

## Editorial

### Changing cities are driving our world

That was the message issued at Jéju (Korea), 28 – 31 October 2007 on the occasion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> CGLU World Congress of “United Cities and local Governments”, coming out, in Paris three years ago, from a fusion of local authorities international associations

Three topics merged during this congress; climate change, city diplomacy and cities within a global governance

This event organised by both Korean and CGLU authorities was a great success with not less than 2 000 cities’ representatives from 110 countries. Four Isted members and partners took part to the congress: Dexia that issued with the collaboration of CGLU a background document in relation with the decentralization in the world, IGD that facilitates a workshop about the access to basic services, Cités Unies France that led an important French delegation (CGLU) and Cities Alliance that led a session on financing cities.

The next edition of the congress will be held in 2010 in a Latin American country.

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## Programmes and activities

### Urban transport and decentralized cooperation in Morocco

Upon a suggestion from CERTU, ISTED organized on October 11<sup>th</sup> a workshop with the participation of the French cities involved into urban transport cooperation activities with Moroccan cities.

This workshop was attended by the World Bank, the French Development Agency (AFD), CERTU, DAEI and representatives of the cities or urbanism agencies of Lyon, Nantes, Aix-en-Provence and Grenoble.

Three topics were notably discussed:

- the institutional set-up for urban transport in Morocco
- the capacity building and training needs
- the role of decentralized cooperation

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### Regional transport facilitation programme for West African countries

The European Union is funding a regional transport facilitation programme in West Africa, for the ECOWAS member states, implemented by BCEOM for its institutional component. ISTED is involved a sub-contractor of BCEOM, on the corridor management issues.

A regional seminar, addressed to representatives of the National Facilitation Committees of the ECOWAS member states was held in Abuja (Nigeria) on October 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>. The objective of the seminar was to clarify the role and resources of the various organs established by the regional economic communities (ECOWAS and UEMOA) to drive the regional transport facilitation program.

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### Functional information architecture regarding multimodal transport of dangerous goods

The group « ENT12 » gathers managers involved into transport research in Austria, France and Netherlands.

In the frame work of the European programme ERA-NET TRANSPORT, this

group aims at coordinating national research programmes in transporting dangerous goods.

Supported by Isted, the "ENT 12" has recently launched its first joint action; the three countries co-finance a preliminary survey of 150 000 Euro on information architecture compatible with the existing systems in Europe. Thanks to the results of this project, ENT 12 will carry on the coordination of national programmes with further initiatives.

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Internet: [www.transport-era.net/action-groups/ent12-tracking-and-tracing-of-dangerous-goods.html](http://www.transport-era.net/action-groups/ent12-tracking-and-tracing-of-dangerous-goods.html)

### **Hanoi promotion of ISUR Master begins the year at la Défense**

Isted, official partner for two years of both IEP de Rennes and the professional association « villes en développement » hosted the 6<sup>th</sup> promotion of the Master ISUR on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2007 at la Défense.

This master prepares geographers, politists, engineers, economists, linguists and jurists as well as professionals of continuing training to the implementation of urban services in developing countries.

24 students constitute the new promotion.

M. Michel Arnaud, consultant, has presented the inaugural lesson. He choose three different topics; Vancouver conference, publication of "*Pire des mondes possibles*" by Mike Davis and the important urban growth in both China and India

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## **Current Events**

### **Internet**

• Subscription to Isted Newsletter and consultation of each publication  
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[www.isted.com/periodiques/Elettre/E-lettre.htm](http://www.isted.com/periodiques/Elettre/E-lettre.htm)

English version

[www.isted.com/periodiques/Elettre/anglais/E-lettre.htm](http://www.isted.com/periodiques/Elettre/anglais/E-lettre.htm)

• Up-dating of Island programme (French and English version) with the whole produced documents [www.isted.com/programmes/island/francais/index.htm](http://www.isted.com/programmes/island/francais/index.htm)

• Bulletin *Villes en Développement* Decentralization and urban development – n° 77, September 2007

[www.isted.com/periodiques/villes-developpement/bulletin\\_pdf/bull77f.pdf](http://www.isted.com/periodiques/villes-developpement/bulletin_pdf/bull77f.pdf)

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### **Villes en développement**

#### **• New acquisitions**

Explosion urbaine et mondialisation. Points de vue du Sud – Alternatives Sud – Vol. 14-2007/2 –

For the first time along the human history, city-dwellers are about overtaking rural populations. By 2050, two thirds of the world population will live in cities, in particular, in South ones that will absorb 90% of demographic explosion.

Coopération décentralisée, développement durable en Chine. Quelle gouvernance à venir? Abécédaire 2007 – Jean-Claude Levy and Jérôme Duplan, DgCID –

Paris: Ministry of foreign and European Affairs, 2007

Pro-Poor e-Governance – Vol. 27, N°2 Autumn 2006 – Regional Development Dialogue –

This issue summarizes the information presented during the symposium "Paving the road towards Pro-Poor e-Governance" (Bangkok, 26-27 April 2006).

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