



Dear Reader,

we are glad to present the new issue of the DeLoG newsletter with the latest activities of the network and news on upcoming events, as well as course announcements and recent publications. We would especially like to draw your attention to the upcoming [webinars](#) open to public that DeLoG will offer in October and November.

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DeLoG Activities

Upcoming DeLoG Webinars Open to Public



In the context of the currently ongoing e-learning course 'Enhancing Development Effectiveness for Decentralisation and Local Governance', DeLoG will offer two open webinars. The first webinar will be run by Paula Lucci (ODI) on October 17, discussing the crucial role

that local governments play in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the key commitment to 'leave no one behind'. The second webinar will be conducted by Nicolas Garrigue (UNDP) on November 7, aiming to provide an enhanced understanding of the role that local governance can play in securing sustainable pathways to peace and development in fragile and conflict-affected settings, and of the different factors that shape the success of decentralisation and local governance approaches in such contexts.

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On November 20-24, 2018, the Africities 8 summit will be hosted in Marrakesh, Morocco. In the framework of Africities 2018, DeLoG will run a session titled 'Leave No One Behind – by localising the 2030 Agenda'. The session aims at presenting good practice examples of local and regional initiatives from Africa to implement the

SDGs and the implementation of the principle of 'leaving no one behind'. The challenges and opportunities arising therefrom for local and regional governments, along with taking data disaggregation into account, will be discussed.

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World Observatory on Subnational Government Finance and Investment



DeLoG has become a 'Supporting Partner' of the World Observatory on Subnational Finance and Investment, an initiative by the OECD and UCLG. DeLoG offers assistance in the collection of data, contributes financially, and will be part of the Steering Committee. The Observatory is a multi-stakeholder initiative dedicated to collecting

comparable data and information on subnational finance and territorial organisation from over 100 countries. The objectives of the initiative are to ensure standardised, reliable and transparent access to data on subnational government structure, finance and investment, to support international dialogue and decision-making on multi-level governance and subnational finance and to serve as a capacity-building tool on subnational governance and finance.

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News from our Members & Partners

UN-Habitat Launches Global Municipal Database

On September 24, 2018 UN-Habitat launched a Global Municipal Database (GMD), which provides standard indicators for municipal budgets and includes data on per capita expenditures, revenues and debt in cities worldwide. Being the first database to provide standardised local level per-capita budget data, it covers more than 100 cities, highlighting the importance of focusing on financial data at municipal level. City level data collected from municipalities and metropolises provided the basis for policy formulation and creation of a tool to enhance city leaders' understanding of municipal finances and help them engage in productive dialogue with residents, central governments, donors and the private sector.



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2018 Management for Development Results Seminar

The 2018 Management for Development Results (MfDR) Seminar took place in Seoul, Republic of Korea, on August 27-30, 2018. The seminar aimed at reflecting on efforts to localise SDGs through effective MfDR, and the challenges and opportunities created for making new progress through the 2030 Agenda. The event was jointly organised by the Asian Development Bank Governance Group, the African Development Bank / the African Community of Practice Managing for Development Results, the Inter-American Development Bank / Latin-America and the Caribbean Community of Practice on Managing for Development Results (CoPLAC) and the KDI School of Public Policy and Management.



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Urban October: World Habitat Day Was Celebrated on 1 October 2018

Every year UN-Habitat and partners organise a month of activities, events and discussions around urban sustainability in October. Urban October is a time of raising awareness, promoting participation, generating knowledge and engaging the international community on sustainable urban development. Urban October comes shortly after the first review of Sustainable Development Goal 11 on Sustainable Cities and Communities at the High Level Political Forum in New York. This year, Urban October began with World Habitat Day on 1 October and will end with World Cities Day on 31 October.

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Barcelona Resilience Week to Inspire Action towards Sustainable Urban Resilience

On November 11-16, 2018 the Barcelona Resilience Week will bring together partners and stakeholders from across the globe working to advance action towards sustainable and resilient cities as set out in the New Urban Agenda and the 2030 Agenda. The focus of sessions and workshops will be climate action and resilience, governance, decentralisation and resilience, social resilience, and humanitarian urban crises.



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'Hack The Goals' is a worldwide movement of hackathons organised by Enabel, the Belgian development agency. The hackathons enable citizens to discuss, reflect on and identify innovative solutions for

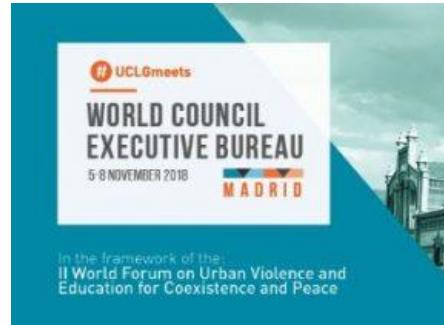
real life problems that help advance the Sustainable Development Goals. At the end of each hackathon, the Hack the Goals teams will present their design concept that accelerates the achievement of the SDGs, building on digital technologies and committing to leave no one behind.

