

SCP/LA21 Global Meeting, Havana 2005 Arab and Francophone African Countries

Minutes of meeting for the plenary at the closing session

These minutes of meetings represents collective views of the different groups of delegations from (Burkina Faso, Senegal, Egypt and Morocco). Those views were articulated through the different sessions held to elaborate on changes required to mainstream EPM at the local, national and global levels.

1. It was clear that there was complete emphasis on capacity building issues with its main focus on adaptation and translation of tools into French and Arabic languages for both regions respectively and implementation of ToT on the use of these tools. The table below summarizes the division of roles and responsibilities to achieve this strategic objective amongst the following (national) institutions :

INAU- National Institute for Urban Planning (Morocco)
 CREPA- Centre for Potable Water and Sanitation (Burkina Faso)
 IAGU- African Institute for Urban Management (Senegal)
 SIGP- Sustainable Ismailia Governorate Program (Egypt)
 UTI- Urban Training and Studies Institute (Egypt)

Title of UN-HABITAT training tools	Institution responsible	
	French Speaking countries	Arab states
EPM – Participatory Planning manuals	IAGU	Overview was performed from SIGP
Local leadership	Accomplished	Accomplished by (needs adaptation to Maghreb countries)
NGO's	IACU, CREPA and INAU	ONGOING SIGP
LED	INAU	UTI
BUS	CREPA	UTI
EMIS	IACU	UTI
Gender	CREPA	SIGP
Municipal Finance	CREPA	UTI

2. Financial mechanisms were prioritized by three countries, requesting:
 - Identification of funds
 - Facilitation of access to funds
 - Establishment of contact with potential donors
 - UN-HABITAT in cooperation with the different national representatives agreed that municipal finance training tools produced by UN-HABITAT and its expected translation will facilitate this objective.

3. In order to mainstream EPM at the **Global level**, the different countries' representatives agreed about the following changes:
 - Create network of cities

- Strengthen linkages between local and international levels.
- Bring local initiatives to the attention of national and global actors to address issues in global conventions
- Increase awareness of global conventions at the local level
- Create harmonization between (UNEP and UN-HABITAT) programmes, approaches, indicators and consolidate methodologies
- Identify financial resources
- Prepare tools/guidelines to support new countries in LA 21 initiatives
- Provide opportunities for the inputs of mayors to be incorporated in global forum
- UNEP should support countries in understanding and implementing global conventions, assess their environmental activities and provide recommendations