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## Editorial

### Road Safety in developing countries

The United Nations' general assembly adopted on March 26<sup>th</sup> 2008 a resolution on the road safety world crisis and decided to devote, the third Saturday of November of each year to a world memory day for the victims of road accidents. At the European level, the second day of the road safety will take place on October 13<sup>th</sup> 2008 in Paris.

The international community aims at saving lives, most of victims are, increasingly, from developing countries and they are mainly women and young people.

Despite the significant efforts in improving vehicles and infrastructures, a big part of the work still not changed: the behaviour of users, conductors and pedestrians. The *Global Road Safety Partnership* (GRSP) is doing its best to help developing countries to adopt public policies gathering the whole of the following items: – safety, health, transports... – and to mobilise expertise. New and permanent resources, as aid grants, should satisfy needs of the most severely affected countries.

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## Programmes and activities

### The first International conference on city diplomacy, The Hague (Netherlands), 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> June 2008

Organised at the initiative of Jozyas va Aarsten, mayor of the Hague and chairman of UCLG city diplomacy committee (United Cities and Local Governments), this conference aims at reinforcing the role of local authorities in both preventing conflicts and peace building, especially by experience exchanges.

Three hundred delegates from fragile states – Latina America, Africa, Middle-East, Central and South Asia, Balkans – have discussed on an operational agenda.

The chairman of Cités Unies France, M. Charles Josselin, represented France during the event.

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### Forum of local and regional authorities of the Mediterranean, Marseille June 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> 2008

The first Forum of Local and Regional Authorities of the Mediterranean was held in Marseille (France). Mr. Omar El Jazouli, Mayor of Marrakech (Morocco) was invited, the same for the mayor of Marseille jointly with the one of Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur (PACA) Region.

This forum was organised by the Mediterranean Commission of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), and was set up in response to the need expressed by local and regional authorities to create a permanent forum for expanding their involvement in the relaunch of the Barcelona Process (as agreed during the meeting of the Euromed Towns and Regions Forum of 26<sup>th</sup> November 2005). France presented the Arab version of the book "Emerging Cities" and announced the realisation of a glossary of Franco-Arabic usual terms in spatial and urban planning.

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AdP Villes en développement and Club FNAU international,

## **Marseille, May 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> 2008**

Isted participated to the dinner debate of the AdP Association Villes en développement, held in Marseille, May 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> 2008. This event was organised jointly by the council-house of Marseille and the Urban Agency of Marseille (AGAM), the theme was "from Vancouver to Nankin, the multiform presence of France in Nankin, what is the message?"

The following day of the Club FNAU international focussed on preparing both the participation of the national federation for urban agencies to the world urban forum in Nankin and the cooperation with Mediterranean cities.

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## **Transports and transit from East to West Africa facilitation**

BCEOM continues to put in place different regional institutions of facilitation in the framework of transport programme facilitation in an ECOWAS character (The Economic Community of West African States), as defined by the Heads of States' decisions adopted in January 2005.

The different levels are connected with:

- National transit facilitation committees (seminar of Abuja, October 2007)
- Corridors management committee (seminar of Abidjan, May 2008)
- Regional facilitation committee planned for October 2008.

In order to prepare the seminar of Abidjan, the National transit facilitation committees' representatives will visit the corridor of Mombassa. This visit will help them to discover the strengths of the institutional organisation set up, the benefits of a custom modernisation programme as well as the role of the information technology.

The next action is the preparation of a regional facilitation strategy that should be validated by the seminar in charge of the regional facilitation committee.

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## **Franco-Morocco Cooperation**

The meeting between the French Ministry for Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development and Town and Country Planning (MEEDDAT) and the Moroccan Ministry for Equipment and Transport, during the informal technical committee of February, concluded the Franco-Morocco cooperation programme of the coming year in the transport and equipment sector.

As previously, Isted will be the operator of this cooperation, French and Morocco experts will be the main actors of the realisation of exchanges.

Continuing in the engaged actions, the prior axes of this programme are road safety, standards modernisation and assistance in administrative reforms.

