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## news in brief

### CLGF meets Ghana VP

Representatives and members of CLGF met with Ghana's Vice-President Hon John Dramani Mahama after the recent CLGF national dissemination workshop in Ghana. They informed him of the outcomes of the seminar and discussed cooperation on local government issues with Ghana and the region. Local government representatives from Ghana, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Africa and the UK who had attended the workshop were part of the delegation.

### Supporting local government in Nigeria

CLGF Secretary-General Carl Wright visited Abuja, Nigeria in July for discussions with HE Senator Pius Anyim, Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF), together with Hon Felix Akhabue, National President, Association of Local Governments of Nigeria (ALGON) and member of the CLGF Board, and other senior ALGON leaders.

Discussions centred around the role of the CLGF and how it could support the strengthening of local government in Nigeria and Africa, as well as the need to ensure respect for and application of the constitutional provisions regarding local government, including by those state governments which have appointed non-elected caretaker committees for local government, instead of holding local elections.

# C O M M E N T



by **Carl Wright**, Secretary General



*At the Commonwealth summit in Perth, Australia which will be attended by the heads of state and government of the 54 member states, CLGF will, have official accreditation. This will allow us to interact with senior officials, ministers and Commonwealth leaders and to present issues of interest to local government, including seeking formal endorsement of the outcomes of our highly successful 2011 conference in Cardiff on local economic development.*

The esteem in which CLGF is held was reflected by the high-level attendance in Cardiff by such dignitaries as the Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago, the head of UNDP, the Commonwealth Secretary-General, the First Minister of Wales, the Premier of Northern Cape South Africa, the Chairman of Microsoft Europe and many others. It is also reflected in the high level contacts CLGF has had in recent months including formal meetings with the President of Rwanda, the Vice President of Ghana and the Deputy Prime Minister of Kenya.

Political recognition however must be followed by concrete action and CLGF, working closely with the Commonwealth Secretariat and other partners, prides itself on being able to deliver tangible programmes and benefits to its members. Since our Cardiff conference in March, this has included, among others, undertaking activities and providing training, technical and other expertise to local government in Ghana, India, Kenya Jamaica, Kiribati, Maldives, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Sierra Leone, Samoa, Solomon Islands South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Vanuatu and Zimbabwe.

I recently had the opportunity of visiting the world's newest state, South Sudan. Its national Government is engaged in an active programme of decentralisation and is looking to the Commonwealth and CLGF, especially neighbouring countries like Kenya and Uganda, for support and possible membership. Here is surely a case for strong Commonwealth engagement. It is to be hoped that when they meet in Perth, Commonwealth leaders will, in addition to looking at the overdue reform and strengthening of the organisation internally, discuss how it can reach out beyond its current membership and play a role in supporting struggling countries such as South Sudan.

## Calls for participatory local governance in Pakistan

**Local government affords greater opportunity for participatory governance and sustained development said delegates at a seminar on local democracy in Karachi, Pakistan in July.**

The seminar on *Building support for models of local democracy within a federal system* was organised by the CLGF in cooperation with the Commonwealth Secretariat, the UK government (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), Government of Sindh, and City District Government Karachi. The event was held against the

backdrop of suspended elected local government in the country and responsibility for local government shifting from the federal government to provinces.

The seminar followed a series of study visits for provincial government elected representatives and senior officials to explore effective elected local government within federal systems in Canada and South Africa. The study visits provided an opportunity to consider how similar models might operate and be legislated for in Pakistan.

The seminar drew out specific learning from the study visits, providing an opportunity for the delegates who were involved in the visits to feedback their recommendations and discuss with a wider audience in Pakistan. Representatives discussed in depth the findings from the study visits and developed a series of practical recommendations to support the legislative process and to strengthen local government in the future.

Delegates agreed that it is critical to have effective local governments for sustainable development as part of the democratic dispensation. They called for constitutional provision to ensure continuity

of local elections, legal recognition of local councils associations, effective and equitable distribution of decentralised financial resources, and clear division of responsibility and authority.

They also called for further support from CLGF and the Commonwealth Secretariat to assist with dialogue between the spheres of government in Pakistan, provide technical expertise on election policy and further exchange of policy and experience for local government policy-makers and practitioners.

