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**Meeting of the  
informal Development Partners Working Group  
on Local Governance and Decentralisation  
Hosted by UNDP**

25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> of May 2009 in Bratislava

**PROGRAMME**

**25.05.2009**

Location: Crown Plaza Hotel, room Paris  
Hodzovo namestie 2, 81625 Bratislava  
Subway station: Hlavna stanica

Facilitators: Björn Warkalla, Simon Raiser

<b>Time</b>	<b>AGENDA</b>
10:30 – 10:45	Opening : <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome by Mr. Marek Brencic, Director of the Development Assistance and Humanitarian Aid</li></ul>

	Department, MFA Slovak Republic
10:45 – 11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome by Jens Wandel, UNDP, RBEC Deputy Director and Director of BRC</li> </ul>
11:00 – 11:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation of the programme by Dafina Gercheva, UNDP, Regional Capacity Development Practice Leader</li> <li>Introductory game by facilitators</li> </ul>
11:45 – 12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coffee / Tea break</li> </ul>
12:00 – 12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Group discussion on the draft on "Specific guiding principles for enhancing alignment and harmonisation"</li> </ul>
12:30 – 13:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation of the European charta follow-up mechanism and the possible role of the DPWG-LGD by Pierre Laye, French Foreign Affairs Ministry</li> <li>Discussion</li> </ul>
13:10 – 13:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Group discussion on possible subgroup "Decentralisation and local governance" under the Train4dev network</li> </ul>
13:30 – 14:30	L U N C H B R E A K
14:30 – 15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation of the vision and scope of the Global Forum in February 2010 and</li> <li>Status quo Integrated Framework by Aladeen Shawa, UNCDF</li> <li>Discussion</li> </ul>
15:35 – 16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Group discussion on Lead Donor Workshops</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coffee / Tea break</li> </ul>
16:15 – 17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open space: Next steps regarding Train4dev (gtz, InWEnt, MFA Netherlands, EuropeAid, MAEE, MFA Switzerland)</li> </ul>

**26.05.2009**

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Time	AGENDA
9:00 - 10.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation of "German Initiative to Strengthen International Cooperation with Developing Countries to Fight Tax Evasion and Avoidance" by Mr. Wollny, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)</li> <li>Discussion</li> </ul>
10:00 – 10:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coffee / Tea Break</li> </ul>
10:15 – 13:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Panel Discussion on fiscal decentralization:</li> <li>Consultant Nina Boschmann (presenting the study on fiscal decentralization), Edgardo Bilsky (UCLG), Nicoletta Feruglio (UNCDF), Biram Owens Ndiaye (PDM), Francois Yatta (LEDNA), Pierre Laye (French Foreign Affairs Ministry MAEE)</li> <li>Q &amp; A / Discussion</li> </ul>
13:30 – 14:30	L U N C H B R E A K
14:30 – 16:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation of "Determinants of Integrated Fiscal Decentralization" by Dr. Jörg Faust (DIE) – initiated by KfW</li> <li>Discussion</li> </ul>

16:30 – 16:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coffee / Tea Break</li> </ul>
16:45 – 17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of the Czech experience in providing assistance in support of Local Governance and Decentralization by Radka Konderlova, Programme Associate to Emerging Donors Initiative, Czech-UNDP Trust Fund</li> </ul>
	<b>B R E A K</b>
17:00 – 18:00	<p><u>Open space:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operational approach to optimize borrowing capacity of local authorities - Cross-fertilisation of PEFA approach and financial sustainability approach by Frederic Audras (AFD)</li> <li>• Discussion</li> </ul>

**27.05.2009**

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<b>Time</b>	<b>AGENDA</b>
09:00 – 12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Panel discussion on capacity development: Consultant Arne Svensson (presenting study), Dafina Gercheva (UNDP), Rolf Swart (VNG / UCLG), Eugen Kaiser (InWEnt) – initiated by UNDP</li> <li>• Q &amp; A / Discussion</li> </ul>
12:00 – 13:00	<b>B R E A K</b>
13:00 – 14:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of "GTZ's approach to capacity development: support to 2nd generation decentralisation reforms" by Annette Bähring, GTZ</li> <li>• Discussion</li> </ul>
14:30 – 16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brief activity report and discussion on future activities of the DPWG-LGD and the secretariat, by Nina Helm, InWEnt</li> <li>• Q &amp; A / Discussion</li> </ul>
16:00 – 16:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Synthesis and ending of the conference by Kuno Schläfli, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC</li> </ul>