



REGIONAL CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP ON PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING IN ANGLOPHONE AFRICA

Promoting Participatory Budgeting:
The inclusive way for transforming Local Governance to deepen Local Democracy, Local Development and Poverty reduction

Main Conference: March 10 - 13, 2008 | **Optional Field Visit:** March 14, 2008
Durban SOUTH AFRICA

The banner features three images: a meeting room with people around a table, a coastal city skyline, and a community meeting under a thatched roof. The bottom of the banner contains logos for NYU Wagner, ANSA Africa, UN-Habitat, SDC (Swiss Development Cooperation), MDP (Municipal Development Partnership), City of Durban Municipality, and The World Bank.

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**DAY 1:
THE POLICY REFORM DIMENSION OF BUDGET TRANSPARENCY, VOICE,
AND INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT
MARCH 10, 2008**

8:30-9:15	<p>SESSION 1 - WELCOME REMARKS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ His Worship Obed Mlaba, Mayor of Durban ▪ Hon. Vincent Meriton, MDP-ESA Chairperson ▪ ANSA-Africa tba ▪ UNHABITAT tba ▪ Victor Vergara World Bank Representative <p>Chairperson: George Matovu, MDP-ESA</p>
9:15-10:30	<p>SESSION 2 - KEY NOTE PRESENTATION</p> <p>Objectives: Overview of key factors underlying policy reforms in Africa to strengthen budget transparency, voice and independent oversight. Issues to be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Defining policy scenario ▪ What are the challenges in terms of policy reforms in Africa today when promoting budget transparency, voice and independent oversight, particularly regarding limited decentralization in many Africa countries? ▪ What are the recent policy innovations in Africa to strengthen budget transparency, voice and independent oversight, taking in to consideration different levels of decentralization and democratization? ▪ What is the role of political leadership, CSOs, and the private sector in such reforms and innovations? ▪ How can policy reforms innovations be scaled up, institutionalized, and mainstreamed? ▪ What are the challenges ahead? <p>Speaker: Father Smangaliso Mkhathswa, President, UCLGA</p>
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-12:30	<p>SESSION 3 - AFRICAN GOOD PRACTICES</p> <p>Objectives: Present good practices on policy reforms in Africa to promote transparency, accountability and participation in municipal public expenditure management and service delivery</p> <p>Speaker: Hon. Protais Musoni, Minister of Local Administration, Good Governance, Community Development and Social Affairs, Republic of Rwanda</p>
12:30-14:00	Lunch break

14:00-16:00	<p>SESSION 4 - INTERNATIONAL GOOD PRACTICES</p> <p>Objectives: Share international experiences: on policy reforms to promote budget transparency, voice and independent oversight in Latin America, Asia & Middle East.</p> <p>Speaker: Roger Salhuana, Ministry of Finance, Peru Discussant: Paul Smoke, New York University</p>
16:00-16:30	Coffee Break
16:30-17:30	<p>SESSION 5 - PANEL DISCUSSION: THE FUTURE OF PB IN AFRICA: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES</p> <p>Objectives: Panel discussion to reflect the topics of the seminar in order to identify the main actionable policy reforms in Africa to strengthen budget transparency, voice, and independent oversight.</p> <p>Panelists: Mayor Obed Mlaba, South Africa Mayor Celestine Keutch Courtes, Cameroon Hon. Protais Musoni, Rwanda Hon. Kwamena Ahwoi, Ghana Ms. Ziria Ndifuna, Uganda</p> <p>Chairperson: Elong Mbassi, Secretary General, UCLGA</p>

**DAY 2:
TRANSPARENCY AND DEMYSTIFICATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
REVENUES, AND EXPENDITURES
MARCH 11, 2008**

8:30-10:00	<p>SESSION 1 – OPERATIONAL PRINCIPLES OF BUDGET TRANSPARENCY AND DEMYSTIFICATION</p> <p>Facilitator of the Day: Ziria Ndifuna</p> <p>Objectives: Overview of key operational issues to implement mechanisms and processes to improve transparency and citizens' understanding of municipal public expenditure management.</p> <p>Issues to be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The key principles, benefits, and challenges in promoting transparency in local government public expenditure management (fiscal policies, resource generation, current and capital investment planning) ▪ The role of local government and civil society organizations in demystifying the local government budgeting process ▪ Various forms of legislative and institutional arrangements to ensure demystification of fiscal policy, revenue generation and expenditures ▪ Designing municipal finance information systems to ensure reliable revenue and expenditure information, and public access ▪ Organizing public campaigns and civil society actions to promote budget transparency and demystification <p>Speaker: Thandiwe Mlobane, MDP-ESA Consultant</p>
10:00-10:30	Coffee Break
10:30-12:00	<p>SESSION 2 – AFRICAN CASE STUDIES</p> <p>Objectives: To present African experiences in promoting transparency and demystification of local public expenditure management</p> <p>Speaker: Sophie Kalimba, Chief Executive Officer, Blantyre City Assembly, Malawi</p>
12:00-13:00	Lunch Break
13:00-15:00	<p>SESSION 3 – INTERNATIONAL CASE STUDIES</p> <p>Objectives: To present international experiences in promoting transparency and demystification of local public expenditure management</p> <p>Speaker: Nilza Oliveira, PB Coordinator, City of Santo Andre, Brazil</p>
15:00-15:30	Coffee Break
15:30-17:30	<p>SESSION 4 – WORKING GROUPS ON FOSTERING MUTAL LEARNING ON BUDGET TRANSPARENCY AND DEMYSTIFICATION</p> <p>Objectives: To provide participants with the opportunity to prepare preliminary proposals for mutual learning on the area of budget transparency and demystification</p>

