

**WELCOME SESSION**  
(for invited participants)

LRA's are KEY in times of **change**

**Thank You**  
for joining in person!

let's RECOGNISE the value of **INTERMEDIARY cities**

**ACHIEVING SDG'S**

need SUPPORT from EU

COOPERATION with GLOBAL SOUTH

How can LRA's ENGAGE into the **GLOBAL GATEWAY**?

**Focus on GOVERNANCE**



# PRELIMINARY PLENARY SESSION

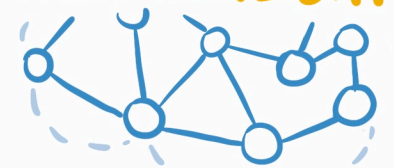
2023 FORUM AMBITION



similar  
ambitions



## DECENTRALISATION



CAN **EMPOWER**  
COMMUNITIES  
need  
RESSOURCES

Share  
DATAS



URBAN AREAS

access  
INTERNATIONAL  
MARKETS

SUPPORT  
SUSTAINABLE  
projects



CoR MECHANISMS  
to **INSTITUTIONALISE**  
INTERNATIONAL cooperation



SOLIDARITY  
measures

THINK GLOBALLY,  
ACT LOCALLY!



EMPOWERING  
LOCAL communities



PRIVATE  
SECTOR  
SUPPORT



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# OPENING SESSION

(& CLOSING of the CoR's 158<sup>th</sup> plenary)



- ✓ Strengthen **PARTNERSHIPS**
- ✓ more **INCLUSIVE MULTILATERALISM**

OPTIMISING DECENTRALISATION

 = KEY to meeting **SDG's**

and **LRA's**



Vasco ALVES CORDEIRO  
CoR



MULTILEVEL Governance

COOPERATION is a **PEACE PROJECT**

LRA LEADERS are on the **FRONTLINE!**

Civil SOCIETY & *dialogue* platform

LOCALISING - **GLOBAL GATEWAY**

DON'T leave *anyone* Behind

We want **LONG TERM RESPECTFUL** Relationships



takes **SHAPE** in **CITIES**

The involvement of **CITIES** and **REGIONS** is **KEY** for the **SUCCESS** of **GLOBAL GATEWAY**



Jutta URPIAINEN  
EU COMMISSIONER

EU & its **PARTNERS** create a **MORE SUSTAINABLE** future

despite **GLOBAL TURMOILS**



Patrick MOLINOZ  
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# KEY PRIORITIES

to build GLOBAL GATEWAY  
at LOCAL LEVEL



## INNOVATIVE solutions



Hellen WANJOHI-OPIL  
Resilience African Cities Lead

AFRICAN cities are  
□ CO<sub>2</sub> emissions HOTSPOTS  
□ +50% of POPULATION

innovation  
IS NOT ONLY  
TECHNOLOGY

4G's  
INTERCONNECTED  
CROSS CUTTING  
CITIZEN-CENTERED  
COLLABORATION



Juliana AUGUSTO CARDOSO  
State of SAO PAULO

## INTERMEDIARY cities



challenge →  
AGEING POPULATION  
Connect people and youth

FOCUS  
RENEWABLE SUSTAINABLE Transition  
ENTREPRENEURSHIP



We NEED more INVESTMENTS



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## INVESTMENT tools



too RISKY  
too SMALL  
too LONG

SOLUTIONS  
✓ COVER RISKS  
✓ BLENDED FUNDING

3P's | P  
PRIORITISE  
PLANNING  
PREPARATION

NEED to Relaunch  
the DEMOCRATIC AGENDA



address a REFLEXION ON LIFE  
leave NO ONE behind!



Ochille MBEMBE  
WIT'S UNIVERSITY  
(South Africa)

## INCLUSIVE answers



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# EU TOOLS to localise GLOBAL GATEWAY

## TAIEX

SUPPORT to  
LOCAL AUTHORITIES



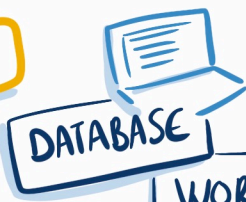
EU legislation

best practices



APPLICATION FORM

access to

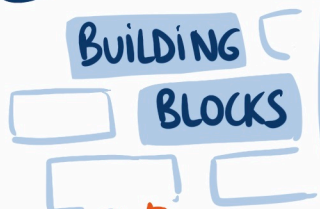


## TALD

TERRITORIAL Approach to  
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT



SPATIAL  
dimension  
of DEVELOPMENT



- Service delivery
- ENVIRONMENT management
- ECONOMIC development



# CROSS-FERTILISATION SESSION

## INCLUSIVE Governance and citizenship

1. LRA's and CIVIL SOCIETY → DIRECT ACCESS → GLOBAL GATEWAY

2. HUMAN RIGHT assessment

3. Citizen Participation TOOLS

## INNOVATIVE solutions

1. SUPPORT LRA's in the DESIGN and IMPLEMENTATION of LARGE-SCALE projects



2. COMMUNAL infrastructures and mechanisms

cross-border decentralised

LRA's as STATE ACTORS in the DESIGN & IMPLEMENTATION

3. MULTI-ACTOR MULTI-LEVEL approach to DECENTRALISATION

## "Vibrant," INTERMEDIARY cities

1. incorporate DECENTRALISATION into



2. EDUCATIONAL and CULTURAL GATEWAY  
more funding

3. INTER-COMMUNITY infrastructures and mechanisms



## INVESTING locally

1. DIRECT ACCESS → to FINANCING for SDG-RELATED PROJECTS



2. SIMPLIFY → PUBLIC-PRIVATE partnerships  
make them PEOPLE-CENTERED



3. DATA's available at ALL levels



# HIGH-LEVEL DEBATE between LRA's & EU INSTITUTIONS

65% of SDG's  
NEED LRA'S

RECOMMENDATIONS show

COMMON PRIORITIES

AVOID ~~X~~  
BUSINESS AS  
USUAL

INVOLVE  
EVERYONE

SUPPORT the  
DEMOCRACY

DECENTRALISATION  
need to be  
TAILORED to each country

START  
ACTING!

YOUR VOICES  
have been HEARD



We can only  
SUCCEED TOGETHER

INTERMEDIARY cities  
will play a  
CRUCIAL ROLE

in the FUTURE

NEW  
UN advisory  
board  
for LRA's



"It All starts  
AT HOME"



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# CLOSING SESSION

300  from 71 countries

MORE than 160 cities and regions



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INTPA



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