



TERRITORIAL INEQUALITIES
LAB DEBATE ORGANIZED BY UCLG AFRICA AND ITS PARTNERS
“Addressing inequalities and building a Local Africa leaving no one behind”
Tuesday 18 June, 2019
Room D4 - at 10:00am to 11:15am

CONCEPTUAL NOTE

If Africa is always at the head of all inequalities and disparities in particular at territorial, regional, and local levels, and displays a multi-speed human development, it's time to take advantage of the tremendous windows of opportunities of decentralization and territorial development, as shown around the world. However, these processes in Africa are facing a multidimensional challenging environment at all levels that not allow the anchoring of local autonomy, the emergence of attractive and competitive territories, and the orientation towards a resilient and sustainable development. The Lab Debate will be an opportunity to discuss and exchange on how we pave ways to create an "enabling environment" for Local and Regional

Governments in Africa to redress inequalities, to move towards a positive, inclusive, sustainable, and resilient transformation that leave no one behind. It will be also a moment to recall that Africa is at the top of all inequalities, in particular at territorial level; the commitments made at global and continental levels, the key role of national policies and institutions at all levels in shaping inequalities, based on the tremendous windows of opportunities of decentralization, Local Governance, and Territorial development in a spirit of Subsidiarity. In an Oxford-style debate format, the Panel will be an opportunity to highlight the root causes of inequalities in Africa; to lobby and advocate for the roles and responsibilities of Local and Regional Governments in shaping such inequalities; and to pave ways for an "enabling environment" that allows Local and Regional Governments in Africa to be the actor at the heart of the dynamics of sustainable development. The Lab Debate will involve diverse actors involved in the dynamic of territorial development.

OBJECTIVES

- Making a consensus around the deep causes of the inequalities in Africa, particularly at local levels, and on the fact that inequalities in this Continent cannot be redressed or reduced without a responsible, strong and effective involvement of the Regional and Local Authorities, on another hand;
- Shaping the role and responsibilities of Regional and Local Authorities, beside the other actors and stakeholders in facing and reducing territorial inequalities;
- Agreeing on the main pillars of an enabler environment that leaves no one behind;
- Building bridges for "win-win" partnerships to empower Regional/Local Authorities.

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LIST OF MODERATOR, PARTNERS & SPEAKERS FOR THE LAB DEBATE
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PICTURES	NAMES & SHORT BIOGRAPHIES	INSTITUTION	LOGO OF THE INSTITUTION
	<p>Dr. Abdelkrim MARZOUK, MODERATOR Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at Al Akhawayn University, Ifrane Morocco. His interests include Geographic Information Systems, remote sensing, quantitative environmental modeling, and land use land cover change science, Al Akhawayn University, Ifrane, Morocco He's graduated with a Ph.D in Geography from the Graduate School of Geography at Clark Univerity Worcester Massachussetts, USA. CONTACTS : P.O. Box 1855, Ifrane, 53000 Morocco Tel (212) 535862142 or (212) 535862304 or (212) 535862425 Fax (212) 35862977 E-Mail: a.marzouk@aui.ma</p> <p>Topic: "Spatial inequalities in Fès Meknès Region: a potential factor for development or a constraint"</p>	<p>Al Akhawayn University, Ifrane, Morocco</p>	
<p>THE REPRESENTATIVE OF UCLG-AFRICA</p>			

