



## Local and Regional Government (LRG)

### **Purpose of brief:**

- To inform EB-148 of activities in the local and regional government sector since EB-147, 2015.

### **Relates to:**

- ✓ Programme of Action, Durban Resolution #34.

**Background:** The LRG work plan activities for 2015-2017 aim at building a strong, functional, global organisational basis for the sector through the cooperation of all sector constituents (affiliates and members, regional federations, regional and subregional offices, head office and strategic allies), aimed at building a more cohesive global identity and visibility, while addressing challenges, influencing policy and driving growth. The implementation of the work programme that was presented at the SC-19 depends on the availability of budgetary and extra-budgetary resources, on human resources, on the active interest and participation of affiliates, and on upcoming opportunities and priorities. On those basis it will be adapted as necessary.

### **Discussion:**

#### **Local and Regional Government Work Plan 2015-2017 – Update on ongoing activities**

##### **1. LRG Global Sector Coordination**

- Global LRG priority issue survey and mapping (expected circulation: end 03/2016)
- Global PSI LRG Global Conference in Brussels (19/09/2016)
- Regional LRG Conference in Fukuoka City, Japan (10/10/2016)

##### **2. Global Policy Dialogue**

- **Habitat III** - preparation of PSI position on HIII in alliance with BWI, participation in HIII General Assembly of Partners (GAP) activities, definition of PSI delegation, preparatory conference in Surabaya (Indonesia) 25-27/07/2016, and Habitat III conference in Quito (Ecuador) 17-21/10/2016 ongoing – pending on activity approval by UN Habitat
- LRG side event at both venues around the theme '*Financing quality local public services*' – description under development – pending activity approval by UN Habitat
- **UNGPs<sup>1</sup> – UN Forum on Business and Human Rights – 'Role of the State'** (definition of PSI angle, identification of allies, prospective active participation in 5<sup>th</sup> Forum 11/2016, Geneva)

##### **3. Global Social Dialogue**

- **UCLG (United Cities and Local Governments)** – follow-up cooperation on Habitat III, Climate Change, LED<sup>2</sup>, ILO, UN Water, Migration, Tax & Trade, etc.; maintain regular dialogue towards labour issues
  - Migration with EPSU follow-up
  - Follow-up on Habitat III
- **ICLEI<sup>3</sup>** – explore / initiate dialogue

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<sup>1</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United\\_Nations\\_Guiding\\_Principles\\_on\\_Business\\_and\\_Human\\_Rights](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Nations_Guiding_Principles_on_Business_and_Human_Rights)

<sup>2</sup> Local Economic Development

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.iclei.org>

#### 4. Growth and Decent Work in the Waste Subsector

- Sector and issue **mapping**
- Build contacts with cooperatives of informal workers
- Explore funding available from ILO or other institutions/donors - for activities related to a growth capacity-building and campaign strategy elaboration, selected target municipalities/cities with connections to **circular and social economy**
- Setup a **PSI Waste Sector Network** (1<sup>st</sup> expected activity tentatively in 2017)

#### 5. Global LRG Communications

- **LRG communication platform** established and encouragement of membership and interregional communication (closed groups **PSI Municipal Network** up and running <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1387749988199227>)
- **Population of PSI website** for the LRG page

#### 6. Identified LRG research areas

- Sustainable financing for local government (including issues related to tax and trade policy)
- Innovative urban policies for smart cities (focus on quality public local services and public-public partnerships, Habitat III)
- The potential of local currencies for financing local government and local public services
- Social and environmental good practices in municipal waste management
- Innovative city-based experience of participatory democracy at a local level and the role of municipal trade unions in the process.
- Identification of good practices on responsible local public procurement

#### 7. Research internship at PSI HO

An opening for a research internship in Local and Regional Government has been posted on the PSI website and disseminated among academic institutions in the PSI area:

<http://www.world-psi.org/en/vacancy-internship-local-and-regional-government>

**Budget implications:** As per proposed 2016 budget, Habitat III activities are partially supported by FES.

#### Next steps:

- Global LRG Sector Conference, Brussels (Belgium), 19/09/2016
- Habitat III Prep Conf 3, Surabaya (Indonesia), 25-27/07/2016
- Municipal Workers' Discussion during APRECON, Fukuoka City (Japan), 10/10/2016
- Habitat III Conference, Quito (Ecuador), 17 -21/10/2016
- 5<sup>th</sup> UN Forum on Business and Human Rights – 'Role of the State', Geneva (Switzerland), 11/2016

It is recommended that EB-148:  
1. NOTE this report.

YES / NO