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UCLG World Council 2018

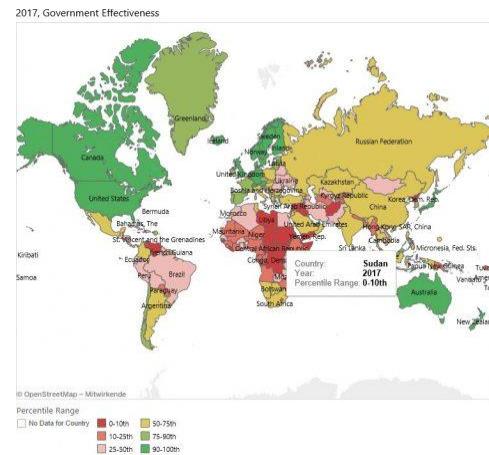
The UCLG World Council will take place from 5 to 8 November in Madrid, back-to-back with the second edition of the World Forum on Urban Violence and Education for Coexistence and Peace. The forum will offer inputs and discussions on such topics as policy debate on local needs and competencies; the challenge of local governments trying to meet the demands of the communities; the state of decentralisation and local democracy worldwide; the territorial dimension of localising the SDGs.

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World Bank Updates Governance Indicators Data Set

Covering the period 1996-2016, the World Bank Group's Worldwide Governance Indicators reports on six dimensions of governance: voice and accountability; political stability and absence of violence; government effectiveness; regulatory quality; rule of law; and control of corruption. The 2018 update of the Worldwide Governance Indicators was released in September. The project reports on individual and aggregate governance indicators for over 200 countries and territories.



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The 7th UCLG ASPAC Congress: Leveraging Local Innovation for Sustainable City Development

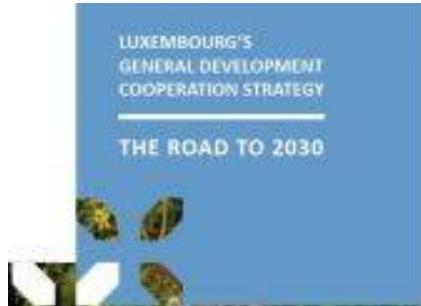


Advocating for democratic local self-government, UCLG ASPAC has put the economic, social, cultural, vocational, and environmental development of city as driving force of its activity. Its 7th congress provided a platform for cooperation and advocating city leaders on the importance of 'Innovation Driven Development for Sustainable Cities',

the theme taken for the congress discussion held in Surabaya, 12-15 September 2018.

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New General Strategy for Luxembourg Development Cooperation



The new development cooperation strategy sets strategic directions and a framework identifying thematic priority areas to be supported, financial and non-financial instruments, modalities and partnerships, priority regions and countries where Luxembourg development cooperation will operate as well as actions to ensure both development

effectiveness and policy coherence for development. The document highlights strengthening inclusive governance as a priority set of commitments directed towards encouraging sectoral and administrative reforms, supporting decentralisation and deconcentration processes and strengthening its support and modalities of engagement with national and local NGOs.

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Venice City Solutions 2018 - Financing the SDGs at Local Level

The conference will take place on November 16-17, 2018, in Venice, Italy. The dialogue aims at bringing together representatives of central governments, local and regional government associations, Mayors, Governors and other governmental representatives and selected partners to identify existing experiences, gathering data and providing solutions to the challenge of how to finance the implementation of the SDGs at local level. The Venice City Solutions is co-organised by UN-Habitat, United Nations Capital Development Fund – UNCDF and the UNDP.



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Additional News

Good Practices, Success Stories and Lessons Learned in SDG Implementation - Call for Submissions

The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) is launching a call for submissions of good practices, success stories and lessons learned in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. The submissions will be analysed by a dedicated inter-agency team coordinated by UN DESA, and the results will be made available online for easy access and broad dissemination. Where applicable, the submissions can serve as inputs to thematic preparations for the 2019 sessions of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF). Submissions can be made between 1 November 2018 and 28 February 2019 over a web-based portal.