The full statement can be read at [www.clgf.org.uk/otherevents/](http://www.clgf.org.uk/otherevents/).



## news in brief

### Decentralisation in eastern and southern Africa

Kigali, Rwanda, hosted a two-day meeting of Commonwealth local government ministers, and local government representatives and officials from Eastern Africa in May to discuss decentralisation, local government financing and service delivery using the findings of a study commissioned by CLGF with the support of the UNDP and the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF). The workshop was hosted by the Hon James Musoni, Minister of Local Government, Rwanda with support from CLGF, the Commonwealth Secretariat, UNDP and UNCDF and brought together delegates from eight African countries and international organisations. It was the first-ever CLGF event to take place in Rwanda following Rwanda's recent membership. At the conclusion of the workshop, ministers of local government from Eastern Africa met and agreed the Kigali statement on strengthening local government in Eastern Africa. The statement gives a commitment to establish a local government forum for Eastern Africa, bringing together ministries and local government associations.



CLGF Secretary-General Carl Wright, who attended the workshop, also met with HE President Kagame of Rwanda in Kigali on the conclusion of the workshop where he presented the President with the outcomes. President Kagame was also briefed about the outcomes of the recent CLGF conference in Cardiff, Wales, and the on-going work of CLGF in promoting local democracy and good governance in the Commonwealth.

The Kigali event followed a similar seminar and study in southern Africa.

- The Commonwealth Fund for Technical Cooperation (CFTC) has agreed to fund local government advisers for East Africa and Namibia. These advisers are in addition to the current local government advisers in Freetown, Sierra Leone and more specialised legal experts currently assisting the Government of Kenya to draft its new local government legislation.

### Commonwealth youth initiatives

A new Commonwealth Youth Council is being set up to replace the Commonwealth Youth Caucus as the prime Commonwealth body to represent the interests of young people on democratic and development issues. Youth leaders from across the Commonwealth met in the Pacific in August to work out a draft constitution for the Council.

The Commonwealth Secretariat has also set up a working group of partner and civil society organisations to develop strategies and strengthen collaboration on youth issues across the Commonwealth.

# Sharing good practice in Ghana and India

**Hon Samuel Ofose-Ampofo, Minister of Local Government and Rural Development and member of the Board of CLGF opened the first of a series of national workshops to share the learning from the Good Practice Scheme (GPS) with municipalities and other stakeholders who did not have the opportunity to participate in GPS process.**

The workshop was held in Accra in July and hosted by the National Association of Local Authorities of Ghana (NALAG) and the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development.

Participants discussed the good practices identified as a result of a two-year CLGF programme, supported by UK AID on local economic development (LED) which has partnered local governments from Ghana and their counterparts from South Africa and the UK. Speakers included Hon Theophilus Aidoo Mensah, President, NALAG, Hon Felix Godsent Akhabue, President, Association of Local Governments of Nigeria, Hon Ahmad Fofanah, President, Local Councils Association of Sierra Leone and CLGF Secretary-General, Carl Wright.

From the work of the projects and the discussions at the workshop, CLGF is compiling an LED strategy guide.

### India focus on waste management and community engagement

Aurangabad hosted the two-day national dissemination seminar in India. The focus of the GPS programme there was on waste management, sustainable development and community engagement, with partnerships between councils in India and the UK and South Africa.

One project between India and South Africa links Thiruvananthapuram district *panchayat* and Mopani District Municipality in South Africa. A soil testing laboratory, banana cultivation through women's self-help groups, micro irrigation techniques, establishment of a piggery, and cattle rearing are among the projects to be implemented in Mopani when elected representatives and agriculture experts from Thiruvananthapuram visit in October to provide technical support and knowledge sharing and look at the role of local government in taking the projects forward.

The team will conduct a series of training



### Skills for jobs in Mfantseman

The Mfantseman Municipality is a district in the central region of Ghana with a population of about 150,000 people, many of whom are employed in the fishing or farming industries. Kent County Council officers in the UK have been working with their counterparts in the Mfantseman Municipal Assembly, as part of the Commonwealth Local Government Good Practice Scheme to help local people find jobs and start their own businesses.

