

Enhancing Finance for the Greater Kampala Metropolitan Area

On this day, Kampala Capital City Authority congratulates its long time European partners for the Europe Day, celebrating peace and unity. With the support of the European Union (EU) and sister cities, Kampala is working in unity with metropolitan local governments to achieve a resilient, inclusive and vibrant metropolitan development.

Kampala Capital City Authority is co-leading the Programme on Integrated Local Finances for Sustainable Urban Development in the Greater Kampala (PIFUD), with the Global Fund for Cities Development (FMDV). This 4.2 million Euros initiative is co-financed by the European Union and the United Nations Capital Development Fund with the support of Cities Alliance. PIFUD fast-tracks joint efforts to improve the working environments between government entities, businesses, and communities and operationalize the Greater Kampala Economic Development Strategy, approved by Cabinet in 2020.



Head of Cooperation at the European Union Delegation
Ms. Caroline Adriaensen, giving opening remarks to the Mkutano 2020

Together, PIFUD partners and co-beneficiaries have **contributed to a High-level policy dialogue**, the 2020 Economic Mkutano, convened by the Ministry of Kampala and Metropolitan and Affairs, and the Ministry of Local Governments. The event brought together key stakeholders including the Local Government Associations in Uganda (ULGA and UAAU), Makerere University, and both Stanbic Bank and NSSF. Partners have agreed on 10 actionable commitments towards **harmonizing efforts to operationalize Local Revenue Mobilization Strategies including alternative financing** to enable local economic development and service delivery to the communities.

To become stronger institutions, the municipalities of Entebbe, Makindye Ssabagabo and Nansana are now using a **digital, user-centric and affordable Integrated Revenue Administration System (IRAS)**. With the support of the EU, IRAS is powered by the Local Government Finance Commission and is currently rolled-out in other cities and districts of Uganda through peer-to-peer cooperation. IRAS comes at a crucial time of fiscal pressure owing to the covid-19 pandemic and will be key in mutually support municipalities and their citizens to rebuild their fiscal capacities. In this last quarter, local governments using IRAS have been able to collect as much as they would have collected in a year.



Tax payers access services of their local governments through IRAS mobile App

In line with Kampala Climate Action Plan and building on lessons learned from the Kampala Climate Change Project under the Covenant of Mayors in Sub Saharan Africa (CoM SSA), **KCCA is piloting a Living Lab on 'e-mobility'**.



HIS Worship Lord Mayor Elias Lukwago testing the electronic motorbike

Four solar-powered electric motorcycles were added to KCCA's fleet and a charging station will be installed at the Lubaga Division to incrementally expand the adoption of e-mobility. Developed by Zembo Ltd, this is a testament of the work local start-ups are leading to transform the transport sector in Kampala, contributing to a better air quality, to create green jobs together with a safer and gender-sensitive working environment.

More information about the Living Lab and IRAS can be found on kcca.go.ug/pifud

Change of mind-set and good inter-municipal technical collaboration. Together, GKMA planners have been raising awareness on the Metropolitan Strategy and initiate the work to prepare a capital investment plan with the relevant government entities, aligned with the programmes of the National Development Plan III. With the local government associations, the Greater Kampala is learning to lead by example to pool together its needs and capacities to prepare projects and leverage alternative financing for smarter local service delivery.