

Local Economic Development

Description of event:

The massive transformations taking place in the global economy resulting from trade liberalization, privatization, and enhanced telecommunications are posing formidable challenges to local governments. Sudden economic shifts can dramatically affect the economic health of municipalities and the livelihood of their residents. Poverty is increasingly becoming urbanized. Yet many local authorities lack the tools required to take charge of these challenges and compete on a national, regional and global basis. This session will seek to identify approaches to encourage local economic growth.

Name of organization:

UN-HABITAT Training and Capacity Building Branch

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UN-HABITAT's Training and Capacity Building Branch (TCBB) supports national local government training institutions to build their capacity to implement innovative governance programmes targeted at local governments and development-oriented NGOs and CBOs. Our training programmes and manuals enable these institutions to adapt internally recognized tools to local contexts in Africa, Asia, Latin America and countries in transition.

Partner organizations:

International Labour Organisation (ILO)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Partners Romania Foundation for Local Development
ECO PLAN International
World Bank

Confirmed speakers:

Ms. Francine Senécal, Vice-Chair, Executive Committee, City of Montreal
Mr. William Trousdale, President ECOPLAN International
Ms. Gwen Swinburn, Senior Urban Specialist, World Bank
Ms. Lael Bethlehem, Head, Economic Development, City of Johannesburg
Mr. Brock Carlton, Director, International Centre for Municipal Development, Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Mr. Kees van der Ree, Director, International Labour Organization
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