One of the biggest achievements has been the creation of a community skills centre in the region, offering a number of vocational training courses. Training courses are now being offered in day care, cooking, health, ICT, plumbing and painting, hospitality and catering, literacy, financial management and how to start a business.

Some 200 officers at Mfantseman have been trained in total, and a business start-up booklet has been produced which contains information to support existing businesses to expand and encourage individuals to set up their own businesses.

programmes on agriculture and animal husbandry projects. This follows an earlier scoping visit by Mopani to Thiruvananthapuram in 2009 when the team from Mopani identified a range of potential agriculture schemes that could be replicated, and a visit by experts from Thiruvananthapuram to Mopani to test the feasibility based on the geographical and socio-economic conditions.

Similar dissemination events are being held in Jamaica, Sierra Leone and South Africa throughout September and October.

Perth in Western Australia will be hosting the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) from 28-30 October 2011. As an associated organisation CLGF has accreditation to CHOGM which senior members of the CLGF Board will be attending. The fact that CLGF is accredited and will be participating in CHOGM reflects the importance that the Commonwealth places on local democracy.

## Local government links in to CHOGM

The theme of this year's meeting of CHOGM is *Building national resilience, building global resilience*. This relates directly to CLGF's work, particularly that in the Pacific which has the objective 'to ensure that local government is a recognised and effective partner in building and sustaining vibrant, inclusive and resilient local economies and communities in the Pacific region'.

As an associated organisation CLGF is accredited as an official delegation at CHOGM and other pre-CHOGM meetings of foreign ministers and senior officials. CLGF Chairperson Mayor Zenaida Moya will head up CLGF's delegation, which will also include Mayor Lawrence Yule, President, Local Government New Zealand, and CLGF Secretary-General, Carl Wright.

CLGF will be seeking endorsement by heads of government for its work in promoting local democracy and good governance and specifically for the *Cardiff Consensus on Local Economic Development* and the role that local government plays in developing partnerships for economic prosperity.

This year the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group will be reporting on the outcomes of their review of the Commonwealth. CLGF has made a number of inputs into their discussions: we hope that as a result there will be stronger mechanisms for closer cooperation between the CLGF, the Commonwealth Secretariat and other associated organisations, and a broadening of the remit of the Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group (CMAG) in particular to include local democracy.

CHOGM will also provide an opportunity for CLGF to showcase its work, especially in the Pacific. The delegation will meet with the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA), who are hosting a meeting and reception, and other local government stakeholders in the area.



### Partnership pledge to

Commonwealth local authorities pledged to develop partnerships with business, the private sector and development agencies to help their communities out of the recession. *The Cardiff Consensus for Local Economic Development*, agreed at this year's Commonwealth Local Government Conference in Cardiff, also recommends that local government becomes more strategic when developing local infrastructure, tourism and services.

The Consensus was the culmination of the three day conference, organised by the Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF) and hosted by Cardiff Council in Cardiff City Hall, Wales. Local and central government representatives from 51 countries looked at how partnerships in local economic development can improve





## 2011 conference breaks new ground



More than 500 local government representatives and stakeholders from 51 countries met in Cardiff in March for the sixth Commonwealth Local Government Conference - Energising local economies: partnerships for prosperous communities - hosted by Cardiff Council. This unique event attracted some 30 ministers and several hundred council leaders from across the world. Top speakers included the Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago, Hon Kamla Persad-Bissessar and the Head of the United Nations Development Programme Helen Clark, together with the Chairman of Microsoft Europe and Vice President of Tata Consulting. Commonwealth Secretary General Kamalesh Sharma and Rt Hon Carwyn Jones, First Minister of Wales, also addressed the conference.

The outcomes of the conference agreed by delegates and endorsed at the CLGF General Meeting – the Cardiff consensus (see box) - will help drive local and national policies and practice on local economic development in Commonwealth countries and will be incorporated into CLGF's work plans. "I hope that our member governments and local governments will take up the actions recommended and implement them locally to strengthen their own economies and economic opportunities," said CLGF Chairperson Mayor Zenaida Moya.

