



**THE AFRICAN LOCAL GOVERNEMENT ACADEMY (ALGA) OF
THE UNITED CITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OF AFRICA
(UCLG-AFRICA) AND THE AFRICA UNION OF ARCHITECTS
(AUA) LAUNCH
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH AFRICAN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND
ARCHITECTURE SCHOOLS**

THE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM
Supporting and Introducing Architecture Students to practice
in African Local Governments and Municipalities

Call for expression of interest for African Local Governments

2017-2018

I. BACKGROUND

UCLG-Africa and the AUA have signed, in Cape Town, South Africa, on 3 November, 2016, a Memorandum of Understanding “guided by a common vision of a united and strong Africa and the need to build partnerships between governments and all segments of non-state actors”; UCLG-Africa and AUA are aware of the challenges and commitments contained in the new Urban Agenda and the SDGs (SDG11), and commit to work together to support local governments to deal with these challenges and to implement these commitments. They are also aware that on-the-job training and internship are essential components in any training process.

This Internship Program is proposed as concretization of UCLG-Africa, its African Local Governments Academy (ALGA) and AUA visions towards sustainable African cities through good governance and experiences’ exchange.

II. PROGRAM’S OBJECTIVES

The main objective of the program is to make internships for the students one of the vectors of the modernization of the African Local Governments, by linking African Local Governments and the Universities, by enabling them to open up their respective environments, to learn from each other, and to support each other, and by the expands to the reinforcement of the inter-African exchanges between the African Local Authorities (Refer to the Presentation Note of this Program).

III. PARTNERSHIP

The success of this Program depends on the tight partnership and close collaboration between the Union, UCLG-Africa, ALGA, the Local Governments and Architecture Schools.

UCLG-Africa, through ALGA, commits to inform and mobilize its Members and Networks on this new initiative, while AUA is contacting Architecture Schools of its member Sections’ countries to discuss partnership possibilities. Architecture schools are also encouraged to manifest their interest in the program.

The Program is open to graduate students. Selected students will be allocated a scholarship and placed in a Local Government (e.g. Metropolis, Intermediary Cities, and Municipalities) for a Professional internship.

The selection of interns will be based on competitions organized by the AUA/UCLG-Africa steering Committee with Schools partner in the project and Local Governments. It would be generally demanded from the students to elaborate visions for identified urban problems in a specific context. Students’ works will be judged upon the criteria set by AUA and UCLG-Africa/ALGA generally related to the following points:

- Promoting sustained, inclusive and sustainable Urban growth;
- Developing socially inclusive and engaging visions;
- Promoting collectively managed city and collaborative strategies;

- Innovative ideas in term of resilient, sustainable, healthy, friendly, and safe cities;
- Economic development through urban visions and sustainable consumption and production patterns;
- Promoting cultural adequate development ;
- Promoting Integrated and inclusive visions and solutions for urban poor;
- Any approach to spatial organization.

AUA and UCLG-Africa/ALGA are intending to sign partnership agreements with Local Governments, all over the Continent, which are willing to help and support in establishing the Program.

Partner Local Governments shall be able to participate logistically and financially in the different Program stages (Selection, placement of interns, appointment of an Internship Tutor, Monitoring and Evaluation).

Interested Local Governments in the Program are asked to contact UCLGA/ALGA and AUA on the following emails by sending a letter of expression of Interest in the partnership by **17.06.2017**

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