

# **Webinar: “Accelerating Decent Work and Economic Growth for a Resilient Urban Recovery in the Era of COVID-19”**

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# « Implementing & Localizing the SDG 8 at Local level in Africa: Realities, Challenges & Commitments»

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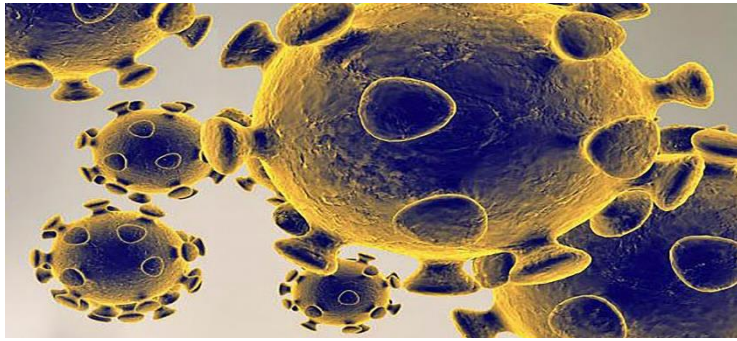
# SUMMARY

I.	Why does SDG 8 matter to Local Government ?
II.	African Local Government Authorities and employees on the front line to prevent and fight the Covid-19 pandemic
III.	African Local Government challenges and needs
IV.	UCLG-Africa commitments...

# **I- Why does SDG 8 matter to Local Government ?**

<b>Local Authorities are first of all major employers themselves</b>	<b>They contribute to put in place and anchor an enabler environment for economic growth</b>	<b>They are a Key player and Facilitator of Local Economic Development</b>	<b>They work to attract investments and businesses on their territories through territorial marketing, partnerships and decentralized cooperation</b>	<b>It is on territories that small and medium-sized enterprises are created and progress</b>
<b>The public procurement they launch annually represent an important part of the national GDP and of the Local budget</b>	<b>They are a Key player for job creation and for income generating activities targeting women, girls and youth</b>	<b>They can support Informal Sector and promote its formalization</b>	<b>They can promote a Sustainable Tourism based on their Potential, Local Heritage, Culture and products</b>	<b>They can identify children at risk of child labour and work to ensure they attend school</b>

## II- African Local Government Authorities on the front line to prevent and fight the Covid-19 pandemic



The commitment and mobilization of Locally Elected Officials



See UCLG-Africa Portal: [www.uclga.org](http://www.uclga.org)

# Multi-dimensional role, responsibilities and commitment at the local level during the Pandemic

A central role in supporting and creating an enabling, supportive and facilitative environment and conditions to respect and implement decisions taken at national, central and territorial levels in the context of the health emergency

Mobilization, participation, assistance to the Health Sector with all its components

Informing, Sensitizing, Mobilizing and engaging population, Communities, Citizens, Civil Society and Private Sector

Preparing, organizing and adapting to the lockdown of infrastructures, equipment and public services

Preparing, organizing and adapting to ensure the continuity of a set of essential and critical public services







## Commitment and mobilization of Local agents and employees during the Covid -19 Pandemic



# III. The main Challenges & needs

Political and Institutional Challenges	Organizational and Management Challenges	Local Economic Development (LED)& impact on Economic Growth
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ History and place of Decentralization in the political and institutional organization of the country.</li> <li>❖ Effectiveness of the transfer of competences based on Subsidiarity.</li> <li>❖ Adequacy between transferred competences and resources</li> <li>❖ Territorialization of Public Policies and Localization of SDGs.</li> <li>❖ Modalities of support by the State</li> <li>❖ Respect of the Principles of Good Governance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ The weaknesses of Local Public Administration.</li> <li>❖ The autonomy of Local Authorities in HRM</li> <li>❖ Human resources skills &amp; capacities</li> <li>❖ Salaries and bonus (equal pay for equal work!)</li> <li>❖ Working conditions at the local level</li> <li>❖ Lockdown/Reopening ??? See 1st Report on the State of Human Resources of Local Government in Africa (2018) <a href="http://www.uclgafrica-alga.org">www.uclgafrica-alga.org</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Roles and responsibilities are not clear between central and subnational levels</li> <li>❖ Existence of multiple actors and stakeholders and absence of integration, coordination and coherence</li> <li>❖ The lack of knowledge on “economic aspects” of Décentralization process</li> <li>❖ The issue of infrastructures, equipments, services, lands</li> <li>❖ The lack of sharped profiles at local level</li> <li>❖ The lack of informations, statistics and data</li> <li>❖ The impact of periodic crises like the Covid-19 pandemic on resources, local taxes, on the productivity, and on LED.</li> </ul>



What  
about  
Workplace  
realities at  
the Local  
level within  
the  
pandemic  
and beyond  
??????

Safety

Security

Well-Being

Comfort

Health

Social  
Dialogue ???

Existence of  
diverse Risks

Social & emotional  
aspects

Mental health

## **IV- UCLG-Africa Comitments ....**



# Some of our Flagship initiatives and events




# Finally we commit to build on the 3 main Recommendations of UN Secretary General...

**Leaving no one, no place behind:** Ensuring that all phases and recovery plans/packages of the pandemic response tackle inequalities and long-term development deficits and safeguard social cohesion



**Empowering and Strengthening the capacities of local governments through decisive and collective action, and deeper cooperation between Local and National Authorities**



**Engaging and Acting for a Green, Resilient and Inclusive economic recovery both in Urban and Rural territories**



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