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Examples of SDG's Implementation from Around the World at the Rabat Assembly

The XI General Assembly World Forum of Regions organised by United Regions Organization/Forum of Regional Governments and Global Associations of Regions (ORU Fogar) will take place on October 22-23 in Rabat, Morocco. It will present implementation examples and experiences of the three global agendas: the 2030 Agenda of the Sustainable Development Goals, the Climate Change Agenda and the New Urban Agenda. Besides having governors and regional presidents from Europe, America and Africa, the forum will have a wide presence of representatives of the United Nations agencies and multilateral organisations, such as the World Bank, the OECD, the European Commission, UN Habitat or UNESCO, as well as the academic world and an important presence of members of the Moroccan government.



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Mapping the Sustainable Development Goals in German Municipalities



The 'SDG Indicators for Municipalities' working group, consisting of seven German partners, has jointly developed indicators for mapping the Sustainable Development Goals. The way communities address sustainability and SDG implementation is central. Where possible, indicators are assigned to not just

one but multiple SDGs. Each municipality has a possibility to decide on the basis of the respective framework conditions and priorities on the ground, which indicators are suitable for mapping the respective contribution to the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda.

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Navakavu Qoi! Leading Locally, Achieving Together

The Navakavu Revitalisation Strategy 2018-2022 (NRS) is a leading example of how local governance structures are helping to meet national and international development frameworks and priorities.

NRS strategic goals show how national development plans as well as international development roadmaps can be implemented at the local level in a way that reflects local needs and priorities. Local efforts are also targeting Navakavu Youth to ensure longevity and the intergenerational reach of projects.

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Local Government Women Network Launched

Members of the newly established Rwanda Network of Women in Local Government have been challenged to play a key role in addressing challenges afflicting society, to ensure families lead better lives. The network is an initiative by Rwanda Association of Local Government Authorities (RALGA) and would serve as an internal mechanism for members to build capacity for effective delivery and accountability but not a parallel structure being established, according to officials.



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Courses



The Hague Academy

[» Online Course - Inclusive Local Economic Development](#)

Date: 29 October - 23 November, 2018

Apply by: 14 October, 2018

[» Migration and Local Governance](#)

Date: 26 - 30 November, 2018

Apply by: 19 October, 2018

Place: The Hague, Netherlands



International Training Centre (ILO)

[» Project cycle management in fragile settings](#)

Date: 10-14 December, 2018

Apply by: 10 November, 2018

Place: Turin, Italy

[» Localising SDGs: Co-creating ecosystems for social innovation at the local level](#)

Date: 3-7 December, 2018

Apply by: 16 November, 2018

Place: Turin, Italy

Swiss Peace

» Theories of Change in Fragile Contexts Course

Date: 30 January - 1 February 2019

Apply by: 30 November 2018

Place: Basel, Switzerland

» National Dialogue & Peace Mediation Course

Date: 11-15 February 2019

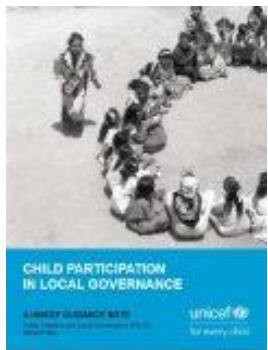
Apply by: 30 November 2018

Place: Basel, Switzerland

Studies & Publications

Local Governance & Decentralisation

Child Participation in Local Governance: a Guidance Note from UNICEF

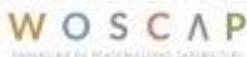


UNICEF, 2018

This guidance note explores the key considerations for institutions which support child participation in local governance, with the focus on participation in local government structures and processes. The guidance note is based on an extensive literature review and four country case studies of experiences of child participation in local governance including Nepal.

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European Union Support to Decentralisation Reform in Ukraine: a Peacebuilding Endeavour?



Berghof Foundation, 2017



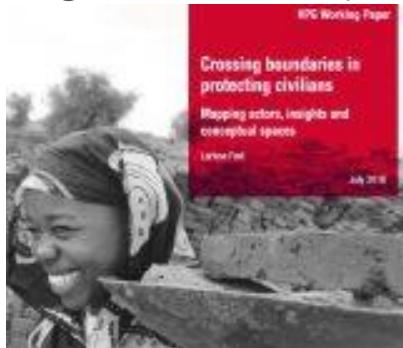
The Scholarly Article on Governance Reform was produced as part of the project "Whole-of-Society Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding" (WOSCAP). It wants to contribute to the ongoing debate on the question of what role decentralisation can play in building sustainable peace, and under which conditions support to such reform efforts can be successful.

More specifically, it aims to analyse the EU's capabilities to support decentralisation reform in Ukraine through a whole-of-society centred peacebuilding lens.