	<p>MS AÏT BEN LMADANI GHITA Member of the Parliament of Morocco, Mayor of the Rural Commune of Aït Izdeg, Member of the Regional Council of Draa-Tafilalet, Former Education Inspector, and very active in the Civil Society.</p> <p>Topic: "The Centrality of Infrastructures and Investment to reduce territorial Inequalities"</p>	<p>COMMUNE OF AÏT IZDEG - PROVINCE OF MIDELT MOROCCO</p>	
	<p>Mr. Hicham Afify, President, City Council of Ifrane</p> <p>Mr. Hicham Afify started his studies in Business Administration in Saudi Arabia and later earned a degree in law from Mohammed V University in Rabat, Morocco in 2019. He has been President of the City Council of Ifrane since 2015. In August 2018, he earned an African Award related to the cleanest city of Ifrane from the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) organization. Mr. Afify's main expertise is in local development and city management.</p> <p>Contacts: Email: hicham.afify1@gmail.com Tel: +212 661545617</p> <p>Title of the topic: Spatial inequalities in the City of Ifrane: case study of Atlas neighborhood</p>	<p>CITY OF IFRANE MOROCCO</p>	
	<p>Honourable Joseph Hyacinthe Owona Kono, President of AFRUIBANA (Association of African fruit producers), President of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly.</p> <p>A Cameroonian national, Mr Owona Kono is since 2003, member of the trade and production standing committee in the National Assembly of Cameroon. He's is the President of Afruibana, an association of fruit producers and exporters from Cameroon, Ivory Coast and Ghana, which was officially launched in Brussels in July 2017. Since October 2017, Mr</p>	<p>AFRUIBANA A PAN AFRICAN ASSOCIATION</p>	

	<p>Owona Kono is also the co-Chairman of the EU-ACP joint parliamentary assembly along with the Member of the European Parliament, Mr Louis Michel.</p> <p>Topic: "The banana sector, key actor of the economic development of territories through the promotion of sustainable agriculture, investment and job creation"</p>		
	<p>Ms Inota Cheta EDD Young Leader, Zambia</p> <p>Inota Cheta is co-founder of She Entrepreneur. The organization focuses on enhancing livelihoods of females with a focus on entrepreneurship and job readiness. At the centre of it all is a focus on financial literacy which is paramount for both approaches to livelihood. She has worked with youth at community level and has also worked with teen mothers, helping them to identify and initiate opportunities for income generation. She was selected as a Mandela Washington Fellowship (YALI) in 2018 and as a Youth Global Leader under Restless Development Youth Power Project which saw her develop global campaigns that sought to hold leaders accountable to their promises made towards the fulfillment of SDGs. She has an academic background in Economics, Finance and Statistics.</p>	<p>YOUNG LEADERS OF EDD 2019</p>	
	<p>Mr Aaron Atimpe EDD Young Leader, Ghana</p> <p>Aaron is a youth advocate for access to education, health and sexual reproductive rights, with a rural development background. As part of his work as the Chair of the Marie Stopes International Ghana and Ghana Health Service Youth Advisory Boards, he has been advocating for increased investment in youth sexual reproductive health and rights in Ghana. In total, they have trained close to 1,000 young advocates to become ambassadors for adolescent health and development with support from UNFPA and UNICEF. An alumnus of the Kufuor Scholars Programme and a volunteer in a number of youth-led organisations, Aaron currently serves as an Emerging Public Leaders Fellow at Ghana's Ministry of Finance. He holds a Bachelor in Geography and Rural Development with Political Science.</p>		



Mr Gerald Kweri, The Hague Academy for Local Governance

Gerald Kweri is trainer inclusive governance at The Hague Academy for Local Governance. In this position, he has been developing and delivering training programmes for NGOs and local authorities in Somalia, land officers in Zambia and international donor and development organisations. In the past 17 years, Gerald has led complex and ground-breaking interventions on diverse youth and women issues. Apart from working with youth, women and refugees, Gerald has lectured at St Paul's University Kenya, University of Nijmegen and Utrecht University in The Netherlands. He has been engaged in policy development and research in over 25 African countries and delivered many workshops and trainings for high level decision makers. He also participated in research and policy forums on politics of inclusion and local governance for Makerere University Uganda, the Economic and Social Research Institute Ireland and the Institute of Social Studies in The Hague. Gerald is currently rounding-up his PhD-study on urban politics of marginalisation at Radboud University Nijmegen.

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