

EXCHANGE

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NEW FCM DEVELOPMENTS TO SHARE

FCM is excited about a new partnership with Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada (DFATD) that ensures more collaboration between the Government of Canada and Canadian municipalities on international development issues. As FCM President Brad Woodside said, "Canada's cities and communities can offer invaluable insight in countries such as Ukraine, promoting local democracy and building strong private sector linkages." The first program of this new partnership is Sustainable and Inclusive Communities in Latin America (CISAL).

Another first is this newsletter— under the new name FCM Exchange—that features more links and news in a format that's quick and easy to read. We hope you enjoy this first edition!

MLED LAUNCHES IMPROVED RESOURCES



As our program in Ukraine draws to a close, we've re-edited and translated selected resources with appeal to a broader audience. We invite you to learn about the evolution of LED in Canada as it provides insights that could benefit emerging economies worldwide.

Our brief on gender equality issues in LED, with Ukraine as the case study, identifies concrete starting points to address this fundamental development issue. It gives you the lens you need to consider gender equality when working on developing your local economy.

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INTRODUCING CISAL



FCM President Brad Woodside and FCM CEO Brock Carlton meet with Colombian president Juan Manuel Santos at CISAL launch in Cartagena.

The Sustainable and Inclusive Communities in Latin America (CISAL) is a five-year \$20 million program where FCM's municipal experts work with local governments in Colombia and Peru to manage impacts and benefits of the mining sector, while creating lasting economic development opportunities.

CISAL will share practices and expertise from Canadian municipalities with peers in Colombia and Peru. **Communities in B.C., Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec have already provided information on revenue-sharing agreements, LED strategies, and reclamation of closed mine sites. Please contact Suzanne Belliveau to share your experience and be part of this exciting new work.**



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SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES IN LATIN AMERICA

NEW HOME FOR HAITI'S FEDERATIONS

Haiti's three largest federations of elected local government officials are now under one roof. The Maison des collectivités territoriales helps Haitian municipalities coordinate efforts to build effective local governments through improved devolution of powers and resources to local authorities. Supported by the [Haiti-Canada Municipal Cooperation Program \(MCP\)](#) with funding from Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada, the initiative is implemented by FCM, the Union des municipalités du Québec and the City of Montreal. [See photos](#) on Facebook.



MPED CAPTURES SUCCESSES, CHALLENGES AND STORIES OF CHANGE

Here are just a couple of tag lines from the first series of success stories of the Municipal Partners for Economic Development (MPED) program:

“Local entrepreneurs from Burkina Faso and Mali expand their business operations thanks to local revolving funds and support from their commune”

“A milling cluster helps produce nutritious, high-quality cereal flour for Morogoro, Tanzania”

As part of our end-of-program exercise, MPED is documenting good practices and innovative LED models from our projects and capturing stories of leadership and entrepreneurship. These [Success Stories](#) show how [MPED](#) is empowering citizens to improve their quality of life. Stay tuned for more.

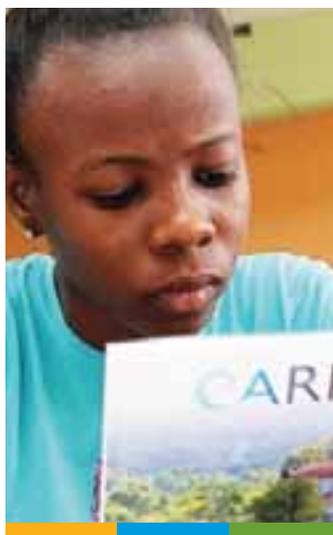
CARILED EVALUATES FOR THE FUTURE

Kizzann Lee Sam, Regional Program Manager, CARILED

The Caribbean Local Economic Development Project (CARILED) evaluated 14 projects in six countries this year. Communities in Belize, Grenada (Carriacou and Petite Martinique), Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Lucia and Trinidad and Tobago, benefited from interviews, field visits, and a review of performance measurement frameworks to determine:

- Achievement of projected outputs and outcomes
- Influence of gender equality and environmental sustainability
- Success factors or lessons learned related to LED

Teams led by one [Canadian municipal volunteer](#) and one Caribbean LED volunteer proposed follow-up activities to promote sustainability or enhance future LED initiatives. As projects conclude, [CARILED](#) will continue to assess their effectiveness.



2015 INTERNATIONAL AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE RECIPIENTS

FCM recently recognized 10 experts, including municipal staff and elected officials, who made outstanding contributions to our international programs. Through funding by Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada, FCM helps Canadian municipalities engage with local governments around the world to build more resilient and inclusive communities. Read the [press release](#) and check out our [Facebook album](#) to find out more.



Award winner Ramin Seifi (left)

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