



Strengthening Urban-Rural Linkages through Integrated Territorial Development

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The process of urbanization transcends administrative boundaries. Migration flows, urban and rural living conditions, environmental impacts, climate change and limited natural resources call for a shift from the urban-rural dichotomy towards an integrated approach based on the interdependence of places. With balanced sustainable and integrated urban and territorial development highly enshrined as part of the vision of the New Urban Agenda, it is time we shift our attention to the tangible policy approaches and tools that national and subnational governments are using to achieve results. Equally important is identifying the needs for implementation in terms of policy and institutional frameworks, financial tools, planning and management, stakeholder participation, knowledge generation and capacity building.

We are proud to bring together a group of speakers with direct experience on these crucial issues, representing the Germany and Colombia governments, local governments from Cameroon, Ecuador and Germany, the OECD, ICLEI, the Commonwealth Association of Planners, the Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP), RUAF-Foundation (Resource Centres on Urban Agriculture and Food security), UN Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD) and UN-Habitat.

We look forward to sharing this time with you!

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Scene Setting: The Vision - Dr. Tania Rödiger-Vorwerk - Deputy Director General Directorate 31 - Environment and Infrastructure, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development BMZ, Government of Germany

Session 1 Experiences and Tools Used by City-Regions

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

Ms. Aimée Gauthier - Chief Programme Officer (TBC), Institute for Transportation and Development Policy ITDP

Mr. Alfonso Abdo - Executive Director CONQUITO, Quito

Mr. Abel Langsi - Mayor of Bafur Council, Cameroon

Ms. Christine Platt - Honorary Vice-President & Former President, Commonwealth Association of Planners

Mr. Henk Renting - Programme Officer - RUAF-Foundation

Ms. Monika Zimmermann - Deputy Secretary General, ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability

Session 2 Enabling Conditions for Implementation

Mr. Alonso Cárdenas - Director for Urban and Territorial Space, Housing Ministry, Government of Colombia

Mr. Javier Pérez Burgos - Director for Sustainable Territorial Development, National Planning Depart., Govt. of Colombia

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

Ms. Chikako Takase - Director, UN Centre for Regional Development

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

Concluding Remarks - Mr. Mike Falke - Head of Section, Good Governance & Human Rights, GIZ, Government of Germany

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

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