

Participatory Budgeting, Urban Governance and Democracy

Description of event:

The event will consist of (1) a presentation of the base document and of the activities of the URB-AL 9 Network “ Participatory Budgeting and Municipal Finance”, coordinated by Porto Alegre and which counts with nearly 200 Latin American and European cities, (2) a presentation of a selected number of Participatory Budgeting experiences and of the collection of resources available internationally prepared by UMP LAC and (3) a presentation and debate on the contribution that Participatory Budgeting is making to urban governance and democracy.

Name of organization:

Porto Alegre Municipality, URB-AL 9 Network Coordinator, Brazil
In cooperation with the International Centre for Urban Management: CIGU/PGU. Quito

Description of organization:

Since 1989, the Municipality of Porto Alegre , Brazil, has been implementing participatory management methods and the “Participatory Budget” in particular, by which the residents of the city decide on how the municipal budget is allocated and spent.

Partner organizations:

Partners cities and institutions of the URBAL Network on Participatory Budgeting and Municipal Finance.
Urban Management Programme, Coordination Latin American and the Caribbean.
Harvard University, Centre for Urban Development Studies, Cambridge.
European Union (URBAL/Europe Aid).
Foro de Autoridades Locales para la Inclusion Social. Local Authorities Forum for Social Inclusion.
Global Campaign for Good Urban Governance (UN-HABITAT).
National Front of Mayors (Frente Nacional de Prefeitos)
United Nations Volunteers.

Confirmed speakers:

Hon. Mr. Olivio Dutra, State Minister of Cities, Brazil
Mrs. Rosa Aguilar, Mayor of Cordoba, Spain
Mr. João Verle, Mayor of Porto Alegre, Brazil
Mr. Auki Tituaña, Mayor of Cotacachi, Ecuador
Mr. Eduardo Mancuso, International Relations Coordinator of Porto Alegre City Hall, Brazil
Mr. André Passos, Planning Office of Porto Alegre City Hall, Brazil
Mr. Yves Cabannes, Porto Alegre City Hall's Consultant for URB-AL 9 Issues, Harvard University Graduate School of Design
Mrs. Maria Auxiliadora Gomes, Popular Participation Coordinator of Belo Horizonte City Hall, Brazil
Mr. Jaime Vásconez, Executive Secretary, International Center of Urban Gestion (CIGU)
Mr. Yves Sintomer, International Expert on Participatory Budget

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