Side Event # 77 – Convened by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, USA and UCLG ASPAC

12 February 2020, 1230 – 1330 hrs at Hall 3, ADNEC

Event Title: ‘Citywide Inclusive Sanitation, a Comprehensive and Integrated, Public Service Approach to Achieve SDGs: The inextricable link of SDG 6 and SDG 11 driving the 2030 agenda of sustainable development’

Description: Public officials from the urban planning directorates and departments from Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia along with the urban planning experts from UN-Habitat will drive the panel discussions on the merits of integrating and mainstreaming Citywide Inclusive Sanitation (CWIS) approach into the overarching urban development and policy frameworks to achieve SDGs -6 and -11

Citywide Inclusive Sanitation (CWIS) is, a comprehensive and integrated, public service approach to planning and implementation of urban sanitation systems with a focus on achieving inclusive outcomes as summarized by SDG 6. everyone in an urban area with services that are safe, equitable, and sustainable. The approach accommodates the demands of cultural diversity and builds on innovation to deliver urban sanitation service systems that are needed for customers irrespective of their infrastructure—sewered or non-sewered. Systems require a clear mandate, accountability, and resource management. The public officials from Africa and Asia will share experiences with formalizing public service delivery systems that encompass non-sewered and low-income customers. Groups will interrogate the approach in practice against SDGs 6,11.

Format: Panel: The panelists will share the possible opportunities to integrate and mainstream citywide inclusive sanitation approach within the overarching urban development and policy framework and also suggest recommendations on the process to accomplish the same vis-a-vis the gaps and opportunities identified

Partners: Asian Development Bank (ADB), UN-Habitat, UNICEF and WaterAid

Objectives: (1) To promote innovative approaches to integration of public sanitation service delivery systems into the urban development framework, building on the value of cultural diversity to improve the effectiveness and viability of investments and services and the overall quality of life for all in cities and communities; (2) Improve the collective knowledge on links between the inclusive urban sanitation services and sustainable urban development through open debates, sharing of lessons and the exchange of best practices and good policies – building evidence for adoption of fecal sludge management practices in conjunction with centralized sewer based systems that may not be appropriate in all areas and do not support inclusivity and equity (3) Increase coordination and cooperation between different stakeholders and constituencies for the advancement and implementation of inclusive sanitation and sustainable urban development.

Link to WUF10 Dialogues: Dialogue 2 – Driving Sustainable Urbanization through Innovation & Culture and Dialogue 4 – Frontier Technologies and Sustainable Cities

Relevance to WUF10 theme: The event will present principles, policies and case studies that highlight the role of cultural diversity and innovation in the planning, design and implementation of city-wide inclusive sanitation service delivery systems as part of a broader urban development agenda. The panel will further explore critically the role of data, knowledge and technology in furthering sustainable development.

Monitoring Strategy: After-action reviews, informal conversations, follow-up emails or post-event discussions vide a closed email group with all stakeholders who commit to specific milestones and metrics collectively at the event; follow up exchange/ sharing of knowledge with interested stakeholders and crucial stakeholders that hold the promise to further sustainable development agenda in a holistic manner