LINKING THE NEW URBAN AGENDA TO THE ADDIS ABABA ACTION AGENDA:

INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO STRENGTHEN MUNICIPAL FINANCE IN LDCs

WHAT: Side event organized by the Financing for Development Office (UN-DESA), United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) and the Dakar Municipal Finance Programme

WHEN: Tuesday, 18 October 2016, 10:00 am – 11:30 am

WHERE: ONE UN PAVILION – Room B, Parque del Arbolito, Quito, Ecuador

The implementation of the landmark agreements of 2015 – the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the Paris Agreement – will depend on strong engagement at the local level. However, local authorities, particularly cities in Least Developed Countries (LDCs), are unable to finance the continuously increasing range of responsibilities, opportunities, and challenges they face.

At this event, participants will have an interactive discussion on innovative approaches to strengthen the critical pillars of municipal finance in LDCs: revenue generation, public financial management and long-term capital investment. Participants will also discuss the role of international cooperation in this regard. The discussion will build on the findings of a draft joint publication based on a joint project by the Financing for Development Office (UN-DESA) and UNCDF on this topic.

Speakers:

+ Mr. Daviz M. Simango, President, Municipal Council of Beira, Mozambique
+ Ms. Khady Dia Sarr, Programme Director, Dakar Municipal Finance Program, Senegal
+ Mr. Syed Hasinur Rahman, Managing Director, Bangladesh Municipal Development Fund, Bangladesh
+ Mr. Daniel Platz, Economic Affairs Officer, Financing for Development Office, UN-DESA
+ Mr. Klaus Gihr, Head of Division Urban Development, Natural Resources, KfW
+ Mr. Stephen Matzie, Investment Officer, USAID

Moderator:

+ Mr. David Jackson, Director, Local Development Finance Practice, UNCDF

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