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<b>Submitted by Lead Organization</b>	
<b>Name of lead organization</b>	Departamento Nacional de Planeación
<b>City and country where organization is based</b>	Bogotá-Colombia
<b>Title of Urban Future event</b>	Investing together: Working Effectively across Levels of Government to implement the New Urban Agenda
<b>Date of Urban Future event</b>	10/19/2016
<b>Partner organizations for the event, including city and country where these organizations are based</b>	OCDE, PARIS-FRANCE
<b>Number of participants at the event</b>	40
<b>Percentage of women participants</b>	70%
<b>Background information on Urban Future event (themes, issues, context).</b>	<p>The panel focused on the good practices and recommendations to help cities and governments join forces to invest together to implement the New Urban Agenda. The importance of this governance dimension for public investment is often neglected or underestimated. However, the challenges of urban investment go well beyond the financing dimension, as even when funding is available, different levels of government may lack the appropriate governance arrangements to make the best use of investment funds. In particular, a series of coordination failures across levels of government often impede effective public investment. Major bottlenecks for effective investment in cities are the lack of or inefficient horizontal coordination and vertical coordination mechanisms within (e.g. inter-municipal cooperation) and across levels of government (between central government and cities) as well as across sectors (e.g. between education, transport and housing for example). Another key obstacle for investing efficiently is the lack of technical capacities and human resources in subnational governments as well as the inadequate or insufficient mobilisation of private actors and financing institutions.</p>



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<p><b>Concise summary of the event proceedings, including key points discussed</b></p>	<p>The key points discussed during the panel were centered in how to improve public investment and the multilevel governance of public investment. Joaquim Oliveira talked about the trends in public investment in the OECD region and made some comparisons with the recent report on public investment and multilevel governance in Colombia, recently launch in the UCLG Conference in Bogotá. He highlighted that public investment in Colombia has an expanding trend compared with OECD investment. This can be explained in part because of the improvement of the quality of the public investment in Colombia. He also highlighted some coordination mechanisms such as Contratos Plan and regional Organs of Decisión (in the system of royalties). The Deputy Director of the Department of National Planning, Mr. Castro explained the agenda build in the country in order to improve the quality of the public investment. He highlighted the efforts made by Colombia in order to better connect the planning with the Budget, in particular at the subnational level. He talked about some of the innovative programs and policies that help in this matters, such as the multipurpose cadastre and the land use technical assistance program. Mr Carvajal talked about the experience in Chile of multilevel governance in order to improve the effectiveness of the public investment and analyze some cases of study of his country. And finally, Ms. Nathalie Le Denmat, talked about the importance of working with municipalities in order to better coordinate public investment across the different levels of government. She also talked about the strategy held by UCLG in order to improve the work with local actors of public investment.</p>
<p><b>Full name, title, and organization of the 1st speaker at event.</b></p>	<p>Joaquim Oliveira Martins, Head of the Regional Development Policy Division, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD</p>
<p><b>Full name, title, and organization of the 2nd speaker at event.</b></p>	<p>Manuel Fernando Castro, Deputy Director, Department of National Planning, Colombia</p>
<p><b>Full name, title, and organization of the 3rd speaker at event.</b></p>	<p>Ricardo Carvajal González, Regional Secretary of Housing and Urbanism for the Tarapacá Region, Chile</p>
<p><b>Full name, title, and organization of the 4th speaker at event.</b></p>	<p>Nathalie Le Denmat, Executive Secretary of the Local Finances Commission, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG).</p>