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Fragility • Post-conflict settings • Migration

Crossing Boundaries in Protecting Civilians: Mapping Actors, Insights and Conceptual Spaces



HPG, 2018

This paper aims to cross the invisible boundaries that characterise protection discourse and practice, particularly regarding ‘local’ protection. It explores the strengths and challenges of local protection, and identifies the intersections between different protection actors and protection approaches, particularly in terms of how they work in or with local populations.

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SDG Progress: Fragility, Crisis and Leaving No One Behind



Overseas Development Institute, 2018

This report highlights one left-behind group that has received too little attention: people caught in crisis. It identifies the gaps in SDG progress for fragile and conflict-affected states, highlights the challenges and opportunities for meeting the SDGs for people caught in crisis and makes

recommendations for further action – both in terms of preparation ahead of the September 2019 High-Level Political Forum meeting and commitments to be made at the meeting itself.

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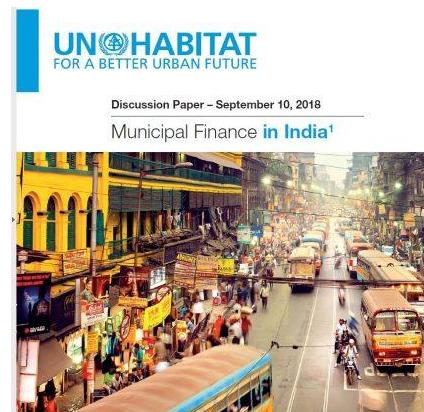
Fiscal Decentralisation • Local Finance

Discussion Paper: Municipal Finance in India

UN Habitat, 2018

This discussion paper brings together the Indian experience on municipal finance to flag emerging issues for wider consideration among urban sector stakeholders across the countries in line with the New Urban Agenda. The paper examines the status of municipal finance with a particular reference to financial management, mobilisation of funds from own or external sources and expenditure

management. Finally, a list of lessons drawn and points to probe is given for necessary follow up and feedback.



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Predicting Municipal Fiscal Distress: Aspiration or Reality?



**Predicting Municipal Fiscal Distress:
Aspiration or Reality?**
Working Paper WP18TG1

Tracy Gordon
Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center

Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, 2018

This paper provides an overview of effective indicators of city fiscal health, grounded in economic, fiscal or financial, and comprehensive approaches. It explores lessons from past federal and state programmes to distribute local aid and

monitor local fiscal conditions. It presents one approach to addressing the challenge of evaluating fiscal health measures. The publication will be helpful to state and federal policymakers concerned with responding to municipal fiscal distress as well as voters wishing to make informed choices about their fiscal futures.

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Briefing Paper: Administrative and Fiscal Challenges in Implementing River Basin Management in Mongolia

This briefing paper examines administrative and fiscal aspects of river basin management and analyses whether fiscal decentralisation supports or counteracts the funding of river basin management. It presents the example of Mongolia, where in recent years the processes of River Basin Organisations institutionalisation and fiscal decentralisation have occurred in parallel.



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2030 Agenda • Localising the SDGs

Sustainable Development Goals: How Europe's Towns and Regions are Taking the Lead



PLATFORMA & the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR), 2018

This study highlights the main challenges identified by associations of towns and regions, the top three being the lack of financial resources, the lack of data available at the local level and the lack of training. The study also collects good practices taken by associations and makes concrete recommendations on how to monitor the implementation of the SDGs at domestic and international level. This includes the nomination of local SDG ambassadors, the setting of

indicators or awareness raising campaigns.

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Localising the SDGs: Regional Governments Paving the Way

nrg4SD & University of Strathclyde, 2018



The objective of this report is to map the process undertaken by different regional governments in the implementation of the SDGs. Building on the mapping exercise, the report stresses a set of clear overall policy recommendations and approaches that could be replicated by regional governments. The report is based on a survey carried out with 47 regional governments across the globe, and was jointly developed by nrg4SD and the University of Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and Governance.

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Global Goals Yearbook 2018: Partnerships for the Goals

The Global Goals for Sustainable Development, 2018

This year's theme of the Global Goals Yearbook 2018 is how private sector engagement is crucial for implementing the SDGs. It discusses the many aspects of how private-sector engagement can be improved. Recommendations are, among other things, to revise multilateralism, partnership models, and processes as well as to invest more in trust, a failure culture, as well as metrics and monitoring. The Yearbook includes arguments from academic and business experts, the World Bank, and the Club of Rome, as well as UN entities, among them UNDP, UNSSC, UNOPS, UN JIU, and UN DESA.

