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CALL FOR COLLABORATION

1) Knowledge Project on Smart Financing for Smart Cities

Smart Cities find creative solutions to address their urban service needs, improve the quality of life and provide vibrant economic opportunities. How can we use innovative business and financing models to invest in these cities? Or, to put it differently – what does it take to mobilise smart financing and investments for Smart Cities?

The Centre for Liveable Cities (CLC), Singapore and WCSYL Joris van Etten (Programme Co-ordinator, Cities Development Initiative for Asia) invite fellow WCS Young Leaders to collaborate on a research project that explores developing innovative and viable business and financing models for cities.

Suggested areas for investigation are:

- 1) how markets are structured/regulated (including issue of demand management) to make public infrastructure and services financially sustainable,
- 2) governance structures that support sustainable financing models,
- 3) how urban services are priced;
- 4) and more – we welcome your inputs.

We are suggesting that the research would be best presented as a publication containing clear and concise case studies available to a broad international audience of city leaders and officials, heads of public sector agencies, and basically anyone interested in the topic.

The intention is to launch the publication, combined with a focused discussion session, at the next World Cities Summit, 10 – 14 July 2016 in Singapore.

We also hope to draw relevant insights from this year's WCS Mayors Forum in New York. Most of all, we hope WCS Young Leaders will contribute your expertise and knowledge.

If you are interested to contribute, or would like to find out more, please contact:

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2) The Global Practice for Social Protection & Labour, World Bank

The Global Practice for “Social Protection and Labor” of the World Bank is organizing a high-level South-South learning forum on the topic of “Emerging Urban Social Protection and Labor Systems” in Beijing in November 2015. Preparatory, technical-level, seminars will be held in Berlin (DEU) and Monterey (MEX) in June and July 2015. These events will try to bring together communities of practitioners from the urban and social protection sectors to engage into a dialogue about good practices how national level policies for social protection, employment, skill-building and enterprise development can be adapted best into the many urban challenges face by cities and metropolitan regions in the Global South.

We are currently looking to identify good practices or scalable experiences where “people-based” national social protection and labor policies and programs (financial transfer programs, social safety nets, productive inclusion, training and employment-services) are levered to the best benefit of “place-based” development (upgrading, basic infrastructure, local enterprise development) in cities and metropolitan areas. These learnings can encompass the design of management structure, financial flows, results monitoring systems between levels of Government (national, regional, local), or the inherent design features of social and urban programs. Special interest lies on the involvement of communities and residents.

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