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Hon'ble Sir,

All India Institute of Local Self-Government, the Institut Français en Inde and the Embassy of France in India are pleased to invite you to an Indo-French seminar on Local Development through Good Governance.

All India Institute of Local Self-Government is a pioneer apex Institute having a glorious background with 82 years standing in the field of training and Research with regard to local governance. Established in 1926, AILSG has been a pathfinder to many contentious civic issues and has dedicated itself for the empowerment of Local Bodies and Good Local Governance. The Institute with a long working association with the Local Bodies in India and abroad is committed to Capacity building, Education, Training and Research work.

Since 2009, the Embassy of France in India has strongly supported the cooperation between French and Indian local governments, notably involving the cities of La Rochelle and Pondicherry, Strasbourg and Udaipur, Rennes and Bhopal, Lorient and Kochi, Tours and Mysore, Bordeaux and Hyderabad. More recently, the French Embassy has organized a travel to France on Urban development in favour of Jabalpur, Chandigarh, Moradabad, Bareilly, Kanpur, Agra, Chennai, Vadodara, Delhi and Pune.

This seminar unites panelists and subject experts from India and France to dialogue on necessary principles required for optimal decision-making at the local level and promote a shared vision of best practices in regional and local governance. It aims at bringing together practitioners including elected representatives, government officials and experts so that they can share their experiences concerning public consultation and relationships between the key stakeholders of local decision making bodies. The forum emphasizes a bilateral exchange of concrete experiences of local decision-making which in turn will help to build a broader understanding of the principles that contribute to good governance and its importance in favor of sustainable development. The seminar is an opportunity to exchange views and learn from each other's experiences which will ultimately culminate in long term implications and help reinforce the actions of durable cooperation.

The languages of the conference will be English and French. You are requested to make your own arrangements for International travel as per existing travel norms in your country. The venue of the conference will be on Thursday, 6th December 2012, 9.30 – 17.00, at Gulmohar Hall, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, India. We request you to confirm your participation by email us at dgailsg@gmail.com or nishanthini.pathmanathan@diplomatie.gouv.fr so as to enable us to proceed with the necessary arrangements to make your stay comfortable. Looking forward to your participation to make this event a grand success.

Ranjit CHAVAN, Director General, All India
Institute of Local Self-Government

Max CLAUDET, Counsellor for Culture and
Cooperation, Embassy of France in India

Programme

9.30 am: Inaugural Session

Raj Liberhan, Director, India Habitat Centre

Jatin Modi, President, All India Institute of Local Self-Government (AIILSG) and President, United Cities and Local Governments Asia-Pacific (UCLG-ASPAC)

Ranjit Chavan, Director General, AIILSG

10.10 am: Tea / Coffee Break

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10.30 am: SESSION I: Who is in charge ? Local Decision-Making in India and France: A Comparative Perspective : Introduced and moderated by **Gilles Verniers**, Sciences Po representative to India

Lecture: "The French Scenario", by **Louardi Bhouguedada**, Deputy Mayor of Dunkerque in charge of Urban renovation and Vice-President of the Municipal Corporation of Dunkerque in charge of the Energy and the adaptation to the climate change

Lecture: "The Indian Story", by **Prof. KC Sivaramakrishnan**, IAS (Retd), Research Professor and Chairman, Centre for Policy Research, and **Om Prakash Mathur**, Professor of Urban Economics, National Institute of Urban Affairs

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11.30 am: SESSION II: Public Consultation and Participation: Best Practices of Inclusive Decision-Making Processes : Introduced by **Om Prakash Mathur**, Professor of Urban Economics, National Institute of Urban Affairs

Lecture: "Concepts and Contemporary Trends in Public Consultation and Participatory Democracy" by **Loïc Blondiaux**, Political science professor in the University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne

12.15 pm: Lunch Break

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1.30 pm: SESSION III: Best practices and challenges for an inclusive process of local decision-making: Panel Discussion, introduced and moderated by **Marie-Hélène Zérah**, Head of Urban Dynamics at Centre de Sciences Humaines (CSH), New Delhi and Research Fellow at Institute of Research for Development (IRD), Paris

Clotilde Tascon-Mennetrier, Vice-President of the Conseil Général d'Ille-et-Vilaine, International relations

Philippe Marzolf, Vice-President, National Commission on Public Debate

Rajneesh Shrivastava, Commissioner, Bhopal Municipal Corporation

Chetan Vaidya, Director, School of Planning and Architecture and former Director, National Institute of Urban Affairs

3 pm: Tea / Coffee Break

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3.20 pm: SESSION IV: Governance and technological progress: citizen consultation in the city of tomorrow

Panel Discussion introduced and moderated by **Thierry Vedel**, Research Fellow (CNRS) at CEVIPOF

Christine Bost, Vice-President of the Municipal Corporation of Bordeaux, in charge of the City of tomorrow,

Chetan Vaidya, Director, School of Planning and Architecture and former Director, National Institute of Urban Affairs

Prakash Kumar, Director at CISCO's Internet Business Solutions Group

16.30 pm: Closing Session

Sum-up of the discussion by **Dr Mukesh Kanaskar**, Director of AIILSG's Center of EQUI-T

Perspectives of Indo-French dialogue on good governance at a local level by **Louardi Bhouguedada**, Vice-Mayor of Dunkerque, and Vote of thanks by **Max Claudet**, Counsellor for Culture and Cooperation, Embassy of France in India and Director, Institut français en Inde

7.00 pm: Reception at Institut français en Inde, 2 Aurangzeb Road, New Delhi