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MINISTRY OF LOCAL  
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**Cities Alliance**  
Cities Without Slums

REPUBLIC OF GHANA

## 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, Aday Kesie Room</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 Ofose-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</i> <i>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>	

10h50 – 11h10	<p><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></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Venue: TBC</b></p>
11h10 – 11h30	<p><b>Coffee/Tea/Light Snack</b></p>	
11h15-13h30	<p><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></p> <p><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></p>	
13h30 – 13h40	<p><b>The Way Forward</b>  <i>Nana Oduro Kwateng, Chief Director, Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development</i></p>	
13h40 – 14h00	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b>  <i>Chairman</i></p>	
14h00-15h30	<p><b>LUNCH</b></p>	

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