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## Relevant Organisations and Resources

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### **Commonwealth Secretariat: Governance and Institutional Development Division**

[www.thecommonwealth.org/governance](http://www.thecommonwealth.org/governance)

The Commonwealth Secretariat executes plans agreed by Commonwealth Heads of Government through technical assistance, advice and policy development. The Governance and Institutional Development Division (GIDD) has responsibility for the Commonwealth Secretariat's mandate on public sector development. GIDD's work covers the full spectrum of public policy, management, and administration, as well as issues relating to civil society and private sector institutions with public responsibilities. GIDD's in-house advisers provide strategic advice and technical assistance in capacity building and institutional development towards poverty alleviation and sustainable development to meet the specific needs of Commonwealth developing countries.

*For Commonwealth Secretariat local government publications please visit:*

<http://publications.thecommonwealth.org/>

### **United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) Local Development**

[http://www.uncdf.org/english/local\\_development/index.php](http://www.uncdf.org/english/local_development/index.php)

This website presents the UNCDF's approach to decentralisation and local development through institutional reform, policy change and capacity building. It includes a substantial collection of policy papers, country project papers, thematic papers and technical reports.

### **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Democratic Governance Group: Decentralization, Local Governance and Urban/Rural Development**

<http://www.undp.org/governance/sl-dlgud.htm>

This sub-section of UNDP's Democratic Governance programme aims to support donors to help build national ownership, national capacities and an enabling policy environment for effective decentralisation, local governance and urban/rural development. It contains a selection of UNDP guidance notes, toolkits and other publications.

## **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) – Decentralization and Local Governance in Asia and the Pacific**

<http://regionalcentrebangkok.undp.or.th/practices/governance/decentralization/>  
The UNDP Regional Centre in Bangkok supports country offices in decentralisation and local governance programmes. In particular, it focuses on three areas:

- Strengthening local democratic governance
- Achieving the MDGs at the local level
- Decentralised governance in conflict and post-crisis situations

## **World Bank: Decentralization and Subnational Regional Economics**

<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/TOPICS/EXTPUBLICSECTORANDGOVERNANCE/EXTDSRE/0,,menuPK:390249~pagePK:149018~piPK:149093~theSitePK:390243,00.html>

This World Bank thematic group provides a broad overview of the key themes relating to decentralisation and subnational economics with an emphasis on fiscal and administrative decentralisation. Their website includes guidance tools, seminar material and country level data on decentralisation.

## **EuropeAid**

[http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/what/governance-democracy/publicadministration/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/what/governance-democracy/publicadministration/index_en.htm)

The EU provides assistance to support decentralisation and local economic development. It also supports reform by increasing the quality and supply of social services at local level (i.e. through the construction of schools, medical centres, etc.). The Commission also backs efforts to enhance the accountability of local governments and promote dialogue and partnership with civil society, community-based organisations and the private sector. From 2004 to 2006, the EC invested €831 million in programmes promoting public administration reform and decentralisation in more than 40 countries.

## **Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF)**

<http://www.clgf.org.uk/>

CLGF works to promote and strengthen effective democratic local government throughout the Commonwealth. The CLGF website contains a number of reports and country specific information on decentralisation initiatives, including the *Commonwealth Local Government Handbook*. It also hosts the *Commonwealth Journal of Local Governance*.

## **United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)**

<http://www.cities-localgovernments.org/uclg/index.asp>

UCLG represents the interests of local governments on the world stage. It advocates democratic local self-government through co-operation between local governments,

and within the wider international community. The website includes a large range of resources including the Global Observatory on Local Democracy and Decentralisation (GOLD), which contains information on local self-government, local authorities and local democracy. UCLG also has regional bodies in Africa, Asia-Pacific, Euro-Asia, Europe, Latin America, and Middle East-West Asia.

### **The African Caribbean Pacific Local Government Platform (ACPLGP)**

<http://www.acplgp.net/>

ACPLGP is an umbrella organisation of mayors and representatives of existing local government associations in the Africa Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries. The ACPLGP website aims to raise awareness of the role of local government in the Cotonou Partnership Agreement. It includes networking services, tools, good practices and an online library with a substantial collection of publications on local governance issues.

### **The Euro-African Partnership for Decentralized Governance**

<http://www.euroafricanpartnership.org/index.php/component/content/article/1-welcome-to-euro-african-partnership-for-decentralised-governance>

The Euro African Partnership for Decentralized Governance aims to contribute to the strengthening of local governance in Africa by facilitating the establishment of relationships between African and European local institutions. The website contains information and documentation from past conferences as well as a number of publications which focus on decentralisation and gender.

### **Local Government and Public Service Reform Initiative (LGI), Hungary**

<http://lgi.osi.hu/>

LGI works to promote democratic and effective local government and public administration. It supports local government and decentralisation efforts in eastern Europe, central Asia and selected countries in Latin America and east Asia. The website includes a project database and numerous publications as well as the quarterly local governance brief.

### **UN-HABITAT**

<http://www.unhabitat.org/categories.asp?catid=10>

The United Nations Human Settlements Programme, UN-HABITAT, is the United Nations agency for human settlements. It is mandated by the UN General Assembly to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities with the goal of providing adequate shelter for all.

### **UK Local Government Alliance for International Development**

<http://www.lg-alliance.org/>

This alliance of five local government bodies in the UK works to raise awareness within UK local councils of international development issues and to promote the capacity of the local government sector to contribute to international development aims.

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