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**The Impact of Economic and Financial Crisis on Local Governance
in Africa:
The Response of Local Authorities to the New Development
Challenges**

**6 - 7 November 2009
Palazzo Vecchio
Florence, Italy**

6 November 2009

08:00 am – 09:00 am Registration and Welcome Coffee

09:00 am – 10:20 am Opening Session

Matteo Renzi, Mayor of Florence, Italy

Riccardo Nencini, President of the Regional Council of Tuscany, Italy

H.E. Pierre Mupira, Minister of Decentralization and Communal Development (TBC)

Elisabetta Belloni, Director General DGCS, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy

Carolyn Hannan, Director, Division for the Advancement of Women, United Nations
Department of Economic and Social Affairs

10.20 am – 10.40 am

Keynote Address

John-Mary Kausya, Chief, Governance and Public Administration Branch (GPAB), Public Administration and Development Management (DPADM), United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

10:40 am – 12:10 pm

Decentralization and Sustainable Development: the Leveraging of Territorial Resources to Fight Poverty and Achieve the MDGs

Chair: *Gérard Collomb*, Mayor of Lyon, France, Chair of Decentralized Cooperation Committee, UCLG (TBC)

Lambert Yapi, Mayor of Tiassalé (Ville Pilote du Millénaire), Ivory Coast

Michael Smalley, Director General of the International Network of the African Medical and Research Foundation (AMREF)

Nicola Bellini, Director of the Regional Institute for Economical Planning of Tuscany (IRPET), Italy

Open discussion

12:10 pm – 12:30 pm

Presentation of the research “Contribution of Decentralized Cooperation to Decentralization in Africa”

George W. Matovu, Regional Director of the Municipal Development Partnership (MDP - Eastern and Southern Africa)

Andrea de Guttry, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa, Italy

12:30 pm – 12:45 pm

Claudio Martini, President of the Tuscany Region, Italy

12:45 pm – 02:15 pm

Lunch break

02:15 pm – 03:30 pm

Financial and Fiscal Decentralization: Challenges and Perspectives

Chair: *H.E. Protais Musoni*, Minister of Local Government, Rwanda

Salim Kassim Kisauji, Mayor of Tanga City, Tanzania, and President of Tanzania Cities Network (TACINE)

Arnau Gutiérrez Camps, Direction of Services of International Relations, Diputació de Barcelona, Spain

Luciano Benedetti, Chief Financial Officer, Municipality of Siena, Italy

Pilot Project on Register of Births in Burkina Faso

Alberto Cioni, Municipality of Santa Croce sull'Arno, Italy

Open discussion

03:30 pm – 04:45 pm Enhancing Delivery of Basic Services at Local Level

Chair: *H.E. Mbusa Nyamwisi*, Minister of Decentralization, Democratic Republic of Congo

Josephine Kasya, Chairperson of the Kanungu District Local Government, Uganda

Giovanni Allegretti, University of Coimbra, Portugal

Benaou Reine Sakande, Director of Decentralized Cooperation, Ministry of Territorial Administration and Decentralization, and First Deputy Mayor of Sig-Noghin, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

Open discussion

04:45 pm – 6:00 pm Special Event: A proposal for the future: *The Euro-African Partnership Foundation*

Massimo Toschi, Cooperation Minister of the Tuscany Region, Italy

Simonetta Paganini, National Association of the Italian Municipalities (ANCI), Italy

Stefano Fusi, Union of the Italian Provinces (UPI), Tuscany, Italy

Abdel Kader Sidibé, President of the Association of the Municipalities of Mali (AMM)

Lucie Guillet, European platform of Local/Regional Authorities for Development

Open discussion

7 November 2009

09:00 am – 10:30 am Exchanging Competencies, Knowledge and Resources: North-South and South-South Partnerships Regional and Local Authorities

Chair: *Carl Wright*, Secretary General of the Commonwealth Local Governments Forum

Pierre Hamon, Cellule de Prospective, Committee of the Regions (TBC)

Juliette Soulabaille, Honorary Mayoress of Corps-Nuds and former member of the Committee of the Regions

Abdoulaye Sene, Member of the National Assembly of Senegal, Counsellor of the Fatick Region, President of the Global Local Forum, Senegal

Open discussion

10:30 am – 11:15 am A case study from Benin “Complementarity between big infrastructural projects and decentralized cooperation.”

Seidou Mako Imorou, Director General, Department for Urban Planning, Ministry of

Environment, Habitat and Urban Planning of Benin

Luigi Tessitore, Project Coordinator: “Sanitation of West Cotonou flooding areas”
European Union funded project

EXPO 2015 - Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life

Filippo Ciantia, International Affairs Department, EXPO 2015

11:15 am – 11:30 am

Giuseppe Morabito, General Director of the Sub-Saharan Africa DG, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy

11:30 am – 01:00 pm

Adoption of Recommendations (Communiqué)/ final declaration

Chair: *H.E. Adolf Mwesigye*, Minister of Local Government, Uganda (TBC)

01:00 pm – 02:30 pm

Lunch break