

## **Housing policies in the global south Shifting from a delivery to an integrated approach**

Session co-organized by:

- Metropolis Initiative “Mentoring on Upgrading Informal Settlements”
- United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)

**Date: 18 July 2013**

**Time: 11:00 – 13:00**

**Venue: Ballroom 1 & 2**

### **PROGRAM**

#### **Speakers:**

- **Mr Thabane Zulu**, Director-General of the Department of Urban Settlements of South Africa
- **James Nxumalo**, Mayor of eThekweni Municipality (Durban Metropolitan Area)
- **Rovena Negreiros**, Planning Director of Emplasa, Metropolitan Planning Agency of the São Paulo State Government
- **José Floriano de Azevedo Marques Neto**, Secretary of Housing of the São Paulo City

**Facilitator: Josep Roig**, Secretary General, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)

**Rapporteur: Xolile George**, CEO South African Local Governments Association (SALGA)

### **SUMMARY**

This roundtable will share the progress of the South-South cooperation between the cities of São Paulo and eThekweni, and hopes to inspire more inter-governmental cooperation on the delivery of human settlements. Both nations, Brazil and South Africa, have made significant efforts to improve the situation of the urban poor by developing and implementing massive social housing programs in the last decade. In the South-South cooperation framework, housing seems an extremely enriching opportunity for the cooperation between all government levels, as well as NGOs and different cities to learn from each other.

This session builds on the Metropolis Initiative “Mentoring on Upgrading Informal Settlements”, led by São Paulo and Durban Municipalities, jointly with United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), and applies practical experiences from São Paulo housing policies to a pilot project of 100 housing units at the area Welbedacht, in the eThekweni Municipality. Much of this initiative’s and round table’s lessons are likely to be taken into account so that South African housing policy is constantly revised to be more effective, more sustainable and more inclusive.

## BACKGROUND QUESTIONS

- How can we improve the human settlements management in our cities? How can housing service be sustainable?
- How can the housing policy shift from a delivery to an integrated approach?
- What are the priorities in the discussion on housing held in international, national and local levels?
- Where does housing service start and end until the neighborhood is implemented?