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NETWORKING EVENT REPORT

<b>Submitted by Lead Organization</b>	
<b>Name of lead organization</b>	WRI Ross Center for Sustainable Cities
<b>City and country where lead organization is based</b>	Washington, D.C., United States
<b>Title of the event</b>	Innovative Business Models to Unlock Sustainable Investment in Cities
<b>Date of Networking Event</b>	10/18/2016
<b>Networking Event room number</b>	R19
<b>Name of partner organizations with city and country where these organizations are based</b>	Citi Foundation, New York City, United States, and C40 Cities, New York City, United States
<b>Number of participants</b>	100
<b>Percentage of women participants</b>	50%
<b>Background information on Networking Event (themes, issues, context).</b>	Through this event, we brought city decision-makers together with financiers, and solution providers to discuss innovative business models that can help cities invest in sustainable solutions for urban challenges.
<b>Concise summary of the event proceedings, including key points discussed.</b>	The event was structured as a keynote speech followed by two panel discussions on Innovation in Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Investment, and Innovation in investment in Clean Buses. Val Smith, the Director and Head of Corporate Sustainability for Citi was the key note speaker. • Ani Dasgupta, Global Director of WRI Ross Center for Sustainable Cities welcomed the audience and highlighted the need to bring together key actors, and explore the role of innovation in overcoming barriers to investment in sustainable urban services in his opening remarks. • Ms. Smith's keynote focused on the Citi Foundation's initiatives in helping cities make informed investments in sustainable urban services using innovative mechanisms. • This was followed by the panel on TOD, and finally the panel on Clean Buses. Both panels were composed of panelists representing different investment actors such as high-level public officials, private and multilateral financiers, and service providers. In addition to a robust discussion between panelists, the audience were given an opportunity to contribute to the discussion with questions and comments. • The event concluded with Closing Remarks by Ani that summarized the key messages from the panelists.



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<b>Full name, title, and organization of the 1st speaker</b>	FSCI is exploring potential partnerships with the World Bank, and CAF
<b>Full name, title, and organization of the 2nd speaker</b>	Val Smith, Director, United States, Corporate Sustainability, Citi
<b>Full name, title, and organization of the 3rd speaker</b>	Maria de las Mercedes Romero Agudelo, Director, Department of City Planning, Cali, Colombia
<b>Full name, title, and organization of the 4th speaker</b>	Gisela Labrador, Colombia, Director, Cities Program, FINDETER
<b>Full name, title, and organization of the 5th speaker</b>	Roland White Global Lead for City Management, Finance, and Governance, World Bank
<b>Full name, title, and organization of the 6th speaker</b>	Dr. Ramon Victor Cesar, President, BHTRANS Belo Horizonte (TBC)
<b>Full name, title, and organization of the 7th speaker</b>	Nicolas Estupinan, Senior Specialist and Vice President for Infrastructure, CAF Development Bank of Latin America
<b>Full name, title, and organization of the 7th speaker</b>	Adalberto Maluf, Brazil, Director, Marketing and Governmental Affairs, BYD