



UCLG COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL INCLUSION, PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Regional workshops to discuss the GOLD III report first version

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Dear members,

Since last March, various regional workshops are taking place with the aim to discuss the role that local governments are playing on the governance of basic services across the world.

The workshops are taking place in the framework of the UCLG GOLD project – [Global Observatory on Local Democracy and Decentralization](#), which produces a triennial World Report on key sets of themes for local government. The purpose of these reports is to be a central instrument in the realization of UCLG objectives: to become a world reference point for information and knowledge on the state of local and regional governments, local democracy and decentralization.

The third Report, **GOLD III**, is centred on the [governance of basic local services](#). A group of experts have been working on the project for some months under the supervision of Dr. **David Satterthwaite**, to draft the first version of the report regarding the current situation in the provision of services such as drinking water, sanitation, health, basic education, collection of waste, transport and energy around the world.

The UCLG Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights strongly encourages its members all over the world to take part in these workshops. The objective of these events will be to present the work carried out by the experts in order to discuss, correct and suggest changes, and particularly to ensure that work already conducted accurately reflects the vision of local practices.



Until now, several workshops have already taken place in Asia (Manila – **Philippines**, March 22), Africa (Johannesburg – **South Africa**, March 26 and Cotonou – **Benin**, March 28) and Europe (Brussels – **Belgium**, April 9-10).

The next regional workshops will take place in accordance with the following calendar:

- **Asia:** April 17 in Ahmedabad (**India**).
- **Eurasia:** April 22 in San Petersburg (**Russia**).
- **Asia:** May 15-18, Gwangju (**South Korea**) within the framework of the UCLG Asia-Pacific Executive Bureau.
- **Latin America:** May 6-7 in San Salvador (**El Salvador**). This workshop is addressed to Latin American local government associations.
- **Latin America (Mercosur):** May 27 in Montevideo (**Uruguay**). This workshop has been organised by MercoCiudades with the support of UN Habitat.
- **Latin America: June** 12-14, Missions (**Argentina**) within the framework of FLACMA 7th Latin-American Congress of Cities and Local Governments *ExperienciAmérica* 2013.

Following the [GOLD I](#) and [GOLD II](#) report lines, the **GOLD III** preparation is generating important elements of reflection in order to support the contribution of local and regional governments concerning the debate on the achievement of the **Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)** and on the future goals of the [United Nations Development Agenda Post-2015](#).

The final version of the **GOLD III Report** will be presented during the [UCLG 4th World Congress in Rabat \(Morocco\)](#) in October 2013, and published in 2014 - the date scheduled by the International Community for the evaluation and revision of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

The executive secretariat of the UCLG Committee on Social Inclusion, Participatory Democracy and Human Rights will send to those members interested in participating in these workshops the **working documents** of each session. You can contact the secretariat through the following email address: cisd1@uclg.org.

Best regards,

The UCLG World Secretariat

on behalf of the Committee on Social Inclusion, Participative Democracy and Human Rights