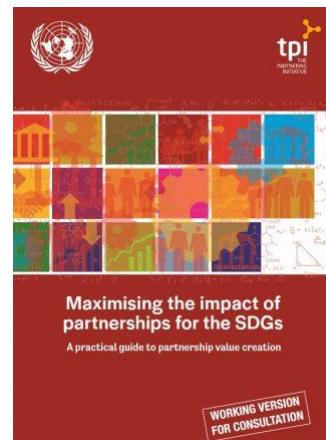


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Maximising the Impact of Partnerships for the SDGs - A Practical Guide

The Partnering Initiative and United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, 2018

This guidebook aims at supporting organisations and partnerships to maximise the value created by collaboration towards the Sustainable Development Goals. The guidebook deconstructs what 'value' means and the types of value that partnerships can create. It also explores the range of partnerships that can be established and how the nature of the partnership influences the type of value created for the partners and for beneficiaries.



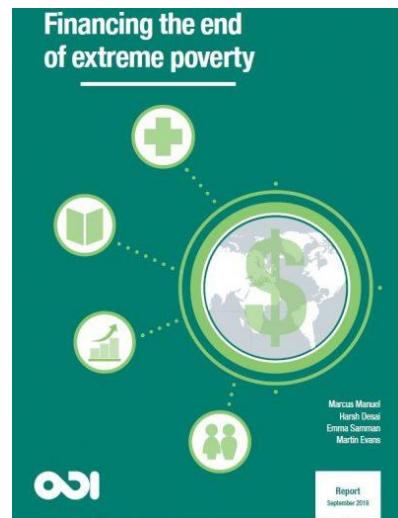
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Financing the End of Extreme Poverty

Overseas Development Institute, 2018

This report assesses what needs to be done so that we can deliver the global target to end extreme poverty by 2030. It evaluates the situation in over 140 countries and economies. The report first identifies those countries that cannot afford to end extreme poverty from their own resources, then it analyses the impact that OECD Development Assistance Committee donors are having on efforts to end extreme poverty. This includes the development of a new methodology for measuring donor effort and efficiency.

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What Does It Mean to Leave No One Behind?

UNDP, 2018

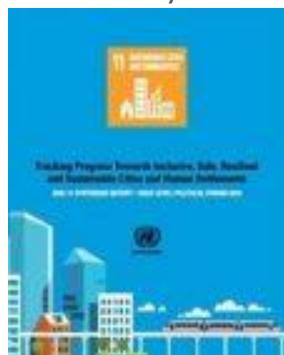
With the adoption of the 2030 Agenda, UN Member States pledged to ensure 'no one will be left behind' and to 'endeavour to reach the furthest behind first'. This paper advances a framework that governments and stakeholders can use to act on their pledge in a way that enables and accelerates progress to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. It also seeks to inform the manner in which UNDP works with countries to implement the 2030 Agenda. Five factors are proposed as key to understanding who is being left behind and why: discrimination; place of residence; socio-economic status; governance; and vulnerability to shocks.



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Urban & Territorial Governance

SDG 11 Synthesis Report

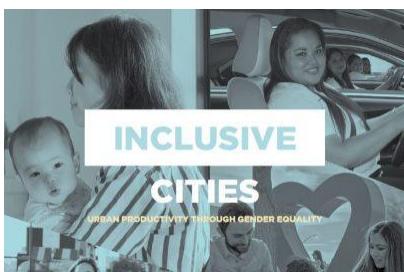


UN Habitat, 2018

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity. Goal 11, one of the 17 SDGs, is about all of these dimensions, with a specific focus on urban areas and settings. This synthesis report is the first publication showing the progress, challenges and opportunities of global monitoring of this Sustainable Development Goal.

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Inclusive Cities: Urban Productivity through Gender Equality



Inter-American Development Bank, 2018

This study presents a context of income inequality, inadequate access of women to public transportation, as well as inequalities in access to binding participation and representation in urban governance. Empirical evidence tells stories about public and

private initiatives that have successfully influenced the perceptions and realities of citizens. The case studies provided in the publication reveal innovative experiences with the purpose of promoting an inclusive and productive urbanisation in El Salvador, Spain, Japan and Mexico.

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Resilient Cities Report 2018

ICLEI, 2018

Resilient Cities is the annual global forum on urban resilience and adaptation convened in Bonn, Germany. The congress series provides an international platform to share the latest knowledge, good practices, challenges, and innovations for creating more resilient cities. It also serves as an annual meeting point to track local progress on the resilience targets of Sustainable Development Goal 11 to make cities inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable. This report reflects the outcomes of the Resilient Cities 2018 congress and global developments in the field of urban resilience and climate change adaptation.

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