Agenda

Connective Cities Dialogue Event

Local Government Associations: Capacity building through exchange of good practices and peer-to-peer learning

9-11 July 2018, Cologne, Germany

Objective

Initiate a practice-oriented exchange between German and international representatives of Local Government Associations in order to strengthen the participating LGA's capacities to assume their role as the voice of cities.

Venue of the Dialogue Event

Association of German Cities / Deutscher Städtetag
Gereonstr. 18-32, 50670 Cologne, Germany

Hotel

Maternushaus
Kardinal-Frings-Str. 1-3, 50668 Köln, T: +49 (0) 221 16 31 0

Participating Institutions

Asociación de Municipalidades del Perú (AMPE)

Association of German Cities (Deutscher Städtetag, DST)

Association of Local Authorities of Tanzania (ALAT)

Austrian Association of Cities and Towns (AACT)

Congress of Local Authorities from Moldova (CALM)

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)

National Association of Local Authorities of Ghana (NALAG)

National Association of Municipalities of Mozambique (ANAMM)

Platforma (Belgium)

Service Agency Communities in One World / Engagement Global (Germany)

South African Local Government Association (SALGA)

Standing Conference of Towns and Municipalities (SCTM, Serbia)

United Cities of Lebanon / Bureau Technique des Villes Libanaises

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Sunday, 8 July 2018		
Time	**Agenda**	**Contents**
18:00	Meeting at the hotel lobby	
18:30	**Welcome Dinner**	Consilium Restaurant Rathausplatz 1 50667 Köln

Day 1: Monday, 9 July 2018		
Time	**Agenda**	**Contents**
11:30	**Registration of participants & welcome lunch**	Association of Cities Gereonstr. 18-32, 50670 Cologne, Germany
12:30	**Welcome & introduction**	• **Introduction of participants and programme overview** *Ms Karin Küblböck, Moderator* • **Welcome address by the German Association of Cities** *Ms Dr. Christine Wilcken,* German Association of Cities • **Presentation of Connective Cities** *Ms Sina Webber*, Connective Cities *Mr Benjamin Jeromin*, Connective Cities
13:15	**Technical Keynote**	*Mr Boris Tonhauser*, Platforma
	Input by invited LGA	*Mr Lance Joel*, SALGA, South Africa
	Input by host LGA	*Ms Sabine Drees*, German Association of Cities
14:15	**Elevator Pitch: Getting to know the participating LGAs**	Each participating LGA briefly presents their profile.
15:00	**Gallery Walk**	Presentation of Good Practices
15:15	Coffee Break	

15:30	**Practitioners' exchange in working groups**	Introduction & in-depth presentations of good practices according to main topics
	Group 1 **Structure, processes and financing of LGA**	**Group 2** **Representation of local government interests and influence on law-making**
Good practice examples	*CALM (Moldova): Representation of LGs interests and influence on politicians – holistic approach* *NALAG (Ghana): Internal reforms for a stronger association* *DST (Germany) Ensuring political and financial independence of the Association of German Cities*	*United Cities Lebanon: The National Program of Support to Lebanese Municipalities* *SALGA (South Africa): SALGA's representation role in intergovernmental relations* *DST (Germany): Sustainable funding for public traffic*
17:00	**Presentation of the results of the working groups**	• One representative per working group reports back the key points presented to the plenary
17:30	**Peer-to-peer session with practical example in plenary setting** Practitioners identify individual issues from their practical work, e.g. challenges they are facing, projects they are planning, success factors or constraints. In a peer-to-peer advisory session in small focus groups, participants will give their feedback, ideas and remarks on the presented issues. In this part, participants receive inputs to their practical challenges, formulate recommendations for further action and thus achieve a direct benefit for their daily work.	
18:15	**Wrap-up**	
18:45	Dinner	

