

<p>SOU61</p>	<p>Urban-Rural Linkages and Covid-19: Lessons for Resilience, Recovery for intermediary cities and the opportunities in the G20 Platform</p>
<p>Date: 20th May, 2022 Time: 1430-1600 Venue: Salle 17</p>	<p>UN-Habitat, GDAR and OECD Development center Remy Sietchiping Tel: +254 710602513/ +254 729476842 E-mail: remy.sietchiping@un.org / grace.githiri@un.org</p>
<p>President: Mayor Rapporteur: Grace Githiri Moderator: Remy Sietchiping, UN-Habitat Speakers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prof Isaac Mwangi, University of Nairobi 2. Vicente Ruiz, OECD Development center 3. Tolu Oni, University of Cape Town <p>Panellists</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cecilia Marocchino, Urban Food Agenda Coordinator, FAO 2. Mayor 1 (North/ Central Africa) 3. Mohamed Sikhe Camara, Deputy General Director National Agency for Financing Local authorities (ANAFIC) Guinea Conakry 4. Ministry of rural development (East or South Africa) <p>Programme</p> <p>(5min) Session introduction by Remy Sietchiping and video on the URL-COVID 19 Publication</p> <p>(10min) Presentation 1: Prof Isaac Mwangi, University of Nairobi (Kenya, Zimbabwe,</p>	<p>Presentation Brief (300-350 words)</p> <p>The role of intermediary cities in the context of urban-rural linkages cannot be underestimated. The New Urban Agenda (NUA) and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development recognizes the need to integrate urban, peri-urban and rural areas. Before the covid-19 pandemic, Member States at the first UN-Habitat Assembly in 2019 launched the <i>Urban-Rural Linkages: Guiding Principles (URL-GP) and Framework for Action to Advance Territorial Development</i> and approved a resolution calling for focused efforts to strengthen URLs. When the pandemic spread across cities, countries and regions, UN-Habitat and partners hosted a series of action learning webinars focused on the pandemic and urban-rural linkages (URL) between May and December, 2020 with over 2200 participants. The outcomes which have been synthesized in a report will be shared during this session.</p> <p>Similarly, UN-Habitat and OECD are working together to develop the G20 platform which offers opportunities for development in intermediary cities. The priorities in the platform include recovery from covid-19 which will be shared during this session.</p> <p>The objectives of the session will be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish the key role of intermediary cities in strengthening URL 2. To examine the impact of covid-19 in the context of urban (intermediary cities), peri-urban and rural contexts with examples through the lens of different sectors 3. To share inspiring practices on resilience and recovery to covid-19 and pandemics from different contexts globally
<p>Senegal, Cameroon, Niger state Covid 19-URL project)</p> <p>(10min) Presentation 2: Mr. Vicente Ruiz on "Ethiopia Intermediary cities and G20 Platform on the role of intermediary cities for development"</p> <p>(10min) Presentation 3: Tolu Oni, University of Cape Town; on changing food and built environments and covid-19 Kisumu and Nigeria.</p> <p>Panel discussion</p> <p>(5min) intervention 1: by Cecilia Marocchino, Urban Food Agenda Coordinator, FAO</p> <p>(5min) intervention 2- Mohamed Sikhe Camara, Deputy General Director National Agency for Financing Local authorities (ANAFIC) Guinea Conakry (Guinea support to local authorities)</p> <p>(5min) intervention 3: by mayor 1 (North/ Central Africa)</p> <p>(5min) intervention 4: by ministry of rural development (East/South Africa)</p> <p>(30min) Discussions and Q/A (managed by the Moderator)</p> <p>(5min) Sharing and adoption of the conclusions and recommendations of the Session</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Share experiences for implementing intermediary project in Ethiopia and present the opportunities for intermediary cities in the G20 platform on "SDGs localization and intermediary cities" <p>Different speakers and experts will share experiences, tools and methodologies including specific recommendations for national and local authorities. The session will also bring lessons learnt from a webinar session co-organized by UN-Habitat and UCLGA on role of intermediary cities in strengthening URL in preparation for the Africities in January, 2022. The recommendations made during this session are intended to make contributions to the overall objective of the 9th Africities Summit by producing the following key outcome:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The significance of intermediary cities on strengthening urban-rural linkages towards sustainable urbanization in Africa explored 2. An understanding of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on intermediary cities and rural areas as well as approaches and experiences on resilience and recovery relevant in Africa; 3. Understanding the opportunity of the G20 platform for development in intermediary cities in Africa

