



Special Session of the Ghana Urban Forum, 13 July 2011  
Information Sheet  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Accra, Ghana  
13 July 2011

Agenda Item No. 4: Cities Alliance Partnership Matters

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Background:

The Special Session of the Ghana Urban Forum, 13 July 2011, is the first Cities Alliance Policy Advisory Forum.

Co-hosted by the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development (MLGRD), the Special Session marks the transfer of responsibility for the Forum from the Institute of Local Government Studies (ILGS), a training arm within the Ministry to the Urban Development Unit (UDU), which is being supported by GIZ as well as the Cities Alliance and is the formal unit responsible for Urban within the Ministry.

The meetings will be opened by Professor Naa Nabila, Member of Council of State and Chairman, with the Hon. Samuel Ofose-Ampofo, Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development providing a welcome address.

The Keynote address on planning for an urban future shall be given by Mr. Paul-Victor Obeng, Chair, National Development Planning Commission.

Clare Short will facilitate the roundtable debate on local government and community responses to urbanization in Ghana and in Africa.

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Over two hundred urban practitioners and participants have been invited by the Ministry and the meeting promises to be very interesting and lively.

Probing questions by CA members are encouraged and welcomed!

Recommended Action:

For questions and information

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## Special Session of the Ghana Urban Forum “Planning for Ghana’s Urban Future”

\*Venue: La Palm Royal Beach Hotel

WEDNESDAY 13 JULY 2011		
08h30 -09h00	<b>Registration</b>	<b>Venue: La Palm Royal Beach Hotel</b>
09h00 – 09h05	<b>Introduction of Chairman and other Dignitaries</b> <i>Dr. Esther Offei – Aboagye, Director, Institute of Local Government Studies</i>	
09h05 – 09h15	<b>Chairman’s Opening Remarks</b> <i>Professor Naa Nabila, Member of Council of State and Chairman</i>	
09h15 – 09h35	<b>Welcome Address</b> <i>Honourable Samuel Ofofu-Ampofo, Minister of Local Government and Rural Development</i>	
09h35 - 10h25	<b>Statements</b> <i>Mr. Jean-Pierre Elong Mbassi, United Cities and Local Government-Africa</i> <i>Mr. William Cobbett, Manager, Cities Alliance UN-Habitat Representative</i> <i>Honourable Minister Environment, Science and Technology</i> <i>Honourable Minister for Water Resource, Works and Housing</i>	
10h25 – 10h50	<b>Keynote Address</b> <b>“Planning for Ghana’s Urban Future”</b>  <i>Mr. Paul-Victor Obeng, Chair, National Development Planning Commission</i>	

<b>10h50 – 11h10</b>	<b>Brief Remarks</b> <i>Ms Clare Short, Policy Advisor for Cities Alliance and Professor Naa Nabila, Member of Council of State and Chairman</i>	
<b>11h10 – 11h30</b>	<b>Coffee/Tea/Light Snack</b>	
<b>11h15-13h30</b>	<b>Roundtable Session:</b> <b><i>Presentations and Debate: Local government and community responses to urbanization in Ghana and in Africa</i></b> <i>Session Facilitators: Ms. Clare Short</i>  <b>Roundtable Participants</b> <i>Hon. Alfred Okoe Vanderpuije, Mayor of Accra</i> <i>Hon. Nubyl Kakra Van-Lare, Mayor of Adenta</i> <i>Mr. Farouk Braimah, People’s Dialogue/SDI</i> <i>Ms. Juliana Brown-Afari, Director of StreetNet (tbc)</i> <i>Hon. Simone Compaore, Mayor, Ouagadougou, BF</i> <i>Ms. Sarah Ibanda, ACTogether, Uganda</i>  <b>Questions and Answers</b>	
<b>13h30 – 13h40</b>	<b>The Way Forward</b> <i>Nana Oduro Kwateng, Chief Director, Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development</i>	
<b>13h40 – 14h00</b>	<b>Closing Remarks</b> <i>Chairman</i>	
<b>14h00-15h30</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	

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