**Survey: Exchange and learning needs’ assessment
among Local Government Associations (LGA)**

**Strengthening the role of LGA as voice of cities**

The international platform for sustainable urban development - *Connective Cities* and its initiators, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, the German Association of Cities (DST) and Engagement Global gGmbH / Service Agency Communities in One World (SKEW), would like to invite the members and observers of the CIB working Group to participate in a **survey to assess and identify the exchange and learning needs of local government organisations (LGA) in order to strengthen their role as voice of cities.**

The *Connective Cities* project connects urban practitioners (municipalities, their associations, municipal companies as well as representatives from academia, civil society and companies, involved and interested in urban projects) across world regions to share good practices and develop innovative approaches to address common challenges. In order to achieve this, Connective Cities organizes dialogue events and learning programmes such as workshops, training courses and study tours.

We would very much like to have a better understanding of possible exchange and learning needs among local government associations to evaluate if *Connective Cities* should support LGAs through a more specific and targeted set of activities for mutual learning. **In order to assess such exchange and learning needs that you, as an LGA representative, and your association as a whole might have, we would like to kindly ask you to complete the following short survey from the joint perspective of your entire organisation.** Completing the survey will take not more than 5 minutes to be completed and the answers will be treated confidentially. **Please complete the questionnaire and send it back by close of business Friday 24th November to** **benjamin.jeromin@engagement-global.de****.**

In coordination with UCLG and its CIB working group, *Connective Cities’* aim is to integrate and streamline the results of this technical exchange and learning process within upcoming events of UCLG and its thematic groups at political as well as working levels.

Depending on the survey’s results, *Connective Cities* is considering to organise **a LGA learning and exchange event in Germany, hosted by the German Association of Cities, in the first quarter of 2018**. This event would focus on the needs identified by LGAs representatives through this survey (e.g. on legal instruments, financing of LGA, services for LGA members, etc.) and facilitate the exchange of experiences among LGAs including also non-CIB members. Travel and accommodation costs for active participants will be reimbursed.

**Exchange and learning needs’ assessment - Survey form**

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| **Personal information (optional)** |
|  | [ ]  Mr. [ ]  Mrs.  |
| Last Name, First Name: | … |
| Association / Municipality / Organisation | … |
| Function & department | … |
| City & Country | … |
| Phone number  | … |
| E-Mail address | …[ ]  *Please keep me informed about the Connective Cities event* |
| My organisation is:  | [ ]  A CIB member [ ]  A CIB observer[ ]  Other, please specify: … |

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| **Exchange and learning needs** |

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| **Have you or your LGA participated in events for capacity development through mutual learning and/or exchange of experiences?** | [ ]  Yes, please specify: … [ ]  No |

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|  | **1**Insufficient | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5**Adequate |
| **How do you evaluate the current opportunities for exchange and mutual learning with colleagues from other LGAs?** |[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

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|  | **1** Low potential | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** High potential |
| **How do you assess the general potential for capacity building through peer-to-peer learning and exchange of good practices between LGAs?** |[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

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| **In which specific thematic areas has your LGA developed good practices and / or expertise that might be beneficial to other LGAs?**  |  … |

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| **In which specific thematic areas has your LGA identified demands or challenges that could benefit from exchange and peer-to-peer learning with other LGAs?** | **1**Not relevant | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5**Highly relevant |
| Representation of local government interests vis-à-vis the regional and national governments  |[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
| Influence on law-making by stating positions on draft laws |[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
| Membership services |[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
| Public relations and strategic planning |[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
| Implementing the SDG |[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
| Structure and processes of LGA (decision making process, rules of procedures, statute) |[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
| Thematic members’ committees and working groups |[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
| Legal instruments (hearing rights, constitutional complaints) |[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
| Financing of LGA |[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
| LGA and international cooperation projects |[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
| Political status / degree of independency from State and political Parties |[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
| **Other, please specify**: | … |

*Please send the completed questionnaire by close of business Friday 24th November to* *benjamin.jeromin@engagement-global.de**. Thank you!*