

Supporting the Urban Dimension of Development Cooperation: Enhancing financial positions of cities in developing countries to achieve sustainable urban development

Policy session

11 November 2019, 14:30-17:30

European Parliament, JAN 6Q1

This event - Policy Session will serve to direct further analysis towards practicable recommendations and tools in using sustainable urbanisation as driver of development. It will bring together a limited number (max. 80) of UN, EC and IFI senior staff, and prominent thought leaders in global academia. The Session consists of a **The Why** keynote setting the stage and emphasising why effective investment in urbanisation is crucial for development; **the What** - taking stock from perspective of the international institutions, organised as a Round table, **the Next** - organised as a brief debate, and a concluding statement by a principal of EC.

Policy session, @ European Parliament, Brussels

14:30 Welcome: Jan Olbrycht MEP, Chair of the session

14:40 Opening: Mr. Koen Doens, Director-General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission

14:50 **Keynote: Why Sustainable Urbanisation is Critical for Development,**

Sir Paul Professor Collier CBE Fellow of the British Academy, University of Oxford
(by live videolink)

15:20 **The What** - Round Table: State of the Art – institutions (**EIB** – Mr. Gerry Muscat, Head of Regional and Urban Development, **UNCDF** – Mr. David Jackson, Director, Local Development Finance, **AECID** – Ms. Ana Beatriz Jordao Carneiro-Monteiro, Chief of Coordination Area of Sustainable Cities, **DG REGIO** – Wallis Goelen Vandebrock, Senior Adviser [tbc])

Introduced and Moderated by Ms. Jennifer Musisi (Kampala, Uganda), City Leader in Residence at Bloomberg City Leadership Initiative; Harvard University

16:20 **The Next** - Debate on Way forward: Representatives of EU Institutions and the floor

Introduced and Moderated by Professor Anthony Venables CBE Fellow of the British Academy, University of Oxford

17:20 Way forward: EC closing intervention



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