### Local government is critical

Speaking at the conference UNDP Administrator Rt Hon Helen Clark showed her strong commitment to local government: "local governments bear witness to the persistent and extreme poverty and chronic hunger which still beset many countries; to the damage caused by natural disasters and environmental degradation (the first line of civil defence and emergency response is at the community level); to the impact of the global recession and of high prices on

### Supporting young entrepreneurs

The 2011 Commonwealth Local Government Conference hosted, for the first time, a Commonwealth Local Government Young Professionals Forum immediately before the conference. Some 50 young leaders and entrepreneurs from more than 20 Commonwealth countries met to explore the role of local government in assisting young people to be agents for local economic development through enterprise and democratic engagement.

The Forum was organised by CLGF in partnership with A Leap, the British Council, Cardiff Council, the Commonwealth Secretariat, the Commonwealth Youth Exchange Council, and the Prince's Youth Business International. The delegates called for greater involvement of young people in local decision-making, and strategy development, greater investment in youth entrepreneurship, and encouraging skills development and enterprise training to prepare young people for their futures. As a result of the recommendations, CLGF has created a portfolio for youth affairs and the 2011 CLGF Board meeting appointed Board member Hon Samuel Ofose-Ampofo, Minister of Local Government and Rural Development, Ghana as portfolio holder.

### Research colloquium

Cardiff University hosted this year's meeting of associate members at the CLGF Research Colloquium. Papers were presented around three themes related to the main conference theme: sustainable governance and democracy, sustainable economic development, and environmental sustainability. Copies of the presentations can be found on the conference website [www.clgc2011/research-colloquium](http://www.clgc2011/research-colloquium) and many of the papers are being published in a special edition of the Commonwealth e-journal of local governance.

local people; and to the effects of discrimination and social exclusion. In tackling such problems local governments must be seen as critical components of integrated systems of governance", she said. CLGF Secretary-General Carl Wright visited the UNDP offices in New York in June to meet with Rt Hon Helen Clark to discuss the ongoing collaboration between CLGF and UNDP, following a series of successful workshops assessing local government support needs.

## promote LED

efficiency and prosperity. The Consensus provides an action plan for local economic development, with recommendations of action for central government, local government and development agencies.

The Consensus will be sent to the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) for endorsement. Their backing will help drive local and national policies and practice on local economic development in Commonwealth countries.

Copies of the Cardiff Consensus are available from the conference website [www.clgc2011.org](http://www.clgc2011.org) and are printed in the Commonwealth Local Government Conference 2011: Conference report which has been distributed to all members.



# New phase for Pacific local government programme

*As a result of CLGF's success in negotiating new funding for a second phase of its programme in the Pacific, CLGF's Pacific office has launched the Pacific Local Government Strengthening Programme. The new programme reflects the outcomes of an external review of the first phase of the programme and strategic consultations with stakeholders, including at the Regional Symposium in Port Vila, October 2010. Participants at the symposium reviewed the urgent priorities for local government, and reaffirmed their commitment to working together to strengthen local government.*

Like many local governments, local governments in the Pacific islands are striving to meet their mandate to encourage economic and social development, increase citizen participation in decision-making and generally improve their services to provide a good quality of life for the people they serve. However, they are doing this with many challenges, some of which are familiar to local government throughout the Commonwealth, others of which are particular to small states: limited capacity, inadequate resources and powers, but high expectations from their citizens, remoteness and vulnerability, limited economic opportunities and managing the effects of climate change.

The new CLGF Pacific Local Government Strengthening Programme is designed to support local governments in the region to strengthen their capacity to address these challenges and meet their vision for local government in the region as "a recognised and effective partner in building and sustaining vibrant, inclusive and resilient local economies and communities". The key strands of the programme are:



- advocacy and relationships – raising the profile of local government in the Pacific and creating effective local government networks;
- local government structures, systems and policies – ensuring that local government is appropriately positioned, recognised and supported within the system of government for each country;
- local government institutional strengthening: strengthening the institutional and service delivery capacities of local governments to meet the needs and priorities of their communities
- urban management: identifying and addressing specific governance and capacity building challenges facing capital cities and urban local governments;
- knowledge and research: local government knowledge and exchange of good practice to help address key issues and challenges facing local government in the Pacific.

