

MEMORANDUM

OF

UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF MALAWI

AND

CITIES ALLIANCE

In the sidelines of the Conference on '**Building Cities through Partnerships**' organised by the Slum/Shack Dwellers International (SDI) in cooperation with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation held in Windhoek, Namibia from 10th to 11th November, 2010, the Malawi Government Delegation led by the Minister of Lands, Housing, and Urban Development, Honourable John Bande, MP, held a meeting with the Manager for Cities Alliance, Mr. Billy Cobbett on the support Cities Alliance could give the Government of Malawi on urban development, slum upgrading, and promoting the role of cities.

The meeting agreed on the following:

- i) That the Malawi Government will ensure that Urban Development and the Role of Cities in National Development is part of the priorities of government within the framework of the new Malawi Growth and Development Strategy (MGDS), the overarching medium term policy statement for the Government of Malawi for the period 2011 to 2015;
- ii) That the Cities Alliance will follow up on the already pledged resources amounting to US\$400, 000 and ensure that they are remitted to the Malawi Government within

the shortest time possible for implementation of intended activities;

- iii) That the Malawi Government will communicate to the Cities Alliance specific strategies and actions in the MGDS to be supported by the Cities Alliance and its Members;
- iv) That the Malawi Government will approach Cities Alliance Members such as the World Bank, UCLG, UN Habitat, GTZ, Norway, SDI, and Ausaid to convey the importance of Urban Development in Malawi, and the Government's interest in developing a Comprehensive Program of support through the Cities Alliance; and
- v) That the Cities Alliance will thereafter transmit to its Executive Committee the desire of the Government of Malawi to develop a comprehensive program of support by Cities of Alliance members, which will assist the Government of Malawi to promote sustainable Urban Development and empowered Local Governments
- vi) The Cities Alliance will upon the advice of its Executive Committee take steps to mobilise the necessary resources to support such a program.

This agreement was made on 10th November 2010 and was signed on behalf of the two parties by:

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Honourable John Bande, MP

Minister of Lands, Housing and Urban Development

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Mr. Billy Cobbett

Manager, Cities Alliance