

UNITED NATIONS PROJECT OFFICE ON GOVERNANCE

ACTIVITY BRIEF

UNPOG Session on “eGovernment for Development – Partnering with the United Nations”

UNPOG Session at the World Cities CIO Forum

29 September 2009; Seoul, South Korea

The World Cities CIO Forum will be held on 28-30 September 2009 in Seoul, South Korea. This international event seeks to foster cooperation among city administrators and local governments and will discuss preliminary issues on establishing a “World eGovernments Organisation”, a prospective organization that was first outlined in the Seoul eGovernment Declaration of the World eGovernment Mayors Forum held in Seoul in 2008.

The Declaration states the necessity to “form global solidarity between e-governments in order to enhance administrative efficiency and transparency through the strengthened digital capacity of cities, facilitate civil involvement, especially online participation, and lay the foundation to bridge the digital divide”. The CIO Forum will charter the steps on creating the institutional mechanism to promote the sharing of knowledge and experiences on digital governance for mutual progress and development.

The Forum will be attended by Chief Information Officers from 35 cities / local governments, digital governance & IT experts, as well as representatives from academic, public and private sectors.

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In support of the aims of the World Cities CIO Forum, the United Nations Project Office on Governance (UNPOG), a subsidiary organization under the Division for Public Administration and Development Management of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will participate and contribute by organizing a UN session on the theme: **eGovernment for Development - Partnering with the United Nations**.

The specific objectives of the session are the following:

- To showcase to the participants the eGovernment-related initiatives of the United Nations (emGKR);

- To raise awareness of eGovernment stakeholders and CIOs and invite them to collaborate with and contribute to the work of the UN.

Methodology

The UNPOG Session will be held on 29 September 2009, 5:00pm to 6:00pm, at The Shilla Seoul Hotel, and will feature the following two presentations:

- A presentation by UNPOG on the electronic and mobile Government Knowledge Repository Initiative of UNDESA;
- A presentation by a UN partner on its eGovernment initiatives and collaboration with the UN.

Attached is a draft programme.

Budget

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| Expert Fee and/or Travel | \$1,500 |
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