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## **Railway safety twinning with Egypt**

In the frame work of the Franco-Egyptian twinning that aims at improving railway safety, a study tour took place in France, June 8<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> 2008.

The participants who made up the delegation are senior officials from both the Egyptian Ministry of Transports and Railways (Egyptian National Railways) and national railway safety authorities.

This visit was the occasion to meet experts from different France organism; the railway transports directorate of the MEEDDAT, the public institution of railway safety, the accidents-enquiries office (ground transport), the France rail network (RFF), the SNCF and the European railway agency.

When the delegation visited the driving simulator within the national operations center and Valenciennes station, they discovered the French practices and safety railway tools.

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## **The MFI, a team to promote the French presence in international organisation**

The mission of international officials (MFI) is a department of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs in charge, particularly, of informing the public about opportunities of employment within the 170 international organisations including France (United Nations, European Union, international financial institutions etc.).

Wishing to find relevant French candidacy, the MFI is always looking for specialised experts in various geographical areas and diverse sectors as environment and engineering.

The whole up-dated list of vacant posts within multilateral organisms and all information about employment procedures are available on the website of MFI.

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## **Sociologist Françoise Navez-Bouchanine passed away**

Isted learnt with regret the death of Françoise Navez-Bouchanine, last month. She collaborated a lot with the institute and she, particularly, led the Urban Development Research Programme (Gemdev-Isted), the project was entitled "L'entre-deux des politiques institutionnelles et des dynamiques sociales.

Mauritanie, Maroc, Algérie, Liban". Isted pays homage to the great sociologist and wishes to take part to the publication projects of his works.

Internet: <http://aitec.reseau-ipam.org/spip.php?article875>

## Current events

### Internet

- Étude sur le marché mondial de l'information géographique et des services associés. Synthesis – Hugues Leroux, with the support of Philippe Billot & Lucie Fourcin, for the DAEI and the DRAST  
[www.isted.com/pole-ville/sig/Sig\\_marchemondial.pdf](http://www.isted.com/pole-ville/sig/Sig_marchemondial.pdf)
- La gouvernance urbaine dans tous ses états. Analysis and propositions of the reflection group on urban governance. Gemdev for the MAEE  
[www.isted.com/programmes/gouvernance\\_urbaine/documents/gu\\_gouvernance\\_urbaine\\_rapport.pdf](http://www.isted.com/programmes/gouvernance_urbaine/documents/gu_gouvernance_urbaine_rapport.pdf)  
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### Villes en développement

#### • New acquisitions

Participations citoyennes et action publique. Dakar, Rabat, Cotonou, Tunis, Sanaa. – Supervision of Oliver Legros – Paris: Adels, Éditions Yves Michel, 2008.

Resulting from diverse disciplines (urbanism, sociology, geography), the authors wanted to renew debates on participatory policy pointing out public actions engaged upon cities of sub-Saharan Africa, Maghreb and Near-East

La diplomatie des villes, le rôle des gouvernements locaux dans la prévention des conflits, la consolidation de la paix, la reconstruction après les conflits. – Arne Musch, Chris Van Der Valk, Alexandra Sizoo, Kian Tajbakhsh (Eds.) – The Hague: VNG International, 2008

Published at the occasion of the first International conference on city diplomacy which held in The Hague in June 2008. The book is the fruit of experts' work in various sectors, analysing governance and its practices: involvement of local authorities in peace building.

Enseignement des partenariats AFD/Collectivités territoriales françaises. Savoirs communs n°3. – Paris: French Agency for Development & Cités unies France, 2008

Capitalization of thematic of partnerships between AFD and French territorial authorities in urban development sector, this study relies on documents presented by AFD and concerned authorities, as well as on exchanges with projects leaders from these organisms.

Les défis des territoires. Comment dépasser les disparités spatiales en Afrique de l'Ouest et du Centre. – Christel Alvergne – Paris: Karthala, Cotonou: Pdm, 2008

A work supporting the approach that Africa knows today a deep change, passing from space geography to territory one. The book suggests considering the territory in the heart of development policy

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