



Middle East and North Africa Urbanization Knowledge Platform

Sustainable Development and Inclusive Growth for MENA Cities at the Crossroads High-Level Policy Workshop: September 17-18, 2012

Venue: Center for Mediterranean Integration, Marseille, France

Event Program

Day 1 – Monday September 17, 2012

8:30 9:00 Registration
Villa Valmer

9:00 9:30 Opening Session

Welcome remarks: the Challenges of Urbanization for MENA Cities

- Mr. Ahmed Al Salloum, Director, Arab Urban Development Institute
- Mr. Mats Karlsson, Director, Center for Mediterranean Integration
- Mr. Franck Bousquet, Sector Manager, Urban, Social and Disaster Risk Management, The World Bank Group

9:30 10:30 Keynote Address

Challenges of Urban Development from the perspective of a National and Local decision makers

- Mr. Fathallah Oualalou, Mayor of Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco

Speakers will present the current trends in urbanization and the challenges faced by local and national governments from an administrative, financial and service delivery perspective.

10:30 11:00 Tea / Coffee Break

11:00 11:20 Urbanization Knowledge Platforms and MENA

Presentation of the Urbanization Knowledge Platform and its relevance for MENA

- Mrs. Nancy Lozano Gracia, Economist, Urban Development Unit, The World Bank Group

The session will provide an overview on the Knowledge Platform initiative and its relevance for MENA.

11:20	13:00	Panel Discussion 1: Empowering Local Governments Local Governance-Administratively and Technically
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Expert Presentation 15 mn

- Mrs. Maria Camila Uribe Sanchez, Inter American Development Bank (IADB) Representative in Chile

Panel Discussion 30 mn

- Mr. Saadani Ali, Deputy Director, Public Local Authorities Direction, Ministry of Interior, Republic of Tunisia
- Mr. Nejib Abdelmoula, Mayor of Sfax, Republic of Tunisia
- Mr. Hassan Ghamrawi, Mayor of Beddawi, Lebanese Republic
- Mr. Mohamed Benchakroun, Advisor to the Mayor of Marrakech, Kingdom of Morocco
- Dr Khaled Samy, Professor of Urban Planning, Helwan University, Urban Planning Expert, Arab Republic of Egypt

Group Discussion with Questions 45 mn

The panel discussion will focus on the urban management challenges that are faced by cities in the MENA region from an administrative perspective and will examine experiences from other cities in similar middle income countries.

13:00	14:30	Lunch Break
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14:30	16:00	Panel Discussion 2: Empowering Local Governments - Financially
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Expert Presentation 15 mn

- Mr. Mateu Hernandez, Director, Economic Development Council of Barcelona, Spain

Panel Discussion 30 mn

- Mr. Ahmed Guesmi, Director, Ministry of Finance, Republic of Tunisia
- Mr. Angus Gavin, Head of Urban Development Unit, Solidere, Lebanese Republic
- Mr. Abdelaziz Adidi, Director of National Institute of Architecture and Urban Planning, Kingdom of Morocco
- Mr. Adel Ben Yekhlef, General Director, Training and Support to Decentralization Center, Republic of Tunisia
- Mr. Talel Labidi, Finance Department Director, Caisse des Prets et Soutien aux Collectivités Locales, Republic of Tunisia

Group Discussion with Questions 45 mn

The discussion will examine the issues related to fiscal management at the local government level – areas of focus will include intergovernmental fiscal transfers, revenue and expenditure management and own source revenues and innovative areas of financing development of cities.

19:30	Dinner: Official Launch of the UKP for MENA Villa Valmer
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Day 2 – Tuesday September 18, 2012

09:00 11:00 Panel Discussion 3: Strengthening Cities for Economic Growth and Service Provision

Expert Presentation

15 mn

- Dr. Sungsoo Kim, Research Fellow, Korea Research Institute for Human Settlements (KRIHS)
- Mr. Kamal Fahmy Salama, Engagement Manager, McKinsey Global Institute

Panel Discussion

30 mn

- Mr. Mohamed Riadh Lazzem, Mayor of Bizerte, Republic of Tunisia
- Mr. Nader El Ghazal, President of Urban Community El Fayhaa and Mayor of Tripoli, Lebanese Republic
- Ms. Dalia El Maraghy, Advisor to the Cairo Governor for Transport and Environment, Arab Republic of Egypt
- Mr. Rachid Afirat, Director of Heritage, Ministry of Interior, Kingdom of Morocco
- Dr. Mousbah Rajab, Architect and Urban Planner, Lebanese University, Lebanese Republic
- Mrs. Henda Gafsi, President of Association of Tunisian Urban Experts, Republic of Tunisia

Group Discussion with Questions

45 mn

The discussion will examine the experiences of various countries in addressing areas of service provision (housing, slum upgrading, land), urban planning, urban regeneration and creating an environment for economic growth.

11:00 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 12:30 Wrap Up Session and the Way Forward

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12:30 13:30 Lunch

13:30 Closing of the Workshop

Moderator for the whole Event: Mr. Farouk Tebbal, Retired UN-Habitat Staff member and Ex- Minister of Housing, Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria.