



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.

Along with the Honorable Minister of Environment, Science & Technology and the Honourable Minister for Water Resource, Works and Housing, Jean-Pierre Elong Mbassi and Billy will both provide opening statements. Clare Short will co-host the meetings with the Hon. Samuel Ofose-Ampofo, and she will also facilitate the roundtable debate on local government and community responses to urbanization in Ghana and in Africa.

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

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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	Registration	Venue: La Palm Royal Beach Hotel
09h00 – 09h05	Introduction of Chairman and other Dignitaries	
09h05 – 09h15	Chairman’s Opening Remarks TBC	
09h15 – 09h35	Welcome Address <i>Honourable Samuel Ofose-Ampofo, Minister of Local Government and Rural Development</i>	
09h35 - 10h25	Statements <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	Keynote Address <i>“Planning for Ghana’s Urban Future”</i> <i>Mr. Paul-Victor Obeng, Chair, National Development Planning Commission</i>	

10h50 – 11h10	Brief Remarks <i>Ms Clare Short, Policy Advisor for Cities Alliance and Professor Naa Nabila, Member of Council of State and Chairman</i>	
11h10 – 11h30	Coffee/Tea/Light Snack	
11h15-13h30	Roundtable Session: <i>Presentations and Debate: Local government and community responses to urbanization in Ghana and in Africa</i> <i>Session Facilitators: Ms. Clare Short</i> Roundtable Participants <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> Questions and Answers	
13h30 – 13h40	The Way Forward <i>Nana Oduro Kwateng, Chief Director, Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development</i>	
13h40 – 14h00	Closing Remarks <i>Chairman</i>	
14h00-15h30	LUNCH	

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