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Side Event: An Enabling Framework for the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda – Assessing Framework Conditions and Identifying Priority Actions	
ORGANIZATION (PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS)	**Cities Alliance** German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
DATE/TIME	25 July, 1:30 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.
VENUE	Crystal 3
DESCRIPTION	The side event aims to discuss how to assess the enabling environment for well-functioning cities and local authorities in Africa and Asia. It also aims to identify priority actions for improving this enabling environment in a way that empowers all different actors to perform their role in implementing the New Urban Agenda. The Consortium for Energy Efficiency rating seeks to catalyse a public debate on how to create environments that are conducive to the productive, sustainable and inclusive development of cities and determine what concrete actions should be taken at the national and local level to increase effectiveness in urban management. The assessment adopts a qualitative approach and covers five areas–local governance, local capacity, financial autonomy, local efficiency and the national institutional framework. One key objective of the session is to discuss whether and to what extent the Consortium for Energy rating is a useful and suitable tool to assess the enabling conditions for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda. The rating methodology will be demonstrated through the practical experience of Ghana. Ghana already has a National Urban Policy and will present an analysis of their achievements to date, and an assessment in how far the current draft New Urban Agenda Provides adequate guidelines and mechanisms to align their National Urban Policy to the global process as a means to implement the SDGs. They will also discuss how tools like the Consortium for Energy Efficiency rating can help National governments set up the enabling conditions for cities to play their expected role in implementing the New Urban Agenda. Additional speakers from local government associations and civil society will provide their views on the necessary enabling conditions and voice what kind of framework they need in order to be able to act and drive the implementation of the NEW Urban Agenda. The second key objective of the session is therefore to identify priority actions, tools and mechanisms for improving the enabling environment in a way that enables