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Key Competencies for Local Elected Leadership
An Online Course for Youth leaders working
at community level and with
Local authorities on governance and decentralization

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Course dates and duration: The course will run from 01 March to 31 2009. It is designed to last a minimum of 6.5 hours, representing at least half an hour of online learning activity for each of its thirteen modules. Each participant will be able to make progress on a self-pace basis during the two months period.

Fees: This e-course on Local Elected leadership is offered **free of charge**.

Course objective: The course outlines the roles and competencies required by local elected officials and, related principles of good governance. It contributes to the personal and professional development of locally elected officials and community leaders.

Modules: The Local Elected Leadership e-course contains 13 modules. An introductory module, two modules on *Representation* and *Leadership* roles of an elected leader, and 10 competencies required by leaders: Communicating, Facilitating, Using power, Decision-making, Policy Making, Enabling, Negotiating, Financing, Overseeing and Institution building.

Intended audience: The course is primarily targeted at strengthening capacities of youth leaders and their elected officials who are working at the community level and with the local government and also those in leadership positions in public and civil society organizations.

Training approach: The local elected leadership e-course uses an interactive design and a variety of methods including core reading, 'know more' information, scenarios, games, case studies and proverbs. Reflective questions, feedback, and key point summaries are incorporated in the modules to enrich the learning experience. Animation, photographs and illustrations complement the text and increase the learning interest and effectiveness. There is a short assessment at the end of each module to determine the level of understanding.

A glossary of relevant terms and a resources feature has been added for the course. The e-learning platform also offers online mentoring and discussions with course administrators, trainers and fellow participants.

Technical Requirements: You need the following minimum system requirements to take this e-course:

- **Operating system:** Windows NT, 2000, XP with Macromedia Flash 7.0 or above plug-in
- **Processor:** PIII and above
- **Memory:** at least 64 MB of RAM
- **Browsers:** Microsoft Internet Explorer 6 and above.
- **Colour resolution:** 16 bit high colour
- **Screen resolution:** at least 1024 X 768
- Enable JavaScript on your browser and disable the popup blocker.

Registration: Upon on-line registration, participants that are selected will receive further information and access details

Certificates: UN-HABITAT will issue a certificate to participants who successfully complete this e-course.

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