

CIB workshop

UCLG Policy Paper on Decentralized Cooperation: Designing a Three-year Implementation Plan

Concept note

Key information	
<p>13 October 12:30-14:15 (incl. lunch)</p> <p>Venue: Lotte Hotel (2 min. from Congress venue)</p>	
Lead organiser(s)	<p>Capacity and Institution Building Working Group</p> <p>The Capacity and Institution Building (CIB) Working Group of the world organization of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) is a technical platform for professionals from Local Government Associations (LGAs) and individual local governments active in the field of capacity development and local government development cooperation.</p> <p>The Working Group aims to advance the effectiveness and quality of international policies and programmes of local and regional governments and their associations. The CIB achieves its purpose by exchanging knowledge and information, enabling cooperation among its members and within UCLG. All to achieve concrete results on the ground, all around the world.</p> <p>More information: www.cib-uclg.org</p>
Format	<p>Workshop: Interact and learn / lobby & advocacy</p> <p>The session will have an informal and practical character</p>

Expected audience	Directors and (senior) project managers of Local Government Associations and cities, working on international capacity building programmes
Session Summary	
Key messages	<p>In June 2022, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) adopted a revised Policy Paper, <i>The Role of Local and Regional Governments in Development Cooperation— A New Call to Action towards 2030 and Beyond</i>.</p> <p>This new Policy includes 5 key objectives and 30 actions aimed at strengthening decentralized cooperation to help achieve the SDGs by the year 2030.</p> <p>To guide the implementation of the Policy, a first three-year implementation plan for the period 2023-2026 is currently being developed by the UCLG's World Secretariat and the Capacity and Institution Building (CIB) Working Group.</p> <p>This session will inform the preparation of the implementation plan. It will help identify the priority actions UCLG and the CIB should focus on for the next three years, as well as the required tools and the advocacy opportunities that should be targeted.</p>
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduce the content of the new Policy Paper. 2. Identify priority actions, tools and advocacy opportunities UCLG and its members should focus on to implement the Policy in the next three years. 3. Contribute to the engagement of UCLG members in the promotion of the Policy.
Main deliverables / impact of the session	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased awareness on the Policy, its objectives and content amongst UCLG members. 2. Better targeted implementation plan for the Policy for the next three years. 3. Stronger foundation established with UCLG constituency to support the upcoming implementation of the Policy.

Link to the implementation of 2030 Agenda	The Policy Paper on the Role of Local and Regional Governments in Development Cooperation positions decentralized cooperation as a key development approach to help achieve the SDGs by the year 2030.
Briefly mention how you intend to ensure the session ensures principles of inclusion and equality	The rule of 50-50% gender balance (and more), is applied both for speakers, facilitators and moderators. Moreover, we find it very important that all geographic regions are represented at the meeting, as CIB is a global working group.

Description of Session

90 minutes total

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Proposed moderator: **Dr. Neila Akrimi** (CIB working group; f)

Note on logistics: This session will take the form of a workshop with approximately 30 participants. It will require a large room, the use of an electronic survey/voting system such as *MentiMeter*, a screen and projector, wireless microphones, and 3 flip charts located in three 'chat stations' in the corners of the room. Participants will be working in plenary and be invited to visit the stations to discuss the Implementation Plan.

1. Opening: The Policy Paper (15 min)

Dr. Neila Akrimi (f), Jessie Post (f) & Sébastien Hamel (m)

- Opening, welcome, and purpose of the session - Neila
- Background on the development of the Policy Paper - Jessie
- Introduction and showing the video on the Policy Paper - Neila
- Rationale for and expected content of the implementation plan – Sébastien

2. The 5 objectives and 30 actions of the Policy – Prioritization Survey (20 min)

Dr. Neila Akrimi (f)

- Introduction to the prioritization exercise – Neila (5 min)
- Using the survey/voting system MentiMeter, participants will be asked in plenary to use their mobile phone to select, for the 5 objectives of the Paper, which of the 30 actions they see as priorities for the next three years – 30 'votes', 30 seconds per voting (15 min total)

3. The tools, champions, and advocacy opportunities – Chat Stations (30 min)

Pascal Lavoie (m), Jessie Post (f), Sébastien Hamel (m), Person from UCLG secretariat (f)

- Introduction to the Chat Stations exercise – Pascal (5 min)



- Three Chat Stations will be set up in three corners of the room. One will focus on 'Tools', one on 'Champions' and one on 'Advocacy Opportunities'. Participants will be invited to join one of the three stations for a stand-up small group discussion. Each station will be led by one moderator who will introduce the draft content of the related section of the Implementation Plan (could be summarized on a poster) and facilitate the gathering of inputs from participants. After 15 minutes, the participants will be invited to rotate once to another station for a second 15-minute chat.
 - Station 1 Tools – Jessie (f)
 - Station 2 Champions – Sebastien (m)
 - Station 3 Advocacy Opportunities – UCLG secretariat (f)
 - Invitation to return to plenary – Pascal (2 min)
- 4. Wrap-up and what's next? – (15 min)**
- Dr. Neila Akrimi (f)**
- Showing the results of the live prioritization survey – Neila (10 min)
 - Very brief reports from the moderator of the chat stations - Jessie (f), Sebastien (m), UCLG secretariat (f) (5 min)
 - How participants can continue to contribute to the implementation of the policy paper, next steps, and thanks – Neila (2 min)