CITIES PROSPERITY INITIATIVE

Room: Salon Brun
Date and time: 4 December 2012 - 2:30 to 5:30 pm

Part 1 Opening and launch of the SWCR 2012 and the Cities Prosperity Initiative

- Dr. Joan Clos, Executive Director, UN-Habitat
- Madame Khoudia Mbaye, Minister of Housing and Urban Development
- Madame Arame Ndoye, Minister of Local Collectivities
- Mr. Khalifa Sall, Mayor of Dakar

Launch of the of the SWCR 2012 and the Cities Prosperity Initiative

- Mr. Alioune Badiane, Director, Project Office, UN-Habitat

Moderators of the session
- Ms. Axumite Gebre-Egziabher, Director, Regional Office for Africa

Main objective of the session:
UN-Habitat introduces a new tool - the CITY PROSPERITY INDEX- together with a conceptual matrix, the WHEEL OF PROSPERITY, both of which are meant to assist decision makers to design clear policy interventions. The City Prosperity Index (CPI): Includes 5 dimensions of prosperity: productivity, infrastructure, quality of life, equity and environmental sustainability. The CPI enables decision-makers to identify opportunities and potential areas along the path of prosperity. Upon consultation with different partners, UN-Habitat introduces the “Cities Prosperity Initiative”, a strategic policy initiative for cities that are committed to adopt a more holistic people-centered and sustainable notion of prosperity and pledge to deploy necessary efforts and resources to move forward in the prosperity path.

Expected results:
Cities will become members of the initiative and will be implementing strategies to address the five dimensions of prosperity.