

Thursday 30th June, 2005 1400 - 1530	Mainstreaming EPM at the Global level	Discussion Groups Worksheet
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Discussion Background Statement

Globally speaking, many good local government experiences hardly ever see the portals of national planning. They often sprout, bloom and wither at the local level without ever getting an opportunity to sharpen and enrich national policies, strategies, legislation and program guidelines. This is because we seldom find effective and sustainable institutional mechanisms that regularly document and analyze such experience, codify and mainstream their lessons into national policy and legislation that will in turn ensure their application by all local authorities.

Focus Questions

- 1. Have cities in your country contributed to the debate on global issues?**
- 2. How could EPM lessons of experience contribute to improve international instruments and mechanisms?**
- 3. What should be done to mainstream EPM lessons of experience in global agendas, conventions and fora?**

Discussion references

1. Individual experiences
2. Documented experiences
3. Background papers and their annexes