, and a UNESCO staff member for its Global Educational Program in Munich and Seoul.

### **Mr. Remy Sietchiping, Leader, Regional and Metropolitan Planning Unit, UN-Habitat**

Remy Sietchiping leads the Regional and Metropolitan Planning Unit at UN-Habitat. He oversees the development of strategic programmes of the UN-Habitat including National Urban Policy, urban rural linkages, metropolitan development and the International Guidelines on Urban and Territorial Planning. Prior to this, Dr Sietchiping was Project Leader of the Global Land Tool Network where he co-ordinated work on tool development processes particularly on access to land and tenure security, land management and planning, land information, land policy and legislation and land-based financing. He has over 20 years' experience working in the UN systems, academia, private sector, public sector and NGOs in Australia, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Jamaica and worldwide. Dr Sietchiping has over 40 publications including books, peer-reviewed articles, papers in proceedings and reports. He holds a Ph.D in Geography from the University of Melbourne, Australia.



## **Ms. Chikako Takase, Director, UNCRD**

Chikako Takase assumed the position of Director of UNCRD in February 2012, after serving as Acting Director since March 2011. Prior to coming to UNCRD, she served as Deputy Chief of the Policy Coordination Branch, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs at the United Nations (UN DESA). She began her career at the UN in 1984, after serving as Associate Expert Officer in Jakarta for UNIDO. She first worked for the Projections and Perspective Studies Branch, Department of International Economic and Social Affairs, where she was in charge of medium-term forecasting, and at the Macroeconomic and Social Policy Analysis Division, Department of Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis, where she was involved in monitoring developed country economies and in drafting the Department's flagship annual publication, World Economic Survey. She later worked for the Division for Sustainable Development (DSD), Department of Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, during which time she had an opportunity to work for the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity from 1996-1999. While at DSD, she was involved in the preparation as well as organization of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, held in Johannesburg, South Africa in 2002. At DSD, her work mainly focused on changing consumption and production patterns. She holds B.A. in Liberal Arts (Economics) from International Christian University, Japan, and M.A. in Development Economics from the University of Sussex, UK.

## **Ms. Monika Zimmermann, Deputy Secretary General, ICLEI**

Monika is Deputy Secretary General of ICLEI– Local Governments of Sustainability and holds the office of Deputy Executive Director of the ICLEI World Secretariat in Bonn. As the world's largest association of cities and towns committed to sustainable development, ICLEI has 1000+ Members (including towns, cities, counties, provinces, metropolitan areas and urban states) in 86 countries and 17 regional secretariats, country offices and thematic centers. Being with ICLEI since 1993, Monika has set-up various new working areas for the organization, such as Local Renewables, Local Action for Biodiversity, Resilient Cities and Resource-Efficient Cities, Green Urban Economy and EcoMobility. Monika has also co-established the ICLEI Cities Biodiversity Centre with a focus on Ecosystem Services and the Resilient Cities working area. Moreover, she has led the ICLEI Capacity Center, the central unit for knowledge management, urban research, global congresses organisation and city-to-city exchange.

Recently Monika managed the process for elaborating the new ICLEI Strategic Plan which includes 10 dedicated areas (agendas), one of them being Sustainable Urban Transportation/ EcoMobility. Other portfolios currently under her leadership are the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals and ICLEI's contribution to the Habitat III Conference. Monika holds a Master's Degree in political and administrative sciences of the Free University Berlin and has also studied journalism. Monika has published and edited various books, founded and edited environmental magazines and publishes frequently on urban issues.