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Porto Alegre: A World Conference on the Development of Cities

The Brazilian city – **Porto Alegre** – known for its social forums, is offering a unique setting for collective discussions and exchange of experience by hosting the first world conference on: “Development of Cities: Democratic innovation and social transformation for inclusive cities in the 21st century”, from 13 to 16 February 2008.

Themes relating to gender, poverty, youth, migration, informal work, environment and violence that have been already highlighted by UNESCO’s Social and Human Sciences programme will be explored during the Conference under four major titles:

- Right to the city (local policies on citizens’ rights and responsibilities);
- Governance and democracy in cities (innovative experience of democratic participation and administration);
- Local development in cities;
- Sustainability and the network-city.

The Conference is organized jointly by the City Hall of Porto Alegre, the Ministry of Cities of Brazil, the City Hall of Rome and many other organizations. It will be opened by UNESCO’s Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences, Pierre Sané, who will also coordinate one of the major round tables on ‘the right to the city: local policies on citizens’ rights and responsibilities’ together with Anna Tibaijuka, Executive Director of UN-HABITAT.

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- **25-27 February:** Convening of the 15th and last national seminar on “The Nation-States facing the Challenges of Regional Integration in West Africa: the case of Nigeria”, **Nigeria**.

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