CLGF's Pacific project office is based in Suva, headed by Project Manager Karibaiti Taoaba who will coordinate the new programme along with a number of other major capacity-building initiatives for local government in the region. The programme is supported by AusAID, the New Zealand Aid Programme and other development partners and guided by a Technical Advisory Panel and CLGF Board

members in the region.

The CLGF Pacific region elected leaders programme has already trained a network of 35 trainers in the different countries, who have in turn delivered the programme to around 2,000 elected representatives. Targeted training on strategic planning, financial management and gender in local government is also being rolled out.

CLGF is working at national level: for example in Samoa, to deliver a village governance programme, and with the Government of Vanuatu to take forward their programme on decentralisation. It has promoted local/central dialogues in Kiribati and Tuvalu to promote cooperation between spheres of government and under its current programme will take forward and pilot new approaches at the local level. Some countries in the region are setting up local government associations, with the support of the programme.

CLGF also supports partnerships between Australian councils and their partner councils in Papua New Guinea to improve capacity to deliver key services, eg Orange City Council has supported Mt Hagen to consult the community and to develop a new city plan, whilst Townsville and Port Moresby are improving regulatory services – they have radically streamlined the planning and licensing processes, making it much easier for businesses and local people to operate in the city.

CLGF Pacific has also been working closely with Honiara City Council since 2006 to improve the governance and basic service delivery capacity of the council to support sustainable urban development and the maintenance of peace and stability. Through the support of the project the council has increased its revenue collection by 300% and is now self-sufficient with no debts, it has undertaken a full revaluation process of property in the city and completed an annual audit. With a firmer financial foundation the newly elected councillors have developed a strategic plan and been able to deliver essential services including refurbishing and building new health facilities, regular waste collection and disposal and improved market facilities.

# clgf Board



CLGF Chairperson Mayor  
Zenaida Moya

The CLGF Board members for 2011-13 were elected at the 2011 General Meeting of Members.

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**Hon Adolf Mwesige**, Minister of Local Government, Uganda

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**Hon Capt George H Mkuchika**, Minister of State for Regional Administration and Local Government, Tanzania (*alternate*)

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**Hon Simon Crean**, Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government, Australia (*alternate*)

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**Dr Chris Said LLD**, Parliamentary Secretary for Consumers, Fair Competition, Local Councils and Public Dialogue, Office of the Prime Minister, Malta

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**Basil Morrison** (*Immediate Past Chairperson*)

**Simon Baker**, Society of Local Authority Chief Executives, UK, *Hon Treasurer*

**Carl Wright**, Secretary General

## news in brief

### Partnerships to promote rural LED

Councillors and representatives from national and provincial governments, including local economic development practitioners and other stakeholders, met in Polokwane, South Africa in August to discuss the role of local government in rural development and agriculture support.

The two-day event was organised by the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) in partnership with CLGF against the background of the CLGF Good Practice Scheme projects in Vhembe and Mopani on rural and agro-based LED.

The seminar enabled key departments of rural development and agriculture to share programmes and provide a platform for municipalities to share their own good practice.

### Local government input to Zimbabwe's constitution

CLGF Deputy Secretary-General Lucy Slack and experts from member organisations from South Africa and Uganda participated in a DFID-funded workshop in Harare in June to discuss local government's input into the constitutional review process, which it is hoped will lead to a new constitution before the next national elections. CLGF also continues to support the Urban Councils Association of Zimbabwe under a three-year EU-funded programme and continues to participate in the Commonwealth Organisations Committee on Zimbabwe.

### Commonwealth Chair-in-Office spearheads high-level women's leadership meeting

Commonwealth Chair-in-Office Kamla Persad-Bissessar has called for greater efforts by world leaders to promote women's participation in politics, saying it was an important step for development.

The Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago spoke at a high-level event on 'Women's Political Participation', which she co-convened at the United Nations in New York on 19 September.

She was joined at the event by Deputy Secretary-General of the UN, Dr Asha-Rose Migiro; US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton; Brazil's President Dilma Rousseff; Michelle Bachelet, UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director, UN Women; and Helen Clark, UN Under-Secretary-General and Administrator of UNDP.

Leaders signed a joint statement with concrete recommendations on ways to advance women's political participation.

