





# The World Bank and the UNECE Cordially Invite You to a presentation of a new report:

# "Eurasian Cities: New Realities along the Silk Road"

Thursday, 14 March 2013 15:00-17:15 (coffee available at 14:30) Room VII, Building A, Door A-13, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Palais des Nations

Languages: English, Russian and French with simultaneous translation

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Eurasian cities are unique in the global spatial landscape due to their historical origins and development, particularly during much of the 20<sup>th</sup> century when population movements were centrally planned. Because of their history, these cities offer valuable lessons to urban planners and policymakers across the world. This new report discusses the challenges Eurasian cities face in planning, connecting to the rest of the world, greening their economies and environment, as well as in financing their development. The report also provides some ideas on how policymakers can harness the economic power of cities to drive national economic development.

#### **AGENDA**

## 14:30 - 15:00 Coffee 15:00 - 15:20 Opening

Opening:

Daniel Kull, Senior Policy Specialist, World Bank Office in Geneva

Introduction by the chair: Virginia Cram-Martos, Director

Trade and Sustainable Land Management Division, UNECE

#### 15:20 - 16:00 Presentation of the report

Souleymane Coulibaly, Senior Economist, World Bank

## 16:00 - 17:00 Discussion

- Gulnara Roll, Head, UNECE Housing and Land Management Unit
- Doris Andoni, Urban Development and Housing Expert, Albania; and Consultant, UNECE Housing and Land Management Unit
- Paulius Kulikauskas, Inter-Regional Advisor, the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

Questions and answers, discussion

#### 17:00 - 17:15 Wrap-up and closing by Chair

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