

Summary of Discussions on Mainstreaming at National and Global Level

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Regional Priorities

1. Capacity Building:

- Training of all stakeholders
- Anchoring institutions in various countries should develop common curricula for EPM

Objectives:

- Getting a critical mass
- Change attitudes

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2. Networking and coordination:

- Among ministries at national level
- Between countries of the region
- Between donor institutions
- Between training institutions

Objective:

- Get all necessary stakeholders involved and buy in from the highest political level

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3. National legislation, national strategies, and guidelines and tools

- Environment, local government and decentralization acts
- PRSPs

Objectives:

- Implement and enforce EPM at national level

1. AFRICAN CITIES CONTRIBUTING TO DEBATE ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

- Yes – Most African cities contribute to debates on global environmental issues such as air pollution, climate change, conservation measures (e.g. Nakuru), afforestation and desertification.

2. HOW DOES EPM CONTRIBUTE TO IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS?

- Adopting local actions and best practices that can contribute to solving global problems
- Documentations, exchanges and sharing lessons of experience
- Thinking globally and acting locally – using EPM to tackle global issues
- Underscoring and reinforcing the principles of good governance - participatory and inclusive approach

3. WHAT SHOULD BE DONE TO MAINSTREAM EPM LESSONS OF EXPERIENCE IN GLOBAL AGENDAs, CONVENTIONS ETC

- Awareness building – through advocacy, sensitizations and consultations at various levels – regional, global
- Bringing local experiences into global agendas
- Mainstreaming lessons of best practices into into global agendas such as the Habitat Agenda, MDG, PRSPs

4. CHANGES NEEDED FROM SCP/LA21 TO ADDRESS ISSUES RAISED

- Provide adequate technical and financial support through adequate provision of guidelines, toolkits and capacity building to national and city institutions
- Encourage joint UN-HABITAT/UNEP missions to countries to improve cooperation and collaboration at national and local levels and buy in of Ministers
- Promote better understanding and collaboration on part of national political leaders in areas of poverty, environment and urban development

Mainstreaming EPM Experience Global Level: Anglophone African Countries

What?	Yes	No		
Have cities contributed to global environment issues?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By contributing to environmental degradation/pollution • Through addressing global environmental issues and conservation (climate change, marine pollution, air pollution, biodiversity, waste) • Through awareness raising • By participating in meetings of international env. Conventions • Through membership in international city network (ICLEI) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debate takes place at national level 		

What?	Using lessons of Experience	Implementation at local level		
How could EPM contribute to implementation of international instruments and agreements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation • Sharing of best practices, lessons of experience • Workshops • Implementation of lessons of experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinforcing good governance through EPM • Implement projects to adhere to international instruments and mechanisms • Using EPM to find local solutions to global issues • Adapting national legislation to local level through EPM • Think globally, act locally 		
What?	Awareness Raising	Adaptation at Local Level	Discussion For a	Bring Local Experience into

				Global Agendas etc
What should be done to mainstream EPM lessons of experience in global agendas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campaigns on benefits of EPM • Sensitization, education and training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Popularize lessons learnt through EPM • Adaptation of local solutions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form national forum to discuss global issues so that EPM informs it and it informs global for a • Systematic consultations at different levels • Organise regional workshops 	Consolidate best practices into global guidelines, MEAs MDGs etc. Agendas, conventions should be based on local experience

What?	Technical and financial support	Coordination	Thematic assistance	
Changes in Support from SCP/LA21, UN-HABITAT, UNEP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice, by avoiding direct influence • Capacity building • Assistance in fund-raising • Deploy more experts to work with cities/countries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-ministerial linkage with external partners, achieve joint programming and response to UNDAF • UN-HABITAT and UNEP to go on joint missions and bring ministries together • Get buy-in from Ministers and Permanent Secretaries • Workshop for all <i>national</i> stakeholders • Improving/facilitating sharing of lessons of experience in the region • Establish a formal channel of sharing information with cities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy on global issues • Customization of conventions to local settings • Review and modify sectoral global commitments to include EPM local experience 	