

Commonwealth Local Government Forum



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Commonwealth Inclusive Cities
Network

Report of ICN Coordinator



CLGF: ICN – What is it?



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- The Network provides opportunities for local government practitioners to share experience around the development of inclusive cities.
- Against a background of considerable demographic change, mass migration from rural to urban areas and economic turmoil local government is under pressure to deliver services to their disadvantaged and marginalised citizens.

CLGF ICN: membership



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**Ahmedabad, India; Birmingham and Cardiff, UK;
Auckland, New Zealand; Belize City, Belize;
Brisbane, Australia; Dar es Salaam, Tanzania;
Durban and Johannesburg, South Africa;
Edmonton, Canada; Freetown, Sierra Leone; Port
Moresby, Papua New Guinea; Port of Spain, Trinidad
and Tobago and Surrey, British Columbia.**



CLGF ICN – inclusive agenda



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- Disadvantaged and marginalised citizens:

Youth (employment / crime / drugs), inadequate housing, migration, local economic development, limited education, age, gender and poverty.

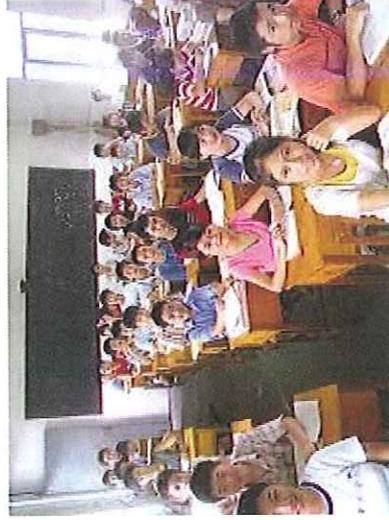
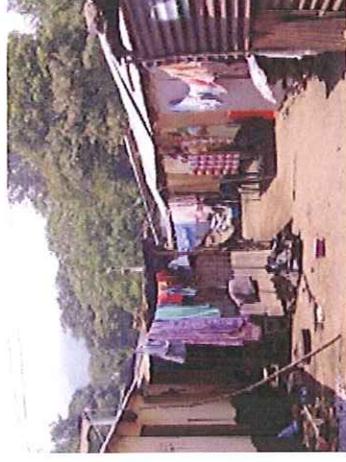
- Aberdeen Principles : inclusiveness, local decision making, partnership, participation, open government, fair allocation of resources.



CLGF ICN – what we care about



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CLGF ICN - operation



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- Share good practice.
- Promote a common agenda.
- Improve service delivery.
- Address common challenges.
- Develop resource bank of inclusive information / case studies etc.

CLGF ICN - meetings



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- Identified theme and sharing of city case studies.
- Peer review of inclusive activity.
- Visits to inclusive projects.



CLGF ICN – ongoing activities



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Collaboration:

- Individual cities lead on initial consideration of work programme themes e.g. local economic Development and youth.
- Cities prepare related “think pieces” to prompt thoughts and alternative service delivery models.
- Develop inclusive data bank.

CLGF ICN - benefits of membership



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- Opportunities to learn from and showcase good practice.
- Forum of cities to consider common issues / challenges.
- Awareness of potential service improvement models.
- City and staff capacity development.
- Better served citizens.

