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To the members of the Executive Bureau

To the Secretaries General

To the Vice-Presidents of United Cities and Local Governments

To the Presidents of UCLG Committees and Working Groups

For information: To the Presidency

Local and Regional Government Disaster Response

Launch meeting in Haikou

Dear members of the Executive Bureau,

When disasters strike, local governments are the first line of response, often with wide ranging responsibilities but insufficient capacities to deal with them. Local governments are equally on the front line when it comes to anticipating, managing and reducing disaster risk, setting up or acting on early warning systems and establishing specific disaster and crisis management structures.

International disaster response efforts often lack a local governance dimension addressing specific needs of local governments.

Members of United Cities and Local Governments have historically launched solidarity missions to crisis areas. They are convinced that this area of work should be developed under UCLG flag and in cooperation with strategic international partners.

In order to improve the position of local governments in the face of disaster and those dealing with the consequences of disaster, a **Taskforce on Local and Regional Government Disaster Response** has been created under the Committee on Development Cooperation and City Diplomacy.

This Taskforce will provide a **platform** for local governments, within the UCLG governance structure, to exchange knowledge and expertise on disaster management. It will improve and increase the availability of local governments' expertise to disaster-affected municipalities and it will highlight and develop the role of local governments on the international disaster management agenda.

We have the pleasure to invite you to the **first meeting of the Taskforce on Local and Regional Government Disaster Response**, to be held during the next UCLG World Council in Haikou:

Monday 24th November 2014

From 11:30 to 13:30

**Hainan International Convention & Exhibition Center, Haikou
Room 202**

Please find enclosed the draft agenda of the meeting.

If you have any further questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat of the Taskforce: Mr Simoné Giovetti, s.giovetti@cites-unies-france.org.

Sincerely,

The UCLG World Secretariat

on behalf of the Taskforce on Local and Regional Government Disaster Response

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