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• **Institut Africain de Gestion Urbaine (IAGU)**
  The IAGU is an international NGO specializing in research and development, technical support, training and information. Created in 1987, IAGU comes under the aegis of the African Foundation for Urban Management (Fagu). Its main mission is to support municipalities and the authorities of the cities of West and Central Africa to strengthen their planning and management capabilities to improve local governance, promote sustainable management of the environment and the fight against poverty.

  [www.iagu.org](http://www.iagu.org)

• **The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)**
  UNESCO is a specialized agency of the United Nations, gathering 195 Member States and 10 Associate Members. It aims to build peace and promoting sustainable development through its five major programmes: Education, Natural Sciences, Social and Human Sciences, Culture, Communication and Information.
  UNESCO functions as a laboratory of ideas and a standard-setter to forge international agreements on a wide range of issues. It also serves as a clearinghouse for the dissemination and sharing of information and knowledge, while helping Member States to build their human and institutional capacities in diverse fields.
  In the field of Culture, it aims at safeguarding and promoting heritage in all its forms, preserving natural heritage, and fostering creativity and the diversity of cultural expressions.

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