The panel discussion follows on from the first Caribbean Regional Colloquium on Women's Political Participation which took place in June and was hosted by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago. The event was organised in partnership with the Commonwealth Secretariat, the Caribbean Institute for Women in Leadership, the Organization of American States, and UN Women.

**Have you visited the CLGF website lately?** Earlier this year the website was given a new look, with more focus on news and information and to make it more user friendly. Check it out: [www.clgf.org.uk](http://www.clgf.org.uk).



# events 2011

## October 2011

**Commonwealth Local Government Good Practice Scheme National Dissemination Seminar, South Africa**  
4-5 October, Johannesburg, South Africa

**Commonwealth Local Government Good Practice Scheme National Dissemination Seminar, Jamaica**

**CLGF Executive Committee**  
19-20 October London, UK

**Commonwealth Youth Forum**  
23-27 October, London, UK

The Commonwealth Youth Forum will be organised by the Australian Government in association with the Commonwealth Youth Exchange Council and the Commonwealth Youth Programme.

It will aim to develop young people's understanding of the Commonwealth and its value and create a platform for young people to contribute to Commonwealth and CHOGM. [www.chogm2011.org/Parallel\\_Events/Youth\\_Forum](http://www.chogm2011.org/Parallel_Events/Youth_Forum)

**CHOGM Committee of the Whole**  
24-25 October, Perth, Australia

**Commonwealth and Developing Small States Foreign Ministers Meeting**  
25 October, Perth, Australia

**27 Commonwealth Business Forum**  
25-27 October, 'Partnering for Global Growth: The Commonwealth, Indian Ocean and the Pacific Rim', Perth, Australia

The Forum will highlight new global economic partnerships for trade and investment in key sectors across the Commonwealth and beyond. [www.cbccglobal.org/CBC\\_Pages/EventDetails.aspx?EventID=113](http://www.cbccglobal.org/CBC_Pages/EventDetails.aspx?EventID=113)

**Commonwealth People's Forum**  
25- 27 October, 'Driving change for a dynamic Commonwealth', Perth, Australia

Three-day event to be opened by Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard. The CPF provides a platform for people around Australia and the wider Commonwealth to come together to discuss development issues affecting the Commonwealth's 2 billion citizens.

Information and registration details are available at [www.cpf2011.org](http://www.cpf2011.org)

**Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting**  
28-30 October, Perth, Australia

## December 2011

**CLGF Inclusive Cities Network meeting**  
6-8 December, Vancouver, Canada



Dates and venue for the 2013 Commonwealth Local Government Conference have now been agreed following the first meeting of the Conference Steering group in Kampala at the beginning of September. The conference, to be hosted by the Uganda Ministry of Local Government in association with the Uganda Local Governments Association, will take place at the Imperial Royale Hotel, Kampala from 14-18 May 2013. The conference website with more details will be available shortly

## Publications

### CLGC2011 conference report

The report of the 2011 Commonwealth Local Government Conference – Energising local economies: partnerships for prosperous communities – is now available from CLGF Publications. Copies can also be downloaded from the CLGF website at:



<http://www.clgf.org.uk/userfiles/1/files/CLGC2011/CLGC-report-2011.pdf>

### Municipal finance for inclusive development, CLGF Research Paper now available

By the middle of the 21st century more than 50 per cent of South Asians will live in urban areas. Increasing pressures in services and infrastructure in these growing urban areas demand more innovative financial instruments and methodologies to respond to the needs of citizens. This publication, written for CLGF by Richard Slater and Prabkhar Yadav, GHK Consulting Ltd, sets out the issues, looks at approaches in different countries of South Asia and showcases some successful and practical examples of funding mechanisms to support pro-poor and inclusive development.



<http://www.clgf.org.uk/userfiles/1/files/Municipal%20Finance.pdf>

### Commonwealth e-journal of local governance



A special edition of the journal is being published. It includes papers presented at the CLGF Research Colloquium held prior to the Commonwealth Local Government Conference in Cardiff, March 2011 and is edited by Alison Brown and Steve Martin from Cardiff University. Visit:

<http://www.clgf.org.uk/commonwealth-e-journal-of-local-governance/>