

**Insights to the LAMG Statement delivered on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 during the post-2015 development agenda meeting with co-facilitators made on the basis of the experience by the Province of Potenza, Italy.**

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Excellences, Co-Facilitators and colleagues,

Thank you for providing the chance to share the views and the experience of a Local Authority with you and Member States in the ongoing process of the post-2015 development.

I'm Alessandro Attolico, Executive Director of the Territorial Planning and Civil Protection Office at the Province of Potenza, Italy. Province of Potenza is an Italian Local Authority of Sub Regional and Supra Municipal levels whose political-institutional action is performed also by the interaction with the Municipalities. **It counts 100 Municipalities among its territorial and government extension.**

The Province of Potenza has many territorial competencies. Territorial land-use planning and civil protection are the most significant as regards the regional policies. By 2013, the Province adopted its Structural Master Plan, that draws the local governmental proposals for the development of the provincial territory and, in particular, provides guidelines and support to the local actors - including Communities and Municipalities - for the **correct and sustainable land-use**. Within the territorial and urban planning actions, the Province of Potenza has established an intense cooperation process on issues related to the integration of **development** policies - including the protection, use and management of the territory - with **community safety**, territorial impacts of disasters and related mitigation actions and climate change contrasting measures.

With the adoption of the Master Plan, the Province started proposing a comprehensive and supportive approach including strong cooperation with **local communities** and **Municipalities**, to pursue the objectives of **territorial resilience** in a networking approach. This cooperation is aimed at integrating **environmental sustainability** and **strengthening resilience** in the urban and land-use government actions.

For this purpose, the Province initiated a specific policy-making action by providing coordination and support to its Municipalities in strengthening strategies for integrating **sustainable** and **resilient** local development through tangible actions.

Now we are tending to Local Development Action Plans that, starting from the current and actual needs, see the implementation of specific actions in the short, medium and long term.

So, we would suggest the post-2015 agenda emphasizes the cooperation between National, subnational and local authorities focusing on the integration of **sustainable development**, **disaster risk reduction** and **climate change contrasting policies** in the context of regional and urban land-use policies, on the **proactive involvement of local communities** and relevant stakeholders and on **networking**.

By our experience, we suggest the future global development agenda should strongly consider and emphasize the following elements:

- 1. empowerment and resources mobilization** for the very local level, where the actual

implementation actions take place;

2. **clear, defined and responsible stakeholders' engagement** in the implementation process;
3. **empowerment of local communities** by providing for their active participation and engagement in local decision-making processes;
4. **invest more in individuals** since they are the "souls" of communities and the core of sustainable development;
5. **clearly declare the key role of territorial policies and government actions** with a comprehensive and multi-scalar approach going from the very local to the regional and national levels and according to wide and well defined national strategies; state the importance of having a wide area vision of the development strategies and their implementation;
6. **safe, resilient and sustainable human settlements** are at the basis of local sustainable development policies: integrate territorial safety in development policies, in perspective of inclusive and smart growth; invest in economic, social, cultural and environmental *resilience*;
7. **encouragement of strategic cooperation** actions involving the interaction of finance, scientific research, industry, professional systems and the private sector;
8. **focus on inclusivity**: people-centered and "no-one excluded" policies;
9. as regards the follow-up and review process, strengthen **networking** between the different government levels and stakeholders - with a wide area coordination approach - towards:
  - a. best practices proposition and sharing;
  - b. providing support and cooperation with a subsidiary approach;
  - c. permanently monitoring the action, measuring and sharing the progresses, performing critical analysis, evaluating corrective and integrative actions;
  - d. achieving a good communication flow among and within institutions and all stakeholders;
  - e. ensuring transparency and accountability.
10. **invest in Advocacy**: put the basis for building a strong worldwide network of very skilled and motivated individuals/organizations who could provide support and facilitate the implementation processes acting at the local/national levels as facilitator for policy and decision makers.

We hope that our experience can serve as an example of local engagement and be further strengthened and replicated **in other cities and regions** around the world. Potenza will be honored to provide its support in facilitating this process.

In concluding, dear Co-facilitators, we recommend that the above considerations could generate a better coordination of territorial policies at all levels and a full integration of all governments' levels actions for ensuring the effective implementation of the post-2015 agenda and the full achievement of its ambitious and universal goals and targets.

On behalf of the Province of Potenza and its President Nicola Valluzzi, I thank you for your attention and remain at your disposal for further action.