**DAY 3:
STRENGTHENING CITIZENS' VOICE IN REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE PLANNING
MARCH 12, 2008**

8:30-10:00	<p>SESSION 1 - OPERATIONAL PRINCIPLES OF CITIZENS' VOICE IN REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE PLANNING</p> <p>Facilitator of the Day: Takawira Mumvuma</p> <p>Objectives: Overview of the key operational issues to increase citizens' voice in revenue and expenditure planning</p> <p>Issues to be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The key principles, benefits, and challenges in engaging citizens' in voicing their preferences in revenue and expenditure planning ▪ The role of local government and CSOs in strengthening citizens' voice in revenue and expenditure planning? ▪ How to design mechanisms to engage citizens in voicing their preferences during revenue and expenditure planning ▪ What are the legislative and institutional requirements to ensure effective citizens' voice? ▪ How to monitor quality of participation in revenue and expenditure planning ▪ How to empower traditional excluded people (the poor, woman, ethnic minorities, displaced groups, etc.) to have an equal voice in revenue and expenditure planning? <p>Speaker: Mohamed Halfani, Chief, Urban Governance Section, UN-HABITAT</p>
10:00-10:30	Coffee Break
10:30-12:00	<p>SESSION 2 – AFRICAN CASE STUDIES</p> <p>Objectives: To present African experiences of strengthening citizens voice in revenue and expenditure planning.</p> <p>Speaker: Mary Rusimbi, Chief Executive Officer, Tanzania Gender Networking Program (TGNP)</p>
Lunch Break	
13:00-15:00	<p>SESSION 3 – INTERNATIONAL CASE STUDIES</p> <p>Objectives: To present international experiences of promoting citizens' voice in revenue and expenditure planning</p> <p>Speaker: Auki Tituana Males, Mayor of Cotacachi, Coordinator, Fostering Indigenous Women Participation in Budgeting in Cotacachi, Ecuador</p>
15:00-15:30	Coffee Break
15:30-17:30	<p>SESSION 4 – WORKING GROUPS ON FOSTERING CITIZENS' VOICE IN REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE PLANNING</p> <p>Objectives: To provide participants with the opportunity to prepare preliminary proposals for mutual learning on the area of citizens' voice in revenue and expenditure planning</p>

**DAY 4:
STRENGTHENING INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT IN BUDGET EXECUTION
MARCH 13, 2008**

8:30-10:00	<p>SESSION 1 - OPERATIONAL PRINCIPLES OF INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT IN BUDGET EXECUTION</p> <p><i>Facilitator of the Day: Kinuthia Wamwangi</i></p> <p>Objectives: Overview of the key operational issues to strengthen the role of citizens and CSOs in monitoring and evaluating the quality of public expenditures and delivery of infrastructure and services.</p> <p>Issues to be addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The key principles, benefits, and challenges in strengthening independent oversight in budget execution ▪ The role of local government and CSOs to promote independent oversight of budget execution ▪ How to design mechanisms to engage citizens and civil society organization to monitor and evaluate budget execution? ▪ What are capacity building needs for effective independent oversight of budget execution and delivery of service and infrastructure ▪ How can technology (e-Governance) be embedded in budget oversight and what are the benefits? <p>Speaker: Hon. Kwamena Ahwoi, Former Minister of Local Government, Ghana</p>
10:00-10:30	Coffee Break
10:30-12:00	<p>SESSION 2 – AFRICAN CASE STUDIES</p> <p>Objectives: To present African experiences in promoting independent oversight of public expenditures, service delivery and public infrastructure</p> <p>Speaker: Zerubabel Ojoo, Executive Director, Economic Management Consultancy, Uganda</p>
12:00-13:00	Lunch Break
13:00-14:00	<p>SESSION 3 – INTERNATIONAL CASE STUDIES</p> <p>Objectives: To present international experiences in promoting independent oversight of public expenditures, service delivery and public infrastructure</p> <p>Speaker: Julio Pires, Secretary of Planning of Bello Horizonte, Brazil</p>
14:00-14:30	Coffee Break
14:30-16:30	<p>SESSION 4 – WORKING GROUPS ON FOSTERING CITIZENS' VOICE IN REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE PLANNING</p> <p>Objectives: To provide participants with the opportunity to prepare preliminary proposals for mutual learning on the area of budget independent oversight</p>
16:30-17:30	<p>SESSION 5 – SEMINAR CLOSING</p> <p>Objectives: To provide the participants with the opportunity to share their views on the seminar, and receive certificates</p>

**DAY 5:
FIELD VISITS (OPTIONAL)
MARCH 14, 2008**

8:30-11:00	<p>SESSION 1 - FIELD VISITS</p> <p><i>Facilitator of the Day: Bongwe</i></p> <p>Objectives: Expose participants to real practices of budget transparency, voice, and independent oversight in Durban, and surrounding municipalities. Participants will be divided into small groups and visit local authorities who are involved in implementing participatory budgeting. The groups will be asked to assess the degree to which participatory budgeting is being implemented through three dimensions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Transparency and demystification of revenue and expenditures ▪ Voice in decision-making ▪ Independent oversight <p>Tentatively, the following municipalities: (i) Umsundizi; (ii) Ilembe; (iii) Ugu District; (iv) Ethekwini. Groups will meet with local authority officials as well as with civil society organizations.</p>
11:00-12:00	Lunch break
12:00-14:00	<p>SESSION 2 - FIELD VISITS</p>