### Sustainable Cities and Villages: International Training for Local Authorities

**Description of event:**
This event will present how the UNITAR CIFAL Network and partners are providing training to increase and build on the existing capacity of local governments and communities leaders by equipping them with the skills and access to knowledge on a range of global and urban environmental management issues, all in the context of the implementation of the MDGs that calls for economic development and the eradication of poverty; the insurance of environmental sustainability; the support of democracy, and good governance and human rights.

**Name of organization:**
UNITAR CIFAL Network.

**Description of organization:**
CIFAL is a network of capacity building centres for achieving sustainable urbanization in the context of increased responsibilities of local authorities and providing equitable access to services for citizens.

**Partner organizations:**
Global Ecovillage Network- a network that links together a highly diverse worldwide movement of autonomous ecovillages (over 15,000) and related projects. Host cities of CIFAL Centres and their respective partners including private sector, the regional associations of local associations.

**Confirmed speakers:**
N/A

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