

Secretariat Staffing Information Sheet
Executive Committee Meeting
Accra, Ghana
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Agenda Item No. 4: Cities Alliance Partnership Matters

Support Document: Secretariat Staffing Update

Background:

The Secretariat is currently going through a process of gradual re-staffing, due to a number of factors. These include:

1. **Completed Secondments.** At the end of June, 2011, Gunter Meinert returned to Germany, after over four very eventful and influential years with the Secretariat;
2. **Young Professionals:** The two staff supported by Norway (Hilde Refstie and Ricardo Jimenez) have returned to their home countries, after two successful years;
3. **Developmental Assignment.** Andrea Merrick is on development assignment elsewhere in the Bank;
4. **Unfilled secondments:** We still have a vacant post due to be filled by UN-Habitat, since March 2010;
5. **Forthcoming secondments:** We look forward to the secondment from French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, expected around September 2011;
6. **New Secondments:** We welcome the recent arrival of Rene Hohmann, seconded by GIZ.
7. **VOICE Secondee:** The Secretariat has hosted Issene Mouhoro of the Government of Chad for six months, to August 2011.

Recommended Action:

For information and discussion.