Event Details

Title of Event
Africapolis – Urbanisation in Africa: Innovative data for better policies

Organization Details
Organization: OECD Sahel and West Africa Club (SWAC)
Organization Country: France

Summary
The Sahel and West Africa Club (SWAC) is an independent, multi-stakeholder international platform. Its Secretariat is hosted at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). Its mission is to promote regional policies that will improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of people in the Sahel and West Africa. Its objectives are to improve regional governance and policy co-ordination and generate knowledge and evidence on ongoing transformations in the region and their policy implications through regional, spatial and forward-looking analyses. THE EVENT: Africa has the fastest urban growth rate in the world. Urbanisation creates new opportunities and challenges for African citizens, businesses and governments. The report explores urbanisation dynamics across the continent, based on the Africapolis database. Africapolis is a unique, open-source geo-spatial database and data visualisation tool on urbanisation in Africa. It is designed to enable comparative analyses of urban dynamics, covering 7,600 agglomerations with 10,000 inhabitants or more in 50 countries. The report includes the main highlights of the database. It is a resource for policy makers, practitioners and researchers. Understanding urbanisation, its drivers, dynamics and impacts, is key to designing targeted, inclusive and forward-looking policies at the local, national and continental levels. Africapolis data and evidence-based analysis support cities and governments to make urban areas more inclusive, productive and sustainable. PRELIMINARY AGENDA: The one-hour side event will be organised as followed: 1/ Report presentation; key features of current African urbanisation dynamics (25 minutes) 2/ Roundtable discussion (4 people) (20 minutes) 3/ Q&A session with the audience (15 minutes) The panel will include stakeholders from governments – local and national, think tanks and international organisations taking into account gender balance.