

## Learning Journey:

### “Urban, Peri-Urban Development Dynamics”

We have the great pleasure to announce an exciting learning journey on “Urban, Peri-Urban Development Dynamics”. In the last years, it became evident at SDC that especially urban and peri-urban development gets increasingly important in view of the global trends of an “urbanized world”.

In 2016, SDC South Cooperation management has launched a reflection process to prepare an Issue Paper (IP) on a possible future SDC’s positioning in urban and peri-urban development. Currently, the IP is in official consultation and shall be the basis for strategic SDC management decisions. The learning journey will carry on and will take into account these reflections.

The learning journey is aiming at generating and debating issues and experiences related to urban and peri-urban Development dynamics. In general, the method follows the following rule:

“Learning as you proceed” - meaning that the new knowledge generates new questions; ultimately, this is how the dynamic of the learning journey will progress. The journey will start with perhaps around 30 “champions” and will grow as it progresses.

The journey will take off with studies in five countries: Bolivia, Haiti, Ethiopia, Bangladesh and Mekong, which will serve several purposes: i ) Inputs for progressing Country Strategies and/or Country Program / portfolio designs;



ii) Inputs for the policy paper of the SDC Management and; iii) Inputs for learning at SDC and beyond.

The journey is organized by a working group consisting of Bettina Etter, Felix Fellmann, Martin Lippuner, Anne Moulin, Serge Oumow and Bahar Sadreghazi. In order to accelerate the learning journey, at least eight other knowledge networks are participating in the journey. The annex will provide you with the most important information at a glance.

For more information please contact the Working Group coordinator, Bahar Sadreghazi. We are very much looking forward to working closely with you and to enjoy learning together.

With kind regards,

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„Urban, Peri-Urban & Rural Development Dynamics“ – Working Plan for 2017 / rolling planning Overall goal






- Contribute on a strategic and operational level to SDC's future positioning in functional rural-(peri-)urban areas

**Goals**

- Institutional SDC level: Contribute to strategic SDC decisions (“SDC Outlook 2030”, long-term preparation for the next message 2021 – 2024, partially already for the Dirko meeting in spring 2017)
- SDC country level: Contribute to strategic / operational SDC documents (cooperation strategies, portfolio development) through the country case studies
- Establish a solid network of centers of excellence for future SDC support (incl. backstopping mandate)
- Develop basic knowledge of urban development among SDC staff (e.g. with country case studies, thematic conferences and events)

**Working groups**

- Core group (CG): ETTBE, **FMF**, **LIM**, MIN, **OUS**, **SAB**, MBM 
- Reflection group (RG): 
  - RZ: GEODE, LIM, MIN, OUS
  - OZ: TARLI, RNL
  - GZ: ETTBE, MBM / SJC, PUYPH
  - HH: SKH (Expert group construction: Ueli Salzmann, for the case studies in Bolivia and Haiti?)
  - Networks: CHR (TLS), DLGN (HCO/MTE), A/FS (FMF, SAB), E+I, DRR (BENNA), CC (MBM / SJC), migration (ETTBE), gender (KCA), education (HNN), water (CAPHA), health (MJQ)
  - SECO (WEIN, A. Geiger)

Measures	who	Deadlines	01/17	02/17	03/17	04/17	05/17	06/17	07/17	08/17	09/17	10/17	11/17	12/17
Kick-off Reflection Group	CG	31.01.17												
Feedback on Issue Paper (IP)	SDC, SECO	31.01.17												
Adaptation IP /  DIRKO meeting	ALAK / SZ	30.04.17												
Advisory mandate Cities Alliance (CA), TOR development	CG / LIM	31.01.17												
Accompany elaboration / discussion case studies by CA	CA	tbd												
Case studies, TOR development	CG	13.01.17												
Case studies, identification experts	Country specific	31.01.17												
Case Study Bangladesh	GEODE / OUS ?	Mid 2017?						?	?	?				
Case Study Bolivia	REYMI / LIM	Feb 17?		?										
Case Study Ethiopia	SAB / SEZ?	?												
Case Study Haiti	BERST / LIM	Feb 17?		?										
Case Study Mekong	OUS / ?	?												
Reflection Group Meeting / BBL on the case study / studies	CG+	tbd												
<a href="#">European Conference on Urban Africa</a> in Basel w/Traverse?	SAB / ?	29.06. – 01.07.												
Networking event <sup>1</sup> w/Traverse?	SAB / ETTBE	October <sup>2</sup>										?		

<sup>1</sup> E.g. with GIZ, SIDA, WIEGO, DFID, CA?

<sup>2</sup> 02.10. World Habitat Day