



GLOBAL TASKFORCE

OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS
FOR **POST-2015** DEVELOPMENT AGENDA
TOWARDS **HABITAT III**

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In Habitat II, local governments were recognized as one of the main partners of UN Habitat in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda. Habitat II was also an important step forward in the recognition of the relevance of the networks of local authorities. As a result of the 1st World Assembly of Cities and Local Authorities organized in the framework of Habitat II in 1996, local authorities engaged in the building of a “single voice for local governments and their associations”. The Global Taskforce was born in 2012 of the same will to gather all main major networks of local and regional governments and ensure a joint advocacy towards Post 2015 development agenda and Habitat III.

The partnership between local authorities and UN Habitat over the last 20 years has been enlarged and reinforced. Habitat III should be the opportunity to assess this partnership and realize a qualitative leap in the relations between the UN and local governments, recognizing them with a special status including a more direct role and responsibilities in the governing bodies of UN Habitat.

Representatives of Local Governments will present the work that they are doing towards Habitat III and the Preparation of the Second World Assembly of Local and Regional Governments in Quito at Habitat III.

- **Dr. Kadir Topbaş**, Mayor of Istanbul (Turkey), President of UCLG
- **Ms. Annemarie Jorritsma-Lebbink**, Mayor of Almere (the Netherlands), Vice President of UCLG, Chair of VNG
- **Ms. Jacqueline Moustache-Belle**, Mayor of Victoria (Seychelles)
- **Mr. Mpho Moruakgomo**, President of Botswana Association of Local Authorities (BALA), Vice-President of UCLG, Bureau Member of CLGF