Day 2: Tuesday, 10 July 2018		
Time	**Agenda**	**Contents**
08:30	Meeting at the hotel and transfer to the workshop venue	
09:00	Introduction to the day	• Discussing open questions
09:15	**Practitioners' exchange in working groups**	Introduction & in-depth presentations of good practices according to main topics
	Group 3 **Thematic members' committees and working groups**	**Group 4** **Membership services for training and exchange of municipal knowhow**
Good practice examples	*SCTM (Serbia): Establishment and functioning of SCTM Networks* *DST (Germany): Financing local expenditures for Refugees* *AMPE (Peru): Program of Incentives for the Improvement of Municipal Management*	*ALAT (Tanzania): Mayors Award Scheme* *ANAMM (Mozambique): Strengthening the capacities of municipal assemblies (councilors) through peer learning* *AACT (Austria): Development of multiple online tools for cities in order to meet the new data protection standards*
10:45	**Presentation of the results of the working groups**	• One representative per working group reports back the key points presented to the plenary
11:15	Coffee break	
11:30	**Set up of the working groups for the peer-to-peer session**	
11:45	**Peer-to-peer session in working groups**	• Discussion and consultation in small groups: How to cope with individual challenges
13:00	Lunch break	
14:00	**Peer-to-peer session in working groups**	• Discussion and consultation in small groups: How to cope with individual challenges
14:45	**"Map of challenges"**	• Practical challenge introduced by participants • Exchange of proposed solutions • Formulate questions for further exchange: For which critical issues are we seeking a solution?
15:45	Coffee Break & departure	
16:30	**Questions and Answer-Session: LGA's work from the perspective of a member city** Cologne's City Hall	• **Mr Andreas Wolter** *Mayor of the City of Cologne, Board Member of the Association of Cities of North Rhine-Westphalia, Member of the German Association of Cities' General Assembly*
17:30	End of programme	
19:00	Dinner & Semi-finals World Football Cup	Restaurant / Brewery Früh am Dom Am Hof 12-18, 50667 Cologne

Day 3: Wednesday, 11 July 2018

Time	Agenda	Contents
08:30	Meeting at the hotel and transfer to the workshop venue	
09:00	Check-in	
09:15	**Presentation: Follow-up by Connective Cities**	
09:45	**Project ideas**	• Participants formulate project ideas to be implemented in their LGA
10:00	**Action planning working groups**	• Participants will have the opportunity to plan for further cooperation
11:00	Coffee break	
11:15	**Action planning** *(cont.)*	
12:00	**Report back to the plenary** **Final discussion:** State of play – Where do LGAs stand today and what are their challenges?	
12:30	**Feedback and evaluation of the workshop**	
12:50	**Closing remarks**	
13:00	Lunch	
14:30-16:15	**Walk & Talk: municipal self-administration in the City of Cologne** Visit of the City Council and the historic City Hall, presentation of the City of Cologne's self administration system	
16:15	End of the Dialogue Event	

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Overview: Good practice examples

Group 1 Structure, processes and financing of LGA	Group 2 Representation of local government interests and influence on law-making
CALM (Moldova): Representation of LGs interests and influence on politicians – holistic approach	**United Cities Lebanon: The National Program of Support to Lebanese Municipalities**
Integral unity of three elements - institutional building, dialogue with national government and international advocacy - determines and generates the strength of association	Objectives of the program: Strengthening the recognition of municipalities in Lebanon; Strengthening the Lebanese municipal institution
NALAG (Ghana): Internal reforms for a stronger association	**SALGA (South Africa): SALGA's representation role in intergovernmental relations**
The association have built a good reputation both nationally and internationally as a result of the implementation of a good practices to run its affairs.	Participation by SALGA government in national and provincial intergovernmental processes; and SALGA to be consulted on all matters that materially affect local government's functions
DST (Germany): Ensuring political and financial independence of the Association of German Cities	**DST (Germany): Sustainable funding for public traffic**
The DST applies different mechanisms to make sure it maintains it independence both on a financial and political level.	Public traffic needs efficient and stable state funding for modernization, accessibility, digital development, infrastructure and rolling stock for a better environment and against climate change

Group 3 Thematic members' committees and working groups	Group 4 Membership services for training and exchange of municipal knowhow
SCTM (Serbia): Establishment and functioning of SCTM Networks	**ALAT (Tanzania): Mayors Award Scheme**
SCTM brings together local representatives around specific topics of LSG interests. The new mechanism is created for both providing and collecting information regarding new legislation and policies to and from the local level	Appreciation of the outstanding performance of the Mayors; includes Nomination and Application, Assessment and adjudication, Profiling and best practice dissemination, Feedback and capacity building
DST (Germany): Financing local expenditures for Refugees	**ANAMM (Mozambique): Strengthening the capacities of municipal assemblies (councilors) through peer learning**
Due to rising numbers of refugees arriving in Germany a new structure for finanancing local expenditures for refugee care had to be established.	Municipal assemblies members (councilors) benefited from training sessions facilitated by other skilled councilors (members of ANAMM).
AMPE (Peru): Program of Incentives for the Improvement of Municipal Management	**AACT (Austria): Development of multiple online tools for cities in order to meet the new data protection standards** The General Data Protection Regulation entered into force on 25th of May 2018 and raised wide-ranging new responsibilities for local authorities in Austria. The AACT started a couple of initiatives to support all of its members with guidelines and tools for a better implementation of the